

John # 163 “The Hired Hand Abandons The Sheep” *John 10:11-14*

Sin is anything contrary to the character of God or anyone acting independently of God and God’s gracious provision; it’s coming short of God’s righteousness.

Although any sin breaks the mirror of God’s Law, all sins are not the same to Him and never have been.

God knew about all sins in eternity past, He knew simultaneously every sin that would ever be committed by every member of the human race and that didn’t hinder His grace!

While all sins are not the same to God, the solution to all sins, His plan through His Son is the same.

The justice of God judged every sin in human history, so that the love of God could provide the solution for our failure as expressed in the grace of God, Eph 2:8-9!

In eternity past, Jesus Christ as eternal God made four fantastic decisions: 1.

Substitutionary unlimited atonement—He agreed to go to the cross and be judged for the sins of the world in His humanity.

2. Propitiation—He agreed to satisfy the justice and righteousness of the Father. 3.

Reconciliation—He agreed to reconcile man to God by grace alone through faith alone. 4.

Redemption—He agreed to free man from slavery to his sin nature by providing the free gift

of salvation through faith alone in Him alone.

Forgiveness is the result of the redemptive work of Jesus Christ on the Cross; redemption was the judgment of Jesus Christ on the Cross.

Forgiveness occurs at the moment of salvation through the decision of mankind with regard to the salvation work of Christ.

All pre-salvation sins are forgiven the moment we believe in Christ and all post-salvation sins are forgiven the moment we obey 1st John 1:9 and acknowledge our sins.

Unbelievers have rejected the love of God but the love of God has never rejected an unbeliever!

Contrary to Satan’s mis-representation, God is not the author of sin or temptation Jas1:13-15 “When tempted, no one should say, God is tempting me. For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.”

All sins come from the free-will of the believer’s soul; the sin nature only motivates the believer to sin and

he proceeds of his own free will.

Sin originated with Satan through his negative reaction to God and then God created Adam and Eve in perfection and both were free moral agents, just as Lucifer was and like him, each could only sin by their own negative reaction in acting independently of God.

When the justice of God the Father called for the imputation of all sins of the human race to the Lord Jesus Christ on the Cross, our Lord removed the barrier of sin by bearing the

punishment for our sins, so that sin is not the issue in salvation.

This is evidenced at the GWT where sin is not the issue in eternal judgment; the issue is the righteousness of God vs the righteousness of man for salvation.

The unbeliever is judged because he's not believed in God's uniquely-born Son.

So, sin is not the issue in salvation; faith in Jesus Christ is the issue and the reason that personal sins are not an issue is because Jesus Christ received the full judgment of every sin in human history when He hung on the Cross.

At the cross, the Lord Jesus laid His own soul life down on the table for all to see.

FIVE RESULTS OF ADAM'S ORIGINAL SIN:

1. Instantaneous spiritual death to Adam and all after him, "When you eat from it you will certainly die."

2. Trichotomous man became dichotomous.

3. A sin nature is conceived and passed on genetically.

4. We sin because we have a sin nature from birth, we are not sinners because we sin after birth.

5. The Incarnation of Jesus Christ in Hypostatic Union is in response to Adam's original sin because it takes a man to die for a man as his facsimile and substitute.

THEORIES OF OUR LORD'S ATONEMENT:

1. Ransom to Satan Theory: The Lord's Atonement is a ransom paid to Satan to purchase mankind's freedom and release him from being enslaved to the devil.

2. Recapitulation Theory: The Lord's Atonement reversed the course of mankind from disobedience initiated by the first Adam to obedience from the Second Adam.

3. Dramatic Theory: The Lord's Atonement secures victory in a divine conflict between good and evil and therefore, wins man's freedom from bondage to Satan.

4. Mystical Theory: The Lord's Atonement provides triumph over His own sin nature through the power of the Holy Spirit.

5. Moral Influence Theory: The Lord's Atonement is a demonstration of God's love which causes man's heart to soften and repent.

6. Example Theory: The Lord's Atonement simply provides an example of faith and obedience to inspire man also to be obedient to God.

7. Commercial Theory: The Lord's Atonement brings infinite honor to God.

8. Governmental Theory: The Lord's Atonement demonstrates God's high regard for His Law and His attitude toward sin.

9. Penal Substitution Theory: The Lord's Atonement is His vicarious substitute sacrifice

that completely satisfied the demands of God's justice upon sin.

Jesus died spiritually for us.

Our Lord's physical death did not have to do with our salvation for He died physically because the work of His substitutionary spiritual death was finished and also so He could rise from the dead signifying the Father's approval of His Son!

The strikes against man:

Sin

God's solution:

Redemption And Unlimited Atonement

Penalty of sin

Expiation

Physical birth

Regeneration

Relative righteousness Imputation Justification

Character of God

Propitiation

Position in Adam

Position in Christ

Religion is in opposition to God's plan.

The Lord Jesus knew us (everything about us) from eternity past and He continues to love us!

God is no respecter of persons.

God does not respect us and yet, He loves us totally!

God loves us in spite of us, never because of us.