



What is this TXT Fondue program about?

Atonement is the reconciliation between two parties. Conflicts are resolved, the damage is covered, and both parties decide to proceed uniformly. King Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the spiritually mature all have the task to reconcile the people who live in darkness with God the Father. There is an enormous difference between a slave who is redeemed (grace) and the atonement done by two parties. Atonement is especially necessary for children of God the Father who have strayed. In this program we want to explain how it works.

How is a TXT Fondue played?

Two teams take turns in asking each other questions. There usually are 12 questions for each team. The team that has question 1a begins with asking. After the question has been asked and in some cases a passage from the Scriptures has been read, the other team has one minute to discuss their answer. Then they give their final answer and the team that asked the question decides whether the answer is correct. Keep in mind that if your team demands strict answers, the other team will do the same.

Not the answer but the process

With a TXT Fondue, it's not about the answer, but all about the process. Questions will lead to new questions, which is good, but keep these thoughts until after the TXT Fondue, so that the program may continue fluently and dynamically. That is important, because a TXT Fondue is actually a sermon that is divided into chunks. It is apostles' teaching (Acts 2:42), so just like any sermon it has a structure that builds up to an application. Those who wish to go in-depth can do so afterwards.

Referee

Like the referee ensures that the rules of play are respected, the elder in a house feast supervises that all that is said remains Biblical (1 Timothy 4:16). There are just two rules: if someone says something unbiblical, the elder takes corrective action, like a referee in football issues a yellow card. In case of sin, he intervenes, comparable to a red card.

Feedback

Have you got a suggestion? Did you discover an error in a TXT Fondue program? Let us know through HuisfeestNetwerk.org! Questions regarding the contents can be discussed with the House Feast Network at facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork.

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What is the House Feast Network?

Those who are in the house feasts intend to reach all people in their own network who have not yet been reached with the gospel.

Networking

Of course you are curious to see how other house feasts do things. You wish to pay each other visits, help each other, and in any case you celebrate a large feast together, three times a year. To facilitate this, we have set up a House Feast Network group on Facebook: facebook.com/HouseFeastNetwork. Elders can exchange their experiences at facebook.com/groups/Oudsten.

Share impressions

House feasts support one another by continually sharing photos in "The House Feast Network". House feasts unite because of this. We prefer that the ambience pictures you share do not intrude people's privacy.

What is the Learnhouse?

A collection of 84 TXT Fondue programs together form a complete training to spiritual maturity. It is composed of 7 fundaments, with 12 programs per fundaments. The program you now hold is part of the first fundament: conversion.

We recommend you to read the books of Mark and Galatians while you take the 12 lessons in this fundament.

Previous program:

1.10 Ishmael

This program:

1.11 Atonement

Next program:

1.12 Mercy

For an overview of all programs, see the [Learnhouse](#).

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1a. What does "atonement" mean?

(answer) Restoring the peace.

2a. What happens with you when you fall short of the glory of God the Father?

(answer) You live in the dark, separated from God the Father. This is a hellish life.

(comment) *Matthew 25:29-30 says: "For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."*



3a. What did Moses do? Choose from:

- a. He prayed for Miriam, so the relationships could be restored again.**
- b. He picked a mediator to talk things out.**
- c. He never wanted to have anything to do with Miriam anymore; she had sinned terribly.**
- d. He isn't being childish about it, and gets over it.**

(answer) The correct answer is: "a. He prayed for her, so the relationship could be restored again."

4a. Miriam was put outside of the camp for seven days because she was a leper. Because of the risk of infection, nobody was allowed to have anything to do with a leper. What did God the Father and the people of Israel do to make atonement with Miriam possible?

(answer) They waited seven days, until she came back.

(comment) *If the camp had moved on in the mean while, she would not have stood a chance.*

5a. What role did Moses have here?

(answer) He has the ministry of reconciliation.

(comment) *This is described in 2 Corinthians 5:18-21. This text will be read later in this program.*

6a. King Jesus died for the sins of the world as the sacrificial Lamb. He was in the underworld for three days, and then God the Father resurrected His Son from the dead. The sacrificial Lamb was accepted. For who does this sacrifice count?

(answer) All who have accepted King Jesus, he has given the right (the power) to become children of God.

(comment) *John 1:12 says: "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God."*



7a. (Please read the bold text of this question aloud.)

The team asking the question will demonstrate the life of someone from the Bible using pantomime. The other team will try and guess who.

(answer) The life of Jonah.

8a. What has Jonah got to do with atonement?

(answer) He was sent to warn the people in the city of Nineveh, so they could repent and make peace with God the Father. Had they not done this, the city would have been destroyed.



