

At+One: Summary and Conclusion

1. Open with prayer: *Loving God, again we gather to learn about your Word and ways. Guide our thoughts as we study your mysterious actions accomplished on the cross. May the closeness we feel toward you be reflected in our relationships with one another. Amen.*
2. When did atonement occur?
 - a. Incarnation
 - b. Life & Ministry
 - c. Crucifixion & Death
 - d. Resurrection
 - e. **All of the above**
3. **Healing Servant theory**
 - a. Christ serves us by healing the disease of sickness through his sacrifice on the cross.
 - b. "By his wounds, we are healed!"
 - c. We are saved because Jesus has tended to the root of the disease, curing us and restoring us to wholeness in relationship with God and each other.
 - d. Read Isaiah 52:13–53:12. What are the benefits in viewing sin as a sickness? Do you hear the echoes of shalom? How does Jesus function in the role of both goats from the Day of Atonement (Lev. 16)?
4. **New Covenant atonement theory**
 - a. Jesus' death is the means by which the people of God are liberated, forgiven, and brought into a new covenant with God.
 - b. "We are welcome into the new covenant!"
 - c. We are saved because Jesus as the Paschal Lamb fulfills the promise of a new covenant to fix what we had broken.
 - d. Read Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ezekiel 11:17-20 & 36:23-28; Matthew 26:27-28; 1 Corinthians 11:25-26; and 2 Corinthians 3:3-6.
5. **Confession of 1967**
 - a. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21.
 - b. God's Work of Reconciliation
 - c. The Ministry of Reconciliation
 - d. The Fulfillment of Reconciliation
6. So what is most important to you – forgiveness, revelation, or inspiration?
7. Hymns teach theology:
 - a. O, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
8. Summary: Presbyterian Donald Baillie (*God Was in Christ*): "God's reconciling work cannot be confined to any one moment of history. We cannot say that God was unforgiving until Christ came and died on Calvary; nor can we forget that God's work of reconciliation still goes on in every age in the lives of sinful [people], whose sins he still bears."
Rev. Michael Lindvall: "Somehow the death of Jesus, an event that might have been just another installment in the sorry human epic of torture, injustice, and death come too soon, is transformed by resurrection and becomes a death with meaning. Somehow this death bears forgiveness; somehow this death inspires; somehow this death discloses the boundless love of God, a love so unbounded that it willingly suffers with us. Somehow on the cross, the love of God reaches across the chasm gouged between humanity and the divine and pulls us across into eternally outstretched arms. Somehow."
9. Close in prayer.