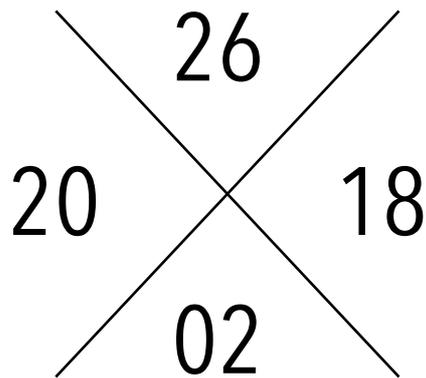


THE LAST SUPPER CLUB

WHY DID JESUS HAVE TO DIE?



WHAT'S CHANGED?

MONDAY 26TH FEBRUARY

HOW MANY CLUBS ARE WE PLAYING WITH?

MONDAY 5TH MARCH

WHAT IS SIN AND HOW IS IT RESOLVED?

MONDAY 12TH MARCH

WHAT MOTIVATES GOD?

MONDAY 19TH MARCH

WHAT DOES BEING IN CHRIST MEAN FOR US, TODAY?

HOW MANY CLUBS ARE WE PLAYING WITH?

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Outline of the evening.

- 7pm Arrive, chat, get seated.
- 7.15pm What's golf got to do with anything? by Rev'd Lynsay.
- 7.20pm Grace & eat.
- 7.40pm Atonement - An introduction by the Bible Project
- 7.45pm What's in the bag? - The earliest Christian understandings.
- 8.15pm Dessert & coffee.
- 8.30pm What do you usually carry?
Are there any clubs you think it would be helpful to pick up?
- 8.45pm Closing prayers.

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Christian understandings of Atonement.

SATISFACTION:

Sin dishonours God. Humans cannot give back the glory to God that has been lost by their sin. Someone must, therefore, stand in between, who is both Human and God. This is Jesus, who can return the glory to God that has been lost. (Anselm)



RECAPITULATION:

Jesus Christ recapitulated Adam's life and therefore the life of every human, undoing the sin and death that Adam handed on.



PENAL SUBSTITUTION:

This frames atonement in the terms of God's wrath against SIN. Jesus Christ absorbs that wrath on the cross as a propitiation for our sins. God's wrath is pacified by 'self-punishment'.



SUBSTITUTION:

Jesus as the Lamb of God, making the ultimate sacrifice to replace all animal sacrifices.



REPRESENTATION:

God becomes human, identifies with humans and takes on mortality to provide life for those destined for death. (Incarnationalists.)



RANSOM/ VICTOR:

Christ enters captive territory. His death and resurrection are the means of liberating humans from slavery to and sin, self and Satan.

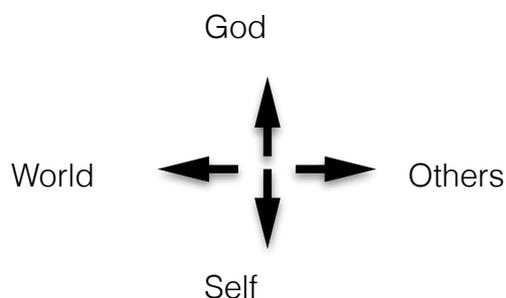


ABELARD:

The cross is a demonstration of God's love to evoke a change of heart in those who perceive its costly nature.

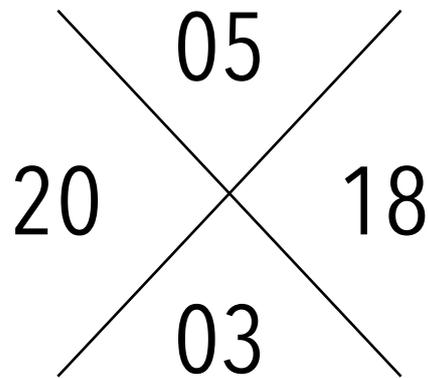


IDENTIFICATION FOR INCORPORATION: God's core purpose for Atonement is reconciliation, which must happen in 4 directions:



All the other theories can be held within this notion because ATONEMENT is itself a metaphor for all that God does to make us what (s)he wants to make us in light of who we were, who we are and who we are meant to be.

