

The Glory of God in the Salvation of Sinners (Part 5)

The Cross: Christ's Atonement

The question we are contemplating today is: What did Christ's death achieve?

Sermon Questions

1. "What did Christ's death achieve?" Commonly, it is taught that Christ's died for the sin of every person such that salvation is possible for everyone. (Yes/No) Would you agree? (Yes/No/Not Sure)
2. If Christ died for the sins of every person, then it follows that:
 - a. Christ accomplished a _____ salvation, not an _____ one.
 - b. _____ is full of people for whom Christ died.
 - c. People are _____ for sin that _____ paid for.
 - d. On the cross, Christ did exactly the same thing for those in _____ as he did for those in _____.
 - e. Jesus _____ to achieve what he set out to accomplish.
3. Everyone believes that the atonement is limited in its _____ (for whom it applies) or limited in its _____ (in what it accomplishes).
4. The glory of the atonement is in its effect! (Yes/No)
5. Why, in Revelation 5, does Jesus receive praise and worship?
 - a. Because he was slain.
 - b. Because his death had great potential.
 - c. Because his death ransomed people for God out of every tribe, language, people, and nation.
 - d. Because his death made these ransomed people a kingdom and priests to our God.
 - e. Because his death ensures these ransomed people will reign on the earth.
6. Substitutionary atonement teaches that Jesus takes and pays for a person's sins, and that person receives forgiveness and Christ's righteousness. It is a great exchange! (Yes/No)
7. Christ's atonement guarantees our complete redemption. (Yes/No)
8. The fitting response to the glory of Christ's atonement is: _____.
9. Has your answer to "What did Christ's death achieve?" been changed today? (Yes/No)

Lunch Conversation Starters

1. What were the points in today's sermon that challenged you?
2. What were the points in today's sermon that encouraged you?
3. What questions or concerns do you have from today's teaching?

Heeding God's Word Today and This Week

"let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works"

1. **Today:** If today's teaching was new to you, we assume that this is some new teaching. However, consider that this has been the historical belief of the church that was recovered at the Reformation. Calvin, Luther, Edwards, Whitefield, Owen, Carrey, Spurgeon and many other great pastors and men of God taught the truth that we considered today. Let us ponder what we've learned and contemplate the glory of the atonement. What worship it produces in our hearts to know that the all-merciful and all-powerful Christ achieved salvation for his church.
2. **This Week:** Meet a fellow church member for coffee (or before work or during lunch break) or give them a call. Read John 10:1–30 together. How do the "sheep" differ from the Pharisees? What did Christ do for his sheep and not those bent on his destruction and the destruction of the sheep? End by asking them how you can pray for them to live for Christ and others this week. Pray for one another.
3. **This Week:** For more details on this topic, consider the essay written on the topic of the extent of Christ's atonement found online at:
<http://www.fairviewbaptistchurch.ca/for-whom-did-christ-die/>