Lesson #

Christology-The Death of Christ

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\* In this lesson we will be dealing with perhaps the most important subject in Christology, the matter of *the death of Christ*. The death of Christ cannot be discussed apart from another important subject, which, of course, is the doctrine of Salvation.

\* It is beneficial for us to know that the two doctrines that are most opposed by the unregenerate, hell-bound sinner are the Bible doctrines of the ***incarnation*** and ***expiation*** (*that is, the blood atonement*). These two doctrines show the marvelous, inconceivable, infinite love of God to poor, sinful humanity. Nothing is more strongly resisted by unsaved, fallen men than these two great doctrines that deal with the incarnation (that is, “God manifest in the flesh” coming to help sinners) and the substitutionary blood atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ, dying in the place of the sinner.

Scriptural Truths concerning Jesus Christs Death

* **Christ’s death *was foretold by God.***

“H \_ w \_ \_ taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for h \_ w \_ \_ c \_ \_ o \_ \_ o \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ o \_ t \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: for the transgression of my people was he stricken.” ***Isaiah 53:8***

“And after threescore and two weeks s \_ \_ \_ \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ c \_ \_ o \_ \_, but n \_ \_

f \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and unto the end of the war desolations are determined.” ***Daniel 9:26***

“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man that is my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: s \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, a \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_

s \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones.” ***Zechariah 13:7***

Christ’s death is prophesied by the Old Testament even down to the last detail years before the Lord Jesus Christ showed up. In ***Psalms 22:16***, we read that He had His hands and feet pierced: In ***Psalms 22:18***, we read that there would be lots cast for His garments: In ***Psalms 22:1***, we read what He would cry on the cross: In ***Isaiah 53***,

“But h \_ w \_ \_ wounded f \_ \_ o \_ \_ transgressions, h \_ w \_ \_ bruised f \_ \_ o \_ \_ iniquities: the chastisement o \_ o \_ \_ peace w \_ \_ u \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_; and w \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ stripes w \_ a \_ \_ healed. ***Isaiah 53:5***

* **Christ’s death *was appointed by God.***

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to

his own way; and t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_o \_ h \_ \_ the iniquity of us all.” ***Isaiah 53:6***

“Yet i \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ L \_ \_ \_ t \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_; h \_ h \_ \_ \_ p \_ \_ h \_ \_ to grief: when t \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_ m \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ a \_ o \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.” ***Isaiah 53:10***

“Him, b \_ \_ \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ t \_ \_ d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ c\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ and

f \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ G \_ \_, ye have taken, and by wicked hands have crucified and slain:” ***Acts 2:23***

After God the Father let all of this happen to His Son, planned it and carried out the plan, you really think God is going to take any smart mouth comments from any sinner about how He ought to do anything? We better be finding out what it is He wants, rather than what we want!

* **Christ’s death *is an atonement.***

The word “atonement” is used eighty-one times in the Bible, and it means “a covering for sin,” and “to make up for, compensate or make reparation for wrongdoing or causing offense.” Atonement is mostly an Old Testament word with exception of one time in the New Testament.

“And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, b \_ w \_ \_ \_ w \_ h \_ \_ \_n \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ a \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***Romans 5:11***

* **Christ’s death *is a propitiation.***

Propitiation is the price paid to satisfy the demands of an angry God against sin. Redemption is the *payment being made*. In propitiation the *payment is accepted by God* and appeases, or placates, His anger. He is *completely satisfied with the payment He received.* Praise the Lord for Jesus’ payment and the Father being satisfied, Amen? What a magnificent plan. All for us!

“And h \_ i \_ t \_ \_ p \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ o \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_: and not for ours only, but also f \_ \_ the sins o \_ the w \_ \_ \_ \_ w \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***1 John 2:2; 4:10; Romans 3:25***

* **Christ’s death *was a substitution.***

Substitution is the act of putting one thing or person in the place of another. It is an exchange, or a replacement, or a switch. The Lord Jesus Christ was the innocent taking the place of the guilty.

“I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd g \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_.” ***John 10:11***

“For he hath made him t \_ b \_ s \_ \_ f \_ \_ u \_, who knew no sin; t \_ \_ \_ w \_

m \_ \_ \_ \_ b \_ m \_ \_ \_ the righteousness of God in him.” ***2 Corinthians 5:21***

* **Christ’s death *was for the purpose of redemption.***

Redemption is the *payment* made to buy the sinner back from the wrath of God. Common sense would tell us that if we had to be bought out from under the wrath of God then we were under the wrath of God. Think about that for a minute!