9a. Before he went to Nineveh, Jonah escaped by ship from the plan that God the Father had, but he was thrown overboard by the ship's crew because of a heavy storm. Then the storm laid down, and Jonah was in the stomach of a large fish before he was spewed out on the land. What other Biblical event can you compare these three days?

(answer) The three days King Jesus was in the underworld.

(comment) *Jonah wasn't inside a whale, but a large fish or a sea monster. The confusion results from "cetusa" being the Latin name for "whale", while Latin translations of the Book of Jonah used this word to describe "a large fish".*

10a. Matthew 12:38–40 says:

Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from you."

He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

King Jesus says that He gives us the sign of Jonah. What is this sign?

(answer) That just like Jonah, King Jesus stood up from the death to save a nation.

11a. When the citizens of Nineveh heard Jonah cry out the warning, they repented and started fasting to ask God the Father to forgive their sins. Everyone in Nineveh did this; the king, all citizens, and even all animals. This is why God the Father did not destroy the city. Isaiah 58:6–9a says:

"Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to loose the chains of injustice and untie the cords of the yoke, to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?

Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter—when you see the naked, to clothe them, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?

Then your light will break forth like the dawn, and your healing will quickly appear;

then your righteousness will go before you, and the glory of the Lord will be your rear guard. Then you will call, and the Lord will answer; you will cry for help, and he will say: Here am I."

What will God the Father say to you when you fast this way?

(answer) "Here am I."

12a. Isaiah 58:9b–12 says:

"If you do away with the yoke of oppression, with the pointing finger and malicious talk, and if you spend yourselves in behalf of the hungry and satisfy the needs of the oppressed, then your light will rise in the darkness, and your night will become like the noonday.

The Lord will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.

Your people will rebuild the ancient ruins and will raise up the age-old foundations; you will be called Repairer of Broken Walls, Restorer of Streets with Dwellings."

What will happen to you if you do what is written here?

(answer) The darkness and gloominess will go away, and bright light will shine in your life.



1b. What do people fall short of, when they are not reconciled with God the Father?

(answer) The glory of God the Father.

(comment) *Romans 3:23 says: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."*



2b. Before you can joyously continue, some things will have to be set straight. The situation needs to be cleared up. We find important example of this in Numbers 12:1–15. This passage is included in this TXT Fondue on page 6. Please read it aloud.

Miriam had spoken ill of Moses, and God the Father immediately punished her with leprosy. What happened next? Choose from:

- a. They didn't bring up the issue anymore. It was covered up.**
- b. They have never spoken one another again until she died.**
- c. Miriam was quarantined outside the camp.**
- d. Miriam was stoned to death.**

(answer) The correct answer is: "c. She was quarantined outside the camp."

3b. You can never reconcile when there are still debts that need to be settled. Miriam had sinned against Moses, while he was faithful to God the Father. This is why God the Father had become so angry with Miriam and did he punish her with leprosy. What had to happen before reconciliation could take place?

(answer) She had to sit out her punishment to the end.

(comment) *Reconciliation can only take place when all debts have been paid. There is no possibility for debt reduction.*

4b. So how did the atonement work with Miriam?

(answer) She had a debt. She paid it off, while God the Father and the people of Israel waited for her. She was forgiven and by the intercessory prayer of Moses, Miriam was rehabilitated.

5b. Later, we see another situation where atonement was required. It is described in Exodus 32:7–11,14,30–34. This passage is included in this TXT Fondue on page 6. Please read it aloud.

When the people of Israel continued to sin in the desert, God the Father had to exterminate them. How did Moses react to this?

(answer) Moses did intercessory prayer for the people of Israel and suggested that God the Father could if necessary delete his name from the Book of Life, as long as the people of Israel may be spared.

6b. So it is possible to make peace with God the Father by accepting the sacrifice of King Jesus. How does this work?

(answer) If you believe in your heart and declare with your mouth that King Jesus has died for you and was also resurrected, you will be saved.

(comment) *This is explained in Romans 10:9–10: "If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved."*



7b. In John 4:25–26, King Jesus and the Samaritan woman have a conversation: “The woman said, ‘I know that Messiah’ (called Christ) ‘is coming. When he comes, he will explain everything to us.’ Then Jesus declared, ‘I, the one speaking to you—I am he.’” What does “Messiah” mean?

(answer) The Anointed, the Redeemer.

(comment) “Messiah” is a Hebrew word. “Christ” is a Greek word.

8b. Most Pharisees could not accept King Jesus as the Messiah. Is there still hope for the Pharisees?

