



The Death of the Son of God

Lesson 7

1. How were we reconciled to God?

Romans 5:10 _____

Notice, it was not the death of the Son of man only (the human nature), but the death of the divine Son of God that reconciled us to God. God loves us so much that He sent His only begotten Son into this world to die for wretched sinners like you and me. This is more than a cliché. The thought contained in these words demonstrates the immense sacrifice that God made in our behalf.

2. How do we know that God will give up anything for us?

Romans 8:32 _____

If God was willing to give up His own Son for us, it proves, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that He is willing to give up all that He possesses for our benefit. We know this because His Son meant more to Him than anything in the universe, as indicated by this verse. When we understand what took place at the cross, it will melt our hearts like nothing else can.

3. What had to be done to Christ to reconcile us to God?

Isaiah 53:6 _____

4. How did this cause Him to be counted in relation to sinners?

Isaiah 53:12 _____

5. How did Jesus prophetically express this same thought in Psalms?

Psalms 88:4 _____

“The pit” here refers to the grave. Only those who transgress God’s law experience death, for Christ to die He had to be counted with those who have sinned. (For a thorough study on death and hell, please contact us and request the pamphlets entitled, “What Happens After Death” and “God’s Love Revealed in Hell.”)

6. How did the pit, or death experience of Christ compare to others?

Psalms 88:6, 7 _____

Christ suffered the worst death that anyone has ever, or will ever, suffer. Others have suffered equally or even greater if we limit His suffering to His physical pain alone. His death was the worst because His relationship with His Father was closer than anyone had ever experienced. When our sins interfered with this relationship it caused Him the greatest anguish that anyone will ever suffer. Though He had not sinned, He was tempted to believe that He would suffer eternal death for our salvation. Christ made the conscious decision that if it meant He must die for eternity so you can live with God forever, then He was willing to do it.

7. How did Christ say He could have escaped this turmoil whenever He chose?

Matthew 26:53 _____

8. What words of Christ expressed His complete submission to His Father?

Mark 14:36 _____

The Son of God was “obedient unto death, even the death of the cross” (Philippians 2:8). Just before His dying breath, Christ said,

“Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit” (Luke 23:46), signifying that He yielded His eternal destiny into the hands of His Father.

9. What did Jesus tell His disciples about His Father leaving Him?

John 16:32 _____

10. How do we know that Christ felt forsaken by His Father on the cross?

Matthew 27:46 _____

The Son of God suffered a real and agonizing death when the sins of the whole world were placed upon Him. (See Isaiah 53:6 and 1 John 2:2.) It was not pretend, it was not an act, it was real. When His Father turned His back on Him (Psalm 88:14) it was something Christ had not anticipated, for He told His disciples that His Father would not leave Him alone.

11. Why was Jesus made lower than the angels?

Hebrews 2:9 _____

This verse would mean absolutely nothing if the Son of God did not die completely. There are some who claim that Christ came down from heaven and inhabited a human body and that, when it came time to die, only the human body died while the divine being who came down from heaven remained alive. With this view we would have to conclude that there was only a human sacrifice made for our redemption. No matter how exalted the pre-existent Son was, no matter how glorious, how powerful, or even eternal, if the manhood only died, the sacrifice was only human. It is contrary to reason to believe that a human sacrifice is sufficient to redeem mankind, and it is contrary to Scripture to say that only half of Christ died.

12. According to the context, who died the death of the cross?

Philippians 2:5-9 _____

The same identical Being who was in the form of God in verse six, died in verse eight.

13. The glorified Son of God said that He was what?

Revelation 1:18 _____

14. What was Jesus cut off out of?

Isaiah 53:8 _____

15. What was made an offering for sin?

Isaiah 53:10 _____

According to the Scripture, the soul of Christ died; the soul of Christ was made the offering for sin. The soul of a person constitutes the entire being. If a soul dies, the entire being is dead. Yes, it is possible for a soul to die. God said, "...the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezekiel 18:4). The soul is more than just the body.

16. Jesus said that we are not to fear who?

Matthew 10:28 _____

17. Instead, who are we to fear?

Matthew 10:28 _____

There is a clear distinction between the soul and the body. When only the body is killed, the soul, though not conscious (Ecclesiastes 9:5), is not destroyed. It is preserved in an unconscious state awaiting the resurrection. When the soul is destroyed in the second death (Revelation 20:14), nothing is retained, for there is no resurrection from the second death.

18. How do we know that Christ's soul went to hell or the grave?

Acts 2:31 _____

The word "hell" in the preceding verse was translated from the Greek word *hades*. This word means grave in every case. The soul of Christ rested with His body in the tomb.

Christ died completely for our sins. He made the conscious decision to lay down His life even if He would never come back to life again. He would rather die forever than live without you!

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