“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But

w \_ \_ \_ the precious b \_ \_ \_ \_ of C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:” ***1 Peter 1:18, 19***

“I \_ w \_ \_ \_ we h \_ \_ \_ r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ through h \_ \_ b \_ \_ \_ \_, even the forgiveness of sins: ***Colossians 1:14; Romans 3:24; 8:23; 1 Corinthians 1:30; Ephesians 1:7, 14; 4:30; Hebrews 9:12, 15***

* **Christ’s death *provides for a reconciliation.***

According to the Bible, God and man were enemies before Christ’s death. They can now be made friends. Reconciliation is the act whereby two warring parties (you and God) are brought together in peace. Do not be deceived, outside of Christs death, God is friends with no sinner. His wrath abides on them. ***John 3:36***

“For if, w \_ \_ \_ w \_ w \_ \_ \_ e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, we were r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ to God b \_ t \_ \_

d \_ \_ \_ \_ of h \_ \_ S \_ \_, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.” ***Romans 5:10; 11:15; 2 Corinthians 5:18-20; Colossians 1:20-22; Hebrews 2:17***

Aren’t you glad the Lord in His great wisdom figured out how to help us and that He wanted to keep us around instead of getting rid of us? Praise His Wonderful Kindness!

* **Christ’s death *is a ransom.***

A ransom is a payment that is demanded for the return of a captured person, also for the release of someone, and the act made to free from captivity and punishment.

“Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, b \_ \_ t \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_, and t \_ g \_ \_ \_ h \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ a r \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for many.” ***Matthew 20:28***

* **Christ’s death *was by crucifixion.***

Christ’s death by crucifixion was prefigured by a serpent lifted up.

“And a \_ M \_ \_ \_ \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_ the serpent in the wilderness, e \_ \_ \_ s \_ m \_ \_ \_ the Son of man b \_ l \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ u \_: ***John 3:14; Numbers 21:8***

His death was also an ignominious death: that is, a shameful death and a degrading death. He was undoubtedly crucified naked. The Scriptural facts indicate that He was. After all they gambled for His garments remember.

“Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_, d \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ t \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ \_, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.” ***Hebrews 12:2***

His death by the cross was an accursed death. The Romans put the accursed up on the crosses. Christ was crucified by the Romans. ***Psalms 22:18; Matthew 27:35***

“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being m \_ \_ \_ a c \_ \_ \_ \_ f \_ \_ u \_: for it is written, C \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ is e \_ \_ \_ \_ o \_ \_ that h \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ on a t \_ \_ \_:”

***Galatians 3:13***

* **Christ’s death *was voluntary.***

The Lord Jesus Christ volunteered to die for us. He was not forced to do it.

“No man t \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ i \_ f \_ \_ \_ m \_, b \_ \_ I l \_ \_ i \_ d \_ \_ \_ o \_ m \_ \_ \_ \_ \_. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father.” ***John 10:18***

Why did the Lord die? He didn’t have to die! We can understand a guilty man dying as a result of sin, but here is a sinless man who lays down His life to satisfy the justice of a Holy God in heaven and makes the payment in full. The Scriptures called it a contradiction.

“For consider him that e \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ s \_ \_ \_ c \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.” ***Hebrews 12:3***

\* God “had a problem” to speak reverently. His problem was how to be the holy, just and righteous God that He is and at the same time forgive and be merciful to a sinful wretch who rebels against Him. There is a teaching that God forgives anything, anytime, anywhere just for the chance to forgive. That is *not New Testament Bible Doctrine!* You will never find anything in the Bible where God forgave anybody anything apart from a *blood atonement.* God forgave David’s sin with Bathsheba, but God killed his baby boy. God forgave Adam and Eve, but He clothed them with the skin of an animal that shed its blood. God accepted Abel’s sacrifice because the sheep shed blood first. God forgave the Jews their idolatry and perverseness in Egypt because they put the blood of the lamb on the outside of the door. God only forgives with a proper, holy, just and righteous basis for doing so. Jesus Christ’s death provided such basis.

\* The death of Jesus Christ is God’s provision for the sinner. Are you a sinner? God has made a wonderful provision for you. “Jehovah Jireh,” (*The LORD who provides*). God will provide in life: God will provide in death. Above all, God will provide His righteousness for you at the judgment, so when you stand there you don’t stand in the filthy trappings of church membership, baptism, sacraments, golden rule, and scriptural alibis, but you stand there in the righteousness of God Himself, the Lord Jesus Christ. One question left! Are YOU saved? It’s an easy question to answer, either yes or no. Why don’t you get it settled today, Aye? The teacher would be honored to talk with you about it. Do it right now! Do not wait.

“All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” ***John 6:37***

A familiar tombstone inscription from over a century ago say’s:

*“Remember, man, as you pass by,*

*As you are now, so once was I.*

*As I am now, so you shall be,*

*So, prepare yourself to follow me.”*

On the tombstone, dated 1856, in a Chicago suburban cemetery, another scribe had taped two additional lines to the above poem. They go like this.

*“To follow you is not my intent,*

*Until I know which way you went!”*

We know which way Christ went, and we can have perfect confidence in following Him into death.

The Death of Christ.

“Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also inme.In my Father’s house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.And whither I go ye know,and the way ye know.Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; and how can we know the way?Jesus saith unto him, *I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*”

***John 14:1-6 ~Jesus Christ~***

