



**Scriptures and Doctrine :: Was the death of Christ necessary?**

**Was the death of Christ necessary? - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2007/7/28 23:26**

Absolutely. The just penalty for sin is death; not merely physical but the spiritual as well. The sacrifice of Christ was necessity for each and every one of us. Only the perfect, holy, righteous One could offer up Himself as the Lamb of God. Only He who knew no sin could atone for the sins of the world. Before there could be resurrection and eternal life, there has to be death to self and sin!! :-D

**Re: Was the death of Christ necessary? - posted by LiveforGod (), on: 2007/7/28 23:30**

Amen. Good stuff. :-) May the Lord use you in a mighty way sojourner7.

**Re: Was the death of Christ necessary?, on: 2007/7/29 7:51**

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Cops ey bro O... - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/7/29 21:50

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ou have no idea how right you are. the Revelation does say Christ was slain from the foundations of the world.

have you any idea the implications of this Truth? :-?

Grace and Peace be ours in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

**Re: - posted by LoveHim, on: 2007/7/29 22:04**

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**Re: - posted by sojourner7 (), on: 2007/7/29 22:26**

We're talking the deep things of the wisdom of God here. The work of the cross is atonement and redemption; the way of the cross is the path we must choose if we follow Him!! ;-)

**Re: - posted by HopePurifies (), on: 2007/7/29 22:45**

Hey Ormly,

You're a very interesting fellow. :-)

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Indeed! That is exactly what I mean. God gave Adam dominion over everything except himself. God wanted Adam to willingly give up his right to himself .... give it back to God and when God saw that in Adam, He would then have placed His divinity in Adam much like He is now able to do to us because of Jesus. We call it, the new birth. It is indeed a new beginning whereby we can do what Adam failed to do. We have more than what Adam had inasmuch as we can have an explanation for it all. We have reasons to do so Adam was never given. We have, because of the Life of Christ within us a Divinity he never had, to aid us in overcoming the solicitations of our enemy. We can now view the wilderness experience of Jesus as our life might be for us.

That's in capsule form for now. Please ponder it and read of redemption in that light. Let it speak to what it means about Jesus being the second Adam that God purposes can now still be accomplished in bringing about a vast family of sons. Begin to see that the "WORK of the Cross" gives us all the possibility of that new start to divinity. A grooming for it, if you will. Read John 3 in that light.

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:-Drm

The opened sight

*To open their eyes, . . . . that they may receive . . . Acts 26:18.*

This verse is the grandest condensation of the propaganda of a disciple of Jesus Christ in the whole of the New Testam ent.

The first sovereign work of grace is summed up in the words— “that they may receive remission of sins.” When a m an fails in personal Christian experience, it is nearly always because he has never received anything. The only sign that a man is saved is that he has received something from Jesus Christ. Our part as workers for God is to open men’s eye s that they may turn themselves from darkness to light; but that is not salvation, that is conversion—the effort of a rous ed human being. I do not think it is too sweeping to say that the majority of nominal Christians are of this order; their eye s are opened, but they have received nothing.

Conversion is not regeneration. This is one of the neglected factors in our preaching today. When a man is born again, he knows that it is because he has received something as a gift from Almighty God and not because of his own decision. People register their vows, and sign their pledges, and determine to go through, but none of this is salvation. Salvation means that we are brought to the place where we are able to receive something from God on the authority of Jesus Chri st, viz., remission of sins.

Then there follows the second mighty work of grace—“and inheritance among them which are sanctified.” In sanctifi cation the regenerated soul deliberately gives up his right to himself to Jesus Christ, and identifies himself entirely with G od’s interest in other men.

Chambers, Oswald: My Utmost for His Highest : Selections for the Year. Grand Rapids, MI : Discovery House Publisher s, 1993, c1935, S. January 10

**Re: - posted by whyme, on: 2007/7/30 8:11**

Ormlly,

not to turn things upside down but is it possible the fall was allowed so that Jesus could give His life to demonstrate Go d's infinite love, even for the sinner? Your original question presupposes I think that man is the end all of God's redemp tive plan. Romans 8:30 says that God's purpose is to have Jesus the firstborn among many brethern but God's ultimate purpose is to make manifest and display His glory and His son's sacrificial love for His rebellious enemies is the greatest manifestation of His love and glory. I prefer to think that man revolves around the Son and not vice versa.

**Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2007/7/30 9:00**

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It is true we are called to have dominion over sin and temptation, but we have little control over the afflictions sent our way: the only control we have is our response to it. And such is much of life. Since this is the case I do not see humans as having any potential of being even a 'lesser god'.

Having said all this I do know the serpent in the garden told Eve they will be as god knowing good and evil. This statement implies that the discernment of right vs wrong is godlike. I will suggest our fallen human nature finds this discernment severely flawed, at best. Even though we may be redeemed, have the Spirit to enlighten us, we still have to battle the old man and will continue to do so until death.

What say? Did I misunderstand or are we saying the same thing using different words to say it?

ginnyrose

**Re: - posted by HopePurifies (), on: 2007/7/30 13:12**

I hope your surgery goes well.

I think the key to understanding what Ormly has said of course, is to read the excerpt he posted from Oswald Chambers. God would have given Adam and Eve His Holy Spirit within had they cleared the way by obeying God and denying themselves the fruit.

I probably wouldn't have used the word Divinity as it raises eyebrows, but I don't think we can say that it is completely wrong to use such terminology. When we receive the Holy Spirit within us, we have God inside, and when He works through us, God is working. Receive Divinity = receive the Holy Spirit.

I think Ormly has something here. I tread lightly because I've never heard of this before, but then again, I never heard I could overcome sin in the first 3 years of my profession of faith either.

**Re: reply - posted by rowdy2 (), on: 2007/7/30 18:17**

Reply  
I pray this will help,

Jesus (Master)The only righteous one opens The Book, and sows the good seed (words of God)in our hearts(the good ground)if you are saved..

The bad seed are sown by the spirit of antichrist the flesh mind acting like Jesus pretending to be God deciding good and evil.

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**Re: Divinity - posted by UniqueWebRev (), on: 2007/8/2 6:54**

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