WHAT IS SIN



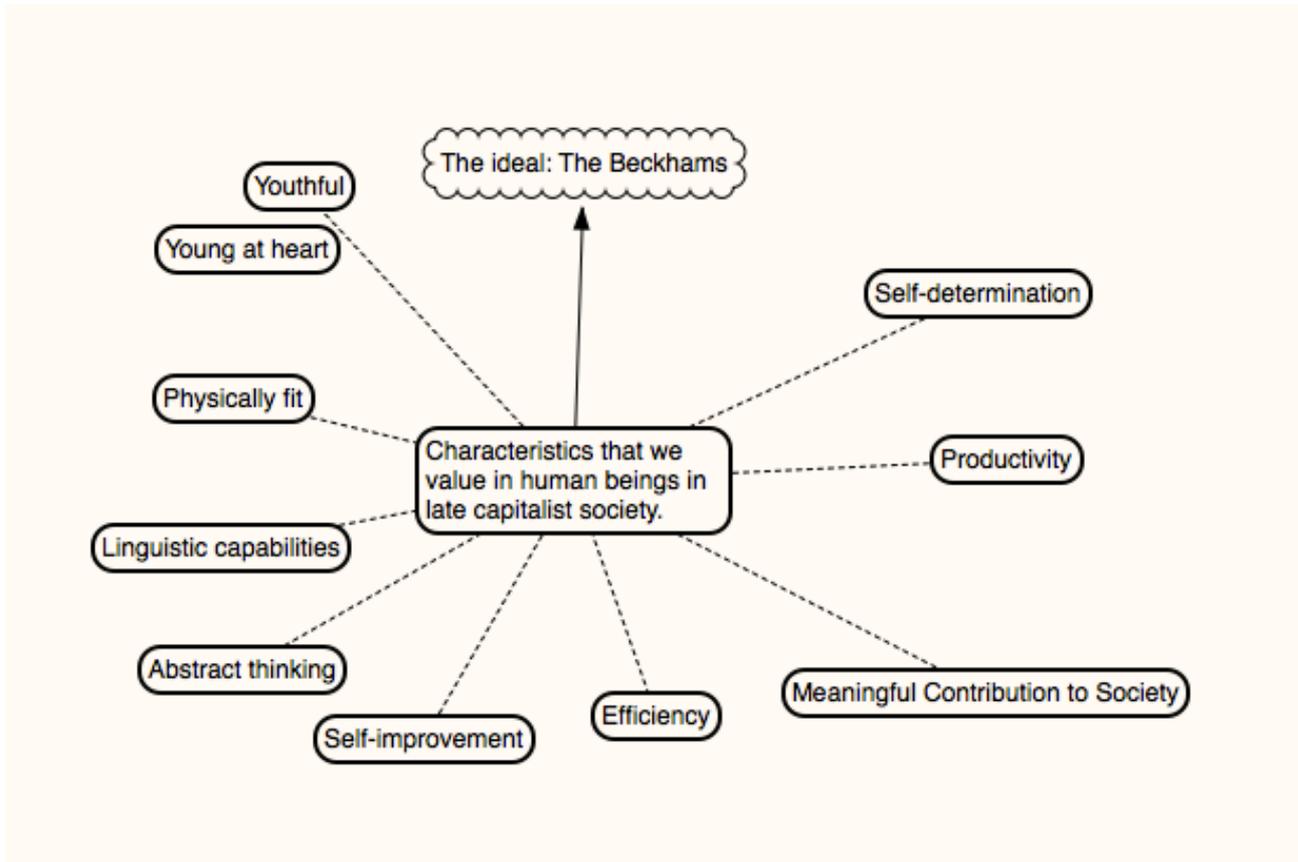
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RESOLVED?

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- 7.15pm Where to begin with sin. by Rev'd Lynsay.
- 7.20pm Grace & eat.
- 7.40pm Sin is Hyper-relational (What?!?)
- 7.45pm So how is sin resolved? - A survey.
- 8.15pm Dessert & coffee.
- 8.30pm Living as Christ's body, means choosing not to root ourselves where sin is rooted, what does this mean?
- 8.45pm Closing prayers.

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What makes human, or what are humans made to do?



Why does God create humans?

A key concept for us comes from Genesis 1.26, where we are told that God makes the earth-thing (Adam) in God's 'image and likeness'. The Greek word to convey 'image and likeness' is transliterated **eikon**.

Eikons, defined by being in the image and likeness of God, are made for union with God, communion with others, love and self-care of the world. **Eikons** cannot eikon alone! Severed **Eikons** diminish themselves.

This understanding makes clear that the beginning of Sin in the Bible is **the choice to go it alone** to be **free, in the sense of independent**, to achieve the absolute freedom go God. The difficulty with desire for absolute freedom, is that it works away from God's design for creation and redemption (known throughout the Bible as Shalom/Peace).

Before the fall, Adam and Eve eikoned. In God's work of redemption cracked **Eikons** are being restored into glory producing **Eikons**, by participation in the perfect **Eikon**, Jesus Christ, who redeems them to eikon now and forever in true, divine, love.