(answer) Yes. Ja. Nicodemus was a Pharisee who did accept that King Jesus was the Messiah. So for Pharisees, atonement is definitely possible.

9b. For whom is *no* atonement possible?

(answer) For those who say the work of the Holy Spirit is evil.

(comment) *The Holy Spirit is the Reconciler, so you make it impossible to reconcile by punishing the work He does for God the Father by saying He is evil.*

In Mark 3:28–29, King Jesus says: “Truly I tell you, people can be forgiven all their sins and every slander they utter, 29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never be forgiven; they are guilty of an eternal sin.”

10b. Acts 2:38–40 says:

“Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call to Himself.’ And with many other words he solemnly testified and kept on exhorting them, saying, ‘Be saved from this perverse generation!’”

For whom is atonement intended?

(answer) For who has strayed from King Jesus. Then you go astray and end up in a corrupt generation.

11b. Romans 3:23–25 says:

For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and all are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus. God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished.

God the Father has presented His Son as our means for atonement. King Jesus is the ultimate Peacemaker. To accept Him is the Way through which God the Father has chosen to reconcile with sinful humans. In other words, there is only one Way to make things right with God the Father. When you believe that King Jesus has died for you and that He has risen from the dead, and when you accept Him in your life, you are saved and reconciled with God the Father. How can you practically do this?

(answer) By believing in King Jesus and praying to Him.

12b. 2 Corinthians 5:18–20 says:

All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.

Will you do that now?



Numbers 12:1–15 (question 2a)

- ¹ Miriam and Aaron began to talk against Moses because of his Cushite wife, for he had married a Cushite.
- ² “Has the Lord spoken only through Moses?” they asked. “Hasn’t he also spoken through us?” And the Lord heard this.
- ³ (Now Moses was a very humble man, more humble than anyone else on the face of the earth.)
- ⁴ At once the Lord said to Moses, Aaron and Miriam, “Come out to the tent of meeting, all three of you.” So the three of them went out. ⁵ Then the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud; he stood at the entrance to the tent and summoned Aaron and Miriam. When the two of them stepped forward, ⁶ he said,
- “Listen to my words:
“When there is a prophet among you,
I, the Lord, reveal myself to them in visions,
I speak to them in dreams.
⁷ But this is not true of my servant Moses;
he is faithful in all my house.
⁸ With him I speak face to face, clearly and not in riddles;
he sees the form of the Lord.
Why then were you not afraid
to speak against my servant Moses?”
- ⁹ The anger of the Lord burned against them, and he left them.
- ¹⁰ When the cloud lifted from above the tent, Miriam’s skin was leprous—it became as white as snow. Aaron turned toward her and saw that she had a defiling skin disease, ¹¹ and he said to Moses, “Please, my lord, I ask you not to hold against us the sin we have so foolishly committed. ¹² Do not let her be like a stillborn infant coming from its mother’s womb with its flesh half eaten away.”
- ¹³ So Moses cried out to the Lord, “Please, God, heal her!”
- ¹⁴ The Lord replied to Moses, “If her father had spit in her face, would she not have been in disgrace for seven days? Confine her outside the camp for seven days; after that she can be brought back.”
- ¹⁵ So Miriam was confined outside the camp for seven days, and the people did not move on till she was brought back.

Exodus 32:7–11,14,30–34 (question 5b)

- ⁷ Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go down, because your people, whom you brought up out of Egypt, have become corrupt. ⁸ They have been quick to turn away from what I commanded them and have made themselves an idol cast in the shape of a calf. They have bowed down to it and sacrificed to it and have said, ‘These are your gods, Israel, who brought you up out of Egypt.’
- ⁹ “I have seen these people,” the Lord said to Moses, “and they are a stiff-necked people. ¹⁰ Now leave me alone so that my anger may burn against them and that I may destroy them. Then I will make you into a great nation.”
- ¹¹ But Moses sought the favor of the Lord his God. “Lord,” he said, “why should your anger burn against your people, whom you brought out of Egypt with great power and a mighty hand?”
- ¹⁴ Then the Lord relented and did not bring on his people the disaster he had threatened.
- ³⁰ The next day Moses said to the people, “You have committed a great sin. But now I will go up to the Lord; perhaps I can make atonement for your sin.”
- ³¹ So Moses went back to the Lord and said, “Oh, what a great sin these people have committed! They have made themselves gods of gold. ³² But now, please forgive their sin—but if not, then blot me out of the book you have written.”
- ³³ The Lord replied to Moses, “Whoever has sinned against me I will blot out of my book. ³⁴ Now go, lead the people to the place I spoke of, and my angel will go before you. However, when the time comes for me to punish, I will punish them for their sin.”