ACBC Exam Study Guide

Theology Exam 13

Q: Provide an explanation of and the biblical basis for the doctrine of substitutionary atonement, explaining the implications of this doctrine for human guilt over sin. Relate your understanding of this to the concept of false guilt.

Understanding the question:

This question has three parts to it. Be sure to answer all three. Explain the atonement, then relate the work of atonement to the problem of human guilt because of sin. Finally, connect atonement to the topic of “false guilt” as it is typically understood in counseling contexts.

Definitions:

Substitutionary atonement

Guilt

False guilt

Scripture Texts:

Romans 3

2 Corinthians 5:21

Matthew 5:22

James 2:10

Romans 2:15

Romans 14

1 Corinthians 9

Resources:

Atonement:

John Macarthur and Richard Mayhue, *Biblical Doctrine* (Crossway, 2017), 305-315, 511-43.

John Frame, *Systematic Theology* (P&R, 2013), 899-920

Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology* (Zondervan, 1994), 568-607.

Millard Erickson, *Christian Theology* (Baker, 1983), 818-840.

Louis Berkhof, *Systematic Theology*, New Com. Ed. (Eerdmans, 1996), 367-383, 392-399.

Paul Enns, *Moody Handbook of Theology*, rev. ed. (Moody, 2014), 335-361.

Bruce Demarest, *The Cross and Salvation* (Crossway, 1997), 147-202.

John Murray, *Redemption Accomplished and Applied* (Eerdmans, 1955).

Leon Morris, *The Apostolic Preaching of the Cross*, 3rd rev. ed. (Eerdmans, 1965).

J.I. Packer & Mark Dever, eds., *In My Place Condemned He Stood* (Crossway, 2007).

Gabriel Fluhrer, ed., *Atonement* (P&R, 2010).

Steve Jeffery, Michael Ovey & Andrew Sach, *Pierced for Our Transgressions* (Crossway, 2007).

Guilt and False Guilt:

Jay Adams, *Competent to Counsel* (Zondervan, 1986), 9-14 (see especially footnote 1 on p. 14)

Jay Adams, *A Theology of Christian Counseling* (Zondervan, 1979), 144-146.