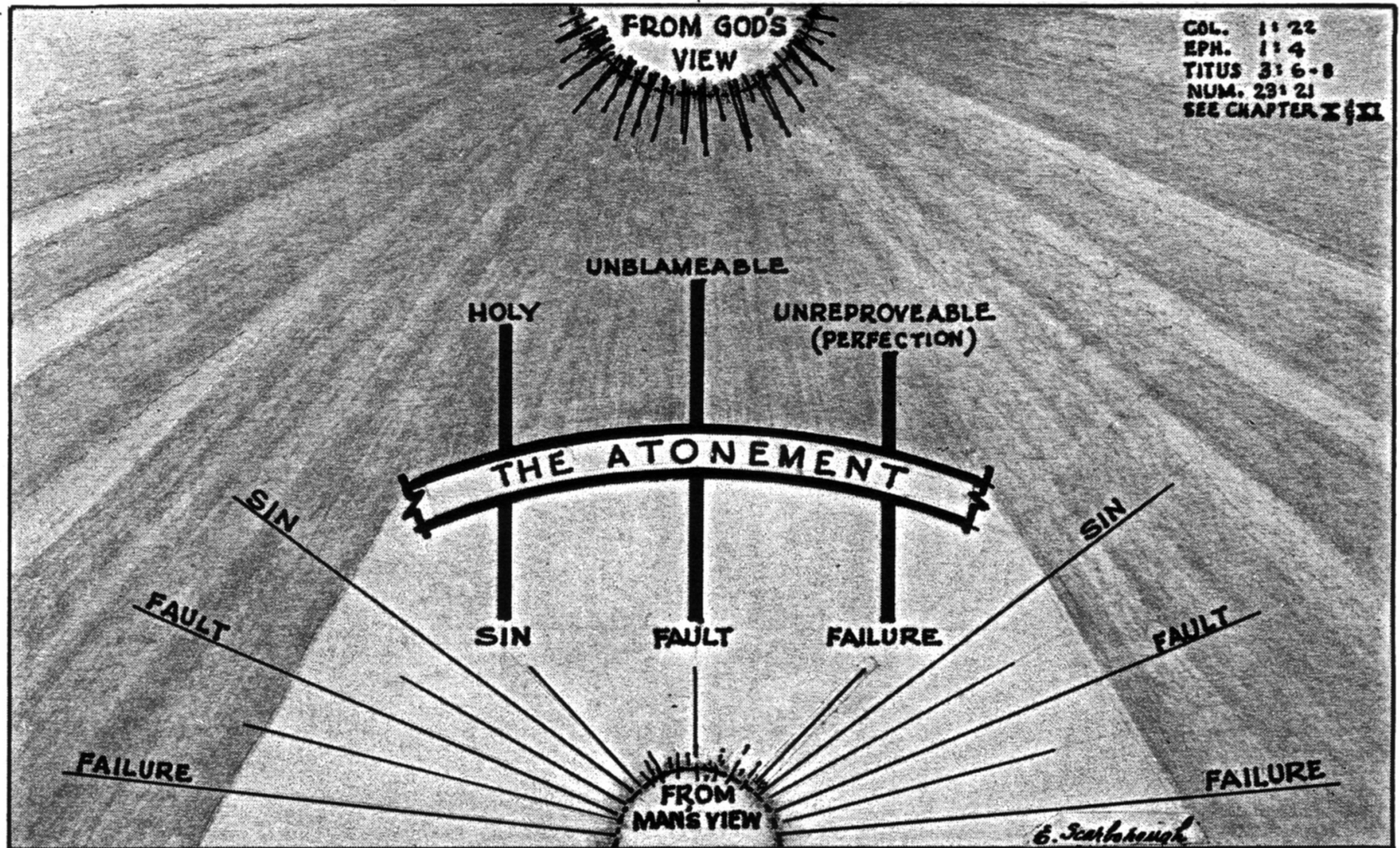


# The Atonement

*at-one-ment.* An inspired diagram from *Angels on Assignment* by Pastor Roland Buck  
Chapters 8, 9



See also Chapters 1 and 2 of *Angels on Assignment*; Colossians 1:22,23; Ephesians 1:4; Titus 3:6-8; Numbers 23:21.  
For an abbreviated explanation of the atonement sketch, please see the following page:

"The inspired diagram above clearly illustrates the importance and function of the atonement.

In the center of the diagram is an arch, similar to a rainbow. This arch over us is the atonement, the covering, the blood of Christ. Above the atonement arch is God and the way He sees followers of Christ. Below it is humankind and the way s/he sees us. Humankind sees us with sin, fault, and failure; but God looks through this covering, this atonement, and sees holiness instead of sin because He has already taken care of sin.

Instead of fault, God sees blamelessness. Instead of failures, He sees us followers unrepentable, He sees nothing with which we can be reproved, rebuked or even blamed (Colossians 1:22).

We see below the atonement arch the way we are viewed in the eyes of humankind. Humankind looks at our sin, our fault, and our failures from the underside, and accusations come against us both by people and by Satan. God's desire for us is that we see those about us as He sees them. To accomplish this, He has given us His Word, His Spirit, and the blood of His Son, Jesus!

