

The Enemy of the Gospel

Galatians 6:11–13

Part 2

**Introduction**

*The enemies of the gospel deny the cross.*

*The Apostle Paul was a man of the cross.* 1 Corinthians 1:18,23,24; 2:1–2

*The mission of Christ was the cross.* Mark 10:45; Matthew 20:17–19

*The basis of the gospel is the cross.* 1 Corinthians 15:1–4

*The offensive nature of the cross.*

**I. The definition of atonement.**

At-one-ment. Becoming one with God.

A judicial problem. **Romans 6:23** The wages of sin is death

A relational problem. **Isaiah 59:1–2**

**II. The Cause for the atonement.**

**III. The Necessity of the atonement.**

**IV. The work of the atonement.**

Removal of Sins      Hebrews 10:1-2, 3–4, 5–10

Made Righteous      2 Corinthians 5:21; Phi 3:8–9; Rom 5:19

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**V. The “how” of the atonement.**

1. Penal Substitution view. Christ took our place and paid our penalty.

**Isaiah 53:6** All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him. **12** ... Yet He Himself bore the sin of many,

**John 1:29** The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

**2 Corinthians 5:21** He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

**Galatians 3:13** “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”—

**1 Peter 2:24** and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

**1 John 2:2** and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

2. Ransom theory.

**Mark 10:45** “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

**1 Peter 1:18** knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, **19** but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

3. Moral influence.

**Ephesians 5:1** Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; **2** and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma.

4. Example Theory.

**Philippians 2:1–8**

5. Governmental theory.

**Romans 7:12** So then, the Law is holy, and the commandment is holy and righteous and good.