

Models of Salvation Used by Paul
in the Genuine Letters

MODEL	HOW SIN IS DISCUSSED	HOW JESUS "SOLVES" THE PROBLEM OF SIN	OUR ROLE	SCRIPTURE
JUDICIAL	Human disobedience (sinfulness) requires death as a punishment	Jesus' death is on our behalf; the penalty or punishment of death that our sinfulness deserves, he takes on himself, instead	Accept it as a gift	Romans 3:23; 5:18-21
PARTICIPATIONIST	Sin is a cosmic power, which has influence over us	Jesus' death & resurrection shows God's power is victorious over sin and death	Through baptism we "participate" in Jesus' death and resurrection, thus have power over sin, as well.	Romans 3:9; 6:3-14
RECONCILIATION (JUSTIFICATION)	Humans and God had a falling out; God is mad at us for our sin	In dying, Jesus makes it possible for humans and God to be in relationship again	Accept and believe that this is true	Romans 5:10-11; 8:32
REDEMPTION	We are enslaved to sin/the devil/something; belong to it/him	Jesus' blood is the price to buy us, purchase us, from it/him	Believe that this has been done	Romans 3:13; 6:15-19, 22; 7
ATONEMENT / SACRIFICE	Sin is just something we have done, which has severed our relationship with God	Jesus' blood covers over the people and bring us back together with God: at-one-ment	Accept/believe that Jesus' spilt blood appeases God's anger at our sin	Romans 3:24-25a; 1 Cor. 10:16