

5-3-1 Assignment: Bird, 4.4-4.4.2
Due: February 1, 2023

QUESTIONS

1. How does Barth regard Christ's reconciliation?
2. What is the recapitulation narrative as told by Irenaeus?
3. What are the two possible definitions of "hilasterion" from mid-20th century publications?
4. What passage in the Old Testament appears in the New Testament in relation to Jesus' death and suffering?
5. What is the Christus Victor model?

ANSWERS

1. Barth concludes that Christ is the judge, who is judged in our place, and establishes judgment and justice thereafter.
2. In Irenaeus' narrative, humans are saved by the obedience of Jesus that overturns Adam's obedience and by the work of Jesus that redeems believers from the devil.
3. In the mid-20th century several publications focused on the word hilasterion and whether it meant propitiation as the appeasement of wrath or expiation as the removal of sin.
4. Isaiah 53 is quoted in multiple gospels and letters in the New Testament and quoted in the penal substitution model of atonement.
5. The Christus Victor model places Jesus' death in its proper coordinates as an apocalyptic event that reveals God's rescue plan against evil. Thus, Jesus' substitutionary death for sinners means of cosmic triumph for God's people leading to God's new creation.

TERMS

- Leitmotif: comes from the German words leit and Motif, which translate respectively as "leading" and "motive"; a recurring theme that accompanies the reappearance of an idea, person, or situation
- Atonement: reparation or expiation (removal) for sin; the reconciliation of God and humankind through Jesus Christ
- *Cruciformity*: being conformed to the pattern of the cross

SUMMARY

In this section, Bird takes a deep dive in discussing the death of Jesus. He begins with purpose and what the cross achieves listing 8 models of atonement: recapitulation, ransom, christus victor, satisfaction, moral influence, exemplary, government, penal substitution. He gives descriptions, shares his agreements and disagreements, and tells which theologians or historians advocate for with model. Bird also includes an insert that discusses the criticism of theologians who regard atonement as "divine child abuse".