

The Glory of God in the Salvation of Sinners (Part 6)

The Cost: Christ's Atonement (2 of 2)

Did Christ's death secure salvation for his new covenant people? Or, did Christ's death provide salvation for all?

Sermon Questions

1. Last week we asked "What did Christ's atonement achieve?" The answer:
 - a. Christ's died for the sin of all people such that salvation is possible for all people.
 - b. Christ died to secure the salvation of his people such that they will be made a kingdom and priests to God, and will reign with him forever.
2. The glory of the atonement is not in its extent (offered to everyone), but in its effect (saves everyone for whom it's offered). (Yes/No)
3. Jesus inaugurated the new covenant with his death. (Yes/No)
4. The newness of the new covenant is that everyone in the covenant will be saved (truly know God)—God will ensure it. (Yes/No)
5. Christ, by means of his own blood, _____ an eternal redemption.
6. The context of 1 Timothy 4:10 is the atonement of Christ. (Yes/No)
7. The phrase "all people" in 1 Timothy 2:1, 4, and 6 refers to every single person who lived, is living, and shall live. (Yes/No)
8. The focus of John 3:16 is that God love is demonstrated since he loved such bad people, not that he loved so many people. (Yes/No)
9. In 1 John 2:2 propitiation means that God's wrath was satisfied through Christ's death and resurrection. (Yes/No)
10. The promises of Romans 8 are secured in the death and priestly work of Jesus Christ. (Yes/No)

Let us be comforted and glory in the work of Christ and its accomplishment of salvation for a multitude of people, from every tribe, tongue, people, and nation, those in the new covenant who will forever be with the Lord *because* they were purchased, bought, redeemed by the Lamb who was slain!

Let the Christian feel that the teaching which lowers the work of Christ, makes it dependent upon the will of man as to its effect, puts the cross on the ground and saith, "That blood is shed, but it may be shed in vain, shed in vain for you,"—let us all feel that such teaching cometh not from the Spirit of God. That teaching it is which, pointing to the cross, saith, "He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied;" that teaching which makes the atonement a true atonement which put away the vindictive justice of God for ever from every soul for whom that atonement was offered, exalts Christ, and, therefore, it is a teaching which comes from the Spirit of God. When your heart is brought to rest upon what Christ has done, when, laying aside all confidence in your own works, knowledge, prayings, doings, or believings, you come to rest upon what Christ has done in its simplicity, then is Jesus Christ exalted in your heart, and it must have been the work of the Spirit of divine grace. The person, then, and the work of Christ are exalted.

—Charles Spurgeon, April 23, 1865

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 Romans 8:31–39 together. What elements of Jesus' priestly role are in verse 34? Does Jesus intercede for those for whom he has died? What is most comforting in these verses? 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/>