



# Week of 4/21/2025

### Theological Terms

**Atonement** means making amends, blotting out the offense, and giving satisfaction for wrong done; thus reconciling to oneself the alienated other and restoring the disrupted relationship. Scripture depicts all human beings as needing to atone for their sins but lacking all power and resources for doing so. We have offended our holy Creator, whose nature it is to hate sin (Jer. 44:4; Hab. 1:13) and to punish it (Ps. 5:4-6; Rom. 1:18; 2:5-9). No acceptance by, or fellowship with, such a God can be expected unless atonement is made, and since there is sin in even our best actions, anything we do in hopes of making amends can only increase our guilt or worsen our situation. This makes it ruinous folly to seek to establish one’s own righteousness before God (Job 15:14-16; Rom. 10:2-3); it simply cannot be done. But against this background of human hopelessness, Scripture sets forth the love, grace, mercy, pity, kindness, and compassion of God, the offended Creator, in himself providing the atonement that our sin has made necessary. This amazing grace is the focal center of New Testament faith, hope, worship, ethics, and spiritual life; from Matthew to Revelation it shines out with breathtaking glory.

-J.I. Packer

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### Upcoming Nursery Workers

- 4/27/2025: Helen Coomer and Meghan Larose
- 5/4/2025: Chet and Bre Peterson
- 5/11/2025: Ronna Snipes and Ava Kate Snipes
- 5/18/2025: Nickie Sacco and Velina Netherton
- 5/25/2025: Keagan and Sarah Monteith
- 6/1/2025: Misty Fowler and Ava Kate Snipes

### Scripture Reading

Consider reading John 14 in preparation for this week’s sermon.

### Prayer Requests

- Nate Bauman - Please pray for increased missionary support.
- UPDATE: Please pray for Desiree Perry who recently underwent a procedure to remove skin cancer. Tests came back with margins being clear, but further treatment may be necessary. She is also recovering from pneumonia, so please pray for recover and healing. Alan will not be joining the team to Southeast Asia in order to care for Desiree in this season.
- Chet Peterson - Please pray for the people he encounters at work, coworkers and clients, who do not know Jesus. Please pray for him to show care and shine bright the love of Jesus.
- UPDATE: Chet Peterson - Please pray for our team and ministry we will be doing in Southeast Asia. Please pray for the Spirit to go before and prepare the hearts and the soil.
- Misty Fowler - Please pray for my friend, Kaye, who was recently diagnosed with a life threatening illness. She is a believer and is married with 4 children. Please pray for discernment, strength, guidance, and wisdom.
- UPDATE: Please continue to pray for Ed Snipes as they navigate treatment of the seizures. Also, please pray for Ronna as she supports Ed through this season.
- Chet Peterson - Please pray for my friend, Denny, at work who is dealing with some ongoing mental health issues. Please pray for guidance and strength as he continues to seek the Lord during this time.

### Pray for the Unreached

Western Cham People in Vietnam

Population: 48,000 | Primary religion: Islam | Percent Evangelical Christian: 0.00%

Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out loving and dedicated laborers to the Western Cham of Vietnam. Ask the Lord to raise up an army of intercessors who will pray for the Western Cham. Pray that God will give the Cham believers boldness to share Christ with their own people. Ask the Lord to bring forth a strong and growing Western Cham church to the glory of his name.

### Calendar

- Friday: 6:00 PM -Monthly Fellowship Meal at the church
- Sunday: 9:45 AM - Prayer Time for the Lost at the church
- Sunday: 10:30 AM - Worship Service