

God's Amazing Salvation! Part 4

Romans 3:21-31

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*“But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified freely by His grace through **the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood**, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.” (Romans 3:21-31; NKJ)*

IV. Why Did Jesus Die on the Cross?

☞ “Theories of the Atonement”

- A. Jesus died as a “moral influence” for you. (1 Peter 2:21-23)
- B. Jesus died to be the ransom for you. (Mark 10:45)

C. Jesus died as a _____ for you.

“And the Lord God commanded the man, saying, ‘Of every tree of the garden you may freely eat; but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.’” (Genesis 2:16-17; NKJ)

☞ Substitution - An _____ victim takes the place of _____ people.

“...the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood,...” (vv 24-25)

“so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.” (Hebrews 9:28; NKJ)

“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.” (2 Corinthians 5:21; NKJ)

“For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God,” (1 Peter 3:18; NKJ)

D. Jesus died to win the _____ over _____ and _____.

☞ The “_____” Theory of Atonement.

“Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” (Hebrews 2:14-15; NKJ)

“He erased the certificate of debt, with its obligations, that was against us and opposed to us, and has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and disgraced them publicly; he triumphed over them in him.” (Colossians 2:14-15; NKJ)

Conclusion

“So when this corruptible has put on incorruption, and this mortal has put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: ‘Death is swallowed up in victory. O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?’ The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:54-55; NKJ)