'And you who were once so far away from God. You were his enemies, separated from Him by your evil thoughts and actions, yet now He has brought you back as His friends. He has done this through His death on the cross in His own human body. As a result, He has brought you into the very presence of God, and you are holy and blameless without a single fault in His sight.' Look at the atonement diagram (above) from God's viewpoint.

Then in the very next verse, God lists the conditions for this to be so *in His sight*. Colossians 1:23: "*If you continue in the faith* (in his covering) grounded and settled (confident), and be not moved away from the *hope of the Gospel* (this Good News) ...'

And God has literally given followers a beautiful sampling now of what He has in store for us in heaven because He has promised us His glory (Romans 8:29-30). This is the reason followers of Jesus are happy!

We also need to remember that out of God's pure, complete love for the highest good of humankind comes God's justice, and wrath [Romans 11:22. It is His holy and just indignation against what separates humankind from Him, His love, and benefits (Exodus 12:13, 23; Romans 1:18-32; 5:9-11; 1 Thessalonians 5:9-10; 1 John 1:5)]. ...God wants people to know that while he has provided a place of safety, there is also an edge beyond which the covering does not reach.

The things which give believers their biggest problems are not their sins against God, but the shortcomings and attitudes of people against people in their daily lives. 'It is the thought-life that pollutes. For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts...' (Mark 7:20,21).

A shortcoming continued becomes sin, which is rebellion against God, and is not covered by the blood. (Review the diagram.) A shortcoming discontinued becomes obedience to God's wishes, and is covered by the blood. "...You can choose sin (with death) or else obedience (with acquittal)..." (Romans 6:16).

...It is not that God removes the covering, it is not that God goes down and looks under it, but people remove themselves. Look at the life of Israel and you will find that whenever God smote them and punished them, it was because of [continued] rebellion or idolatry.

When people put their faith in anything other than what Jesus has done, they voluntarily choose to be out from under his protective covering. When this is their decision, they are exposed to God's eyes, and he sees their sins, faults, and failures. (Review the diagram.)

Our sins were all washed away by the blood of the lamb, and the only way God looks at us is through the cleansing blood of Jesus. Then He sees:

Holiness instead of sin.

Blamelessness instead of fault.

Unrepentable (perfection) instead of failure.

We *get under* the covering by repenting of our sins (changing our attitude and direction). We *stay under* the covering by wanting to please God, and by obeying Him even to the thoughts and intents of our heart. We *get out from under* the covering by rebellion or idolatry.

...God wants us to enjoy skating on His lake of joy while we are on this earth, and He also wants us to keep away from the area marked *Thin Ice!* This is simple to do, for He has clearly marked warning signs in the Bible (Prov. 14:14; Mk. 9:47; Jn. 15:6; Rom. 6:1,2; 14:23; 1 Cor. 6:9-10; 10:1-24; 15:34; 2 Cor. 6:1; Gal. 5:19-21; Eph. 5:5-7; Heb. 2:3; 3:12; 4:1-2; 10:25-31; 12:1, 15-17, 25, 28-29; Rev. 3:15-16). Only those who defy Him and walk in their own way find themselves 'on thin ice' because they have ignored His warning signs. God loves us so much he has posted warning signs all along the lake of joy, just for our protection.

And He says to turn to Jesus. 'He Himself' is the answer (Mt.8:17; Jn. 6:35, 48, 51; 8:12, 58; 10:9; 11:25; 13:19; 14:6; 15:5; Acts 4:12; 1 Pet. 2:24). His heart cry is, 'I want to save you; I want you to have life and have it more abundantly!'"

*"Bless the LORD, you angels of His, you mighty creatures who carry out His plans, heeding each of His commands." – Psalm 103:20*

The above diagram and explanation are small excerpts from the book *Angels on Assignment* by Pastor Roland Buck; the true story of an ordinary man who experienced an extraordinary series of visitations by Archangel Gabriel twenty-seven times in 1978 & 1979. Published 1979; Hunter Books. 2nd edition (2005); Whitaker House. Please be strongly encouraged to benefit from the whole book. In it, you will learn that Roland's first reaction to these supernatural experiences was to try to get out of delivering to others the messages he was given. He valued his credibility among the churches and felt he was risking his reputation and God's if he shared his unusual encounters with angels. However, God moved on Pastor Buck's heart until he changed his mind on the matter.

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Consider also the sequel books: *The Man Who Spoke With Angels* by Sharon Rose Buck White, and *When Angels Speak - Roland Buck on Assignment*, compiled by Timothy Holt. Published 2010; A Higher Life Publishing. [www.angelsonassignment.org](http://www.angelsonassignment.org)



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*Atonement.* This word is comparatively rare in contemporary English. In fact, many English-speaking people today do not even know what the word means.

Its meaning begins to appear, however, when we divide the word up into its three syllables: *at-one-ment*. That is what *atonement* really means — that God and the sinner are brought into a relationship in which they are *at one*. A more common word today is *reconciliation*. Through the cross God and the sinner are *reconciled* to each other.