

Jesus: Suffering, Yet Saving

Isaiah 53:4-6

The Nature of the Atonement:

It is profoundly _____ ...

The sweetness of the gospel lies mostly in pronouns, [such] as me, my, thy – “Who loved me, and gave Himself for me”, “Christ Jesus my Lord”, “Son, be of good cheer, thy sins are forgiven thee”. (Martin Luther)

It displays _____ as the ultimate demonstration of God’s _____ ...

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

It makes _____ doxological, not merely theological ...

Jesus took what we deserve and freely gave us what only He deserves!

It is of _____!

_____ – the man on the cross – is infinite in glory and goodness.

_____ – the price of every man’s sin – is infinite in scope and duration.

For What Did Christ Atone?

Is physical healing in the atonement?

In what way is physical healing related to the atonement?

The atonement is about _____ from our _____ and ultimately _____ from sin’s many effects.

But recognize this: The atonement is about _____, not _____. While there is certainly _____ relief to be found in our salvation, to claim that Jesus died to take away _____ is not at all what the scriptures teach – _____. And yet ...

The effects of sin include grief, sorrow, discord, and _____. From those, redemption offers a reprieve. That’s because ...

Dealing with the _____ (the cause) eventually addresses every _____ (the effects).

Remember: Disease is not a sin, but a _____ of the total effect of sin in this world.

Disease has no penalty that must be atoned for. And disease does not hinder your relationship/fellowship with God. Christ did not become “disease” for us; he became _____ for us. (2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; 1 Pet. 2:24; 1 John 3:5)

What about Matthew 8:14-17?

Answer: Matthew 8 is to Isaiah 53 what Matthew 17 is to Revelation 19 – A _____!

What about 1 Peter 2:21-24?

Answer: Continue reading to 2:18-25 and discover that Peter is preparing us to _____ more suffering, not to be relieved of it.

Conclusion: Physical healing is not _____ the atonement but does come _____ the atonement. Thru the atonement, we will be forever _____ to God and fully enabled to _____ Him forever. (Psa. 73:24-26; Gal. 1:3-4; Col. 1:15-23; 1 Thess. 4:15-18)

Our present _____ bodies (we are degenerating and will die, barring His return) will put on _____. Every good thing ensues. Every bad thing becomes _____. This is a _____ of the _____. (1 Cor. 15:50-58; 2 Cor. 5:1-4; Romans 8:23)

For Whom Did Christ Atone?

Will all of Christ’s purposes for sending Christ to die ultimately be fulfilled?

What did God intend to accomplish thru the sacrifice of Jesus (and did He accomplish it?)

If Christ’s death was _____ (a vicarious, penal satisfaction), then it must necessarily also be uniquely _____ to those He intends to save. (Did Jesus die for Judas in the same sense he died for Peter? Or for Pharoah in the same sense as Paul?)

And while at no time is the gospel confined to any gender, ethnicity, nationality or class of people, and must be offered without _____ to all ... (Isa 55:1; Matthew 11:28-30; 28:19; Luke 24:47; Acts 3:19, 13:38-41, 17:17, 18:4, 19:8; 1 Cor. 9:19; 2 Cor 5:11, 20; Rev. 5:9)

... the scriptural terms for redemption are almost exclusively _____ in nature: Eg. Jesus died for “His people,” for the “many,” for His “sheep,” for “the children of God,” for “His friends,” for “the church,” and for “God’s elect.” (Matthew 1:21, 20:28, 26:28; John 10:11, 15, 17:9; Acts 20:28; Eph. 5:25-27; Heb. 9:15, 28; 1 Tim 4:10)

The atonement of Jesus was _____, not _____.

Conclusion: Christ’s atonement was specific in its _____ (God’s people), was effective in its _____ (As our substitute, He actually bore our sins on the cross), and actually _____ what God intended it to do (justify many). The salvation of the Good Shepherd’s sheep is certain!

My Hope and Humbling in the Atonement:

We can find _____ in the particular, substituting _____ of Christ for us. (For me)

We can be _____ in the effective, saving work of Christ. He has _____ it for us.

We can be _____ as we evangelize knowing that everyone who _____ to be saved _____ be and everyone for whom Jesus died _____ be!