

For whom did Christ die?

Arminianism: Christ died for all the sins of all people

- Christ died to remove the barrier of sin
- No certainty that anyone will be saved
- Deliverance from sin depends upon the will of man

Calvinism: Christ died for all the sins of the elect of God

- Christ died to save particular people
- Christ's death guarantees their salvation
- Deliverance from sin is through faith, a gift of God

Perspectives on the Death of Christ

The point of disagreement?

Did Christ die for the sins of those who will die for their sins?

Did Christ die for the sins of those already dead?

Opposing views of the sovereignty of God

Arminianism: God is sovereign but defers to the will of man

Calvinism: God is sovereign and does His will in salvation

Opposing view of the will of man

Arminianism: Man's will is free from any control outside of Himself

Calvinism: Man's will is in bondage to sin and not free.

An opportunity for Christian charity

We agree Christ died for us

Love for the family of Christ is the mark of a believer

Three possible effects of the death of Christ:

Christ died for all the sins of all people

Christ died for some of the sins of all people

Christ died for all the sins of some people

Limited (Particular) Atonement

Christ died as a substitute for sinners under the wrath of God. He fully bore the penalty of their sins and completely satisfied God's holiness and justice. All those for whom He died will surely come to salvation by grace through faith.

Lesson Plan:

1. The sovereignty of God.
2. The nature of man
3. The unity of the Godhead
4. The place of the death of Christ
 - The intent of God in the death of Christ
 - The union of obtaining and applying
 - The union of offering and intercession
5. The effect of Christ's death
 - Redemption
 - Reconciliation
 - Satisfaction
6. The New Covenant
7. The First Gospel – Genesis 3:15
8. The universal terms of Scripture: world and all
9. The “problem” texts

What was the purpose of Christ's death?

Matthew 1:21 – save His people from their sins

Luke 19:10 – seek and to save the lost.

Galatians 1:4 – deliver us from this present evil age

Galatians 4:4-5 – receive the adoption of sons

Ephesians 5:25-27 – present her holy to Himself

Hebrews 2:14-15 – destroy . . . and deliver . . .

Hebrews 9:11-15 – receive the promise

Hebrews 13:12 – sanctify the people with His own blood”

1 Peter 3:18 – to bring us to God

The union of obtaining and applying

Isaiah 53:5 – He was wounded – we are healed

Isaiah 53:11 – bear iniquities – justify many

John 3:16 – God gave His Son – we might have eternal life

John 10:10 – Christ came – have life abundantly

Romans 4:25 – delivered for our offenses – raised for our justification

Romans 5:18 – righteousness of One – free gift came upon all men

2 Corinthians 5:21 – He was made sin for us

– we become God's righteousness

Hebrews 2:10 – Captain perfected through suffering

– bring many sons to glory

The union of offering and intercession

Sacrifice

Daniel 9:26 – Messiah cut off, but not for Himself

John 1:29 – Lamb of God takes away the sin of the world

Romans 4:25 - delivered for our offenses

Romans 5:6 – Christ died for the ungodly

Galatians 2:20 – gave Himself for me

Ephesians 5:25 – gave Himself for her (the Church)

Hebrews 9:14 – Christ offered Himself without spot to God

Hebrews 9:26 – “put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”

Hebrews 10:12 – “offered one sacrifice for sins forever”

1 Peter 2:24 – bear our sins in His Own body on the tree

Revelation 1:5 – washed us from our sins in His Own blood.

Intercession

John 17:9, 24 – pray not for the world but for the elect

Romans 8:32-34 – intercedes

Hebrews 7:25 – able to save to the uttermost, since he intercedes.

Hebrews 9:7, 11, 12, 15 – Christ entered the Most Holy Place . . .

Hebrews 9:24 – appears in the presence of God for us

1 John 2:1 – our Advocate

The effect of the death of Christ

Redemption

Delivery of one from captivity and misery by a price or ransom.

Matthew 20:28 – a ransom for many

Romans 3:24 – redemption through His blood

Galatians 3:13 – justified . . . through redemption in Christ Jesus

Ephesians 1:7 – redemption through His blood

Colossians 1:14 – redemption through His blood

1 Timothy 2:6 – a ransom for all, to be testified in due time

Hebrews 9:12 – “having obtained eternal redemption.”

1 Peter 1:18-19 - redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus Christ

Reconciliation

The wrath of God turned away from us and we turned away from our opposition to Him

Roman 5:10 – enemies, now reconciled to God by Christ’s death

2 Cor. 5:18-20 – reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ

Eph. 2:13-16 – brought near by the blood of His cross

Col. 1:20 – by Christ, to reconcile all things to Himself – made peace

Satisfaction

Full compensation of the creditor from the debtor.

Isaiah 53:11 – see the labor of His soul and be satisfied

Matthew 3:17 (2 Peter 1:17) – My beloved Son – well pleased!

Rom. 3:25 – God set Him forth to be a propitiation – nothing lacking

1 John 2:2 – He is the propitiation for our sins.

1 John 4:9-10 – God sent His Son to be a propitiation

The New Covenant

Unconditional forgiveness of sins NOT like the Old Covenant

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The blood of the New Covenant

Matthew 26:28; Hebrews 9:14-15; 12:24; 13:20-21

The Prot-evangelicum

Genesis 3:15

Seed of the woman

Seed of the serpent – Matt. 3:7; 23:33; John 8:44-47; 1 John 3:8

The seed of the woman died not for the seed of the serpent.

Universal words: world and all

Meaning derived from context not imposed on the text

World

Creation (John 1:10; 3:19; 6:14)

Men in the world (Rom. 3:19; John 7:4, 7)

Corrupted order (Eph. 2:2; James 1:27)

Sinful men (Luke 16:8; John 18:36)

Dominion of Satan (John 14:30; 16:33)

All

Collective or distributive

Collective = all in general

Distributive = all kinds

Illustrations

Romans 5:18 – judgment on all; righteous act to all

1 Cor. 15:22 – As in Adam all died even so in Christ shall all be made alive

Eph. 4:6 – Father of all, above all and through all and in you all

Texts which seem to support a universal atonement

Texts which speak of the world:

John 1:29; 3:16; 4:42; 6:51; 2 Cor. 5:19; 1 John 2:2

Texts which speak of all men or everyone:

Rom. 5:18; 1 Cor. 15:22; 2 Cor. 5:14, 15; 1 Tim. 2:4, 6;

Hebrews 2:9; 2 Peter 3:9

Texts which speak of the perishing of some for whom Christ died:

Rom. 14:15; 1 Cor. 8:11; Heb. 10:29; 2 Peter 2:1

Preach the Gospel!

You are a sinner, under the eternal wrath of God.

You are not able to do anything to solve your problem.

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the Savior of the world.

Trust in Him to deliver you from the wrath to come.

Believe that His death on the cross is your only hope.