

WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES ABOUT SALVATION

Study 3 – The Nature of the Atonement

Introduction-

I. BACKGROUND FEATURES TO THE ATONEMENT

1- The Nature of God

2- The Status of the Law

3- The Human Condition

4- The Person of Christ

5- The Old Testament Sacrificial System

II. THE NEW TESTAMENT TEACHING

1- The Gospels- Christ's Own Testimony:

a) He had a profound sense that His Father had sent Him to do His work

b) He had a powerful conviction that His life and death fulfilled OT prophecy

c) He saw His death as constituting a ransom

d) He saw Himself as our substitute

e) He saw Himself as a sacrifice

f) He had a profound sense that He was the source and giver of eternal life

2- The Pauline Epistles

a) He saw Christ as the expression of God's love for us in order to save us

b) He saw Christ's death as a sacrifice

c) He saw Christ as dying for us, in our behalf

d) He saw Christ's death as appeasing God's wrath against sin