

THE MEANING AND BLESSINGS OF JESUS' DEATH

I. DISCUSSION

1. The death of Jesus Christ is a prominent theme in N.T. Scriptures.
2. In two previous lessons we have dealt with: Why Did Jesus Die? Why Did Jesus Have To Die?
3. There is still more to be said about the death of Jesus Christ.
4. In this lesson we shall focus our attention on the meaning and blessings of Jesus' death in God's scheme of human redemption.
5. To fully appreciate the place of Jesus' death in God's scheme of human redemption we need to be aware of the meaning of his death in that plan and the resultant blessings of his death as part of that plan available to all men.
6. To help make us aware of its meaning and blessings we shall consider what the N.T. teaches about its nature, scope, its results and benefits.

II. DISCUSSION

A. ITS NATURE

1. It was predetermined and foreordained or foreapproved according to God's eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord, Ac.2:22-24; 1Pet.1:18-20; Rev.13:8; Eph.3:8-11.
2. It was voluntary, Jno.10:17,18 (Ac.2:24, etc.); Gal.2:20.
3. It was vicarious (substitutionary, performed in place of another), and sacrificial, Rom.4:25a; 1cor.5:7; 15:3; Gal.1:3,4; 1Pet.3:18; Heb.9:14,26.
4. It was expiatory, propitiatory, having the power or nature of atonement, i.e., atoning for or an expiation for sins, Rom.3:19-26; 5:8-11; Gal.3:13; 1Jno.2:1,2; 4:10.
5. It is redemptive, pertaining to redemption or justification, or serving to redeem from sin, Ac.20:28; Gal.1:4; 3:13; 4:4,5; Eph.1:7; Col.1:7; Heb.9:12.

B. ITS SCOPE

1. For the whole world; for every man, Heb.2:9.
2. Why for the whole world, or for every man? Because:
 - a. All have sinned and come short of the glory of God and need a Savior, which only he could be, Rom.3:9-26; Jno.1:29; Romm.5:6-9.

- b. God will have all men to be saved, 1Tim.2:3-6; 2Pet.3:9; 1Tim.1:15; 1Jno.2:1,2; 1Pet.3:18; 1Tim.4:10.
 - c. All are invited to come and find rest, Mt.11:28-30.
3. Why, then, will all men not be saved? Because all will not come! Mt.7:13,14; Jno.5:39,40.

C. ITS RESULTS OR BENEFITS

- 1. Reconciliation to God is promised, Rom.5:10; 2Cor.5:17-20.
- 2. Redemption from the curse of the law is secured, Gal.3:10-29; Gal.2:16.
- 3. Both Jew and Gentile are made “one new man, so making peace,” Eph.2:11-22; Cf. Col.2:14-17.
- 4. Forgiveness of or cleansing from all sin is made possible for both alien and erring child, Eph.1:7; Col.1:14; 1Jno.1:7,9; Ac.8:20-24.
- 5. Grounds for justification from guilt is provided, Rom.5:8,9; 4:25.
- 6. Condemnation is forever removed for those who are in Christ who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit, Rom.7:24-8:4; Jno.3:16-18,36; Jno.5:24; 2Pet.1:5-11.
- 7. The fear of death is removed for the children of God in Christ, Rom.8:16,17; Heb.2:11-18.

III. CONCLUSION

- 1. How do we access or gain admittance to the benefits of his death? By faith being baptized into his death, Rom.6:1-11; Gal.3:26-29; Col.2:12,13