



ROMANS

The Greatest Letter Ever Written!

1. Whenever a doctrine receives the prominence the Bible gives to Christ's atonement, it must be significant to our lives.
2. If we grasp how personal the cross of Christ is, we will find solid ground for full assurance.
3. This truth impacts us powerfully with regard to the content of our devotion to the Lord.

Rom 4:23-25

“But the words "it was counted to him" were not written for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be counted to us who believe in him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord, who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification.”

1st People go to hell not simply for rejecting Christ but for their sin. For this reason, Christ's death did not remove their sins.

2nd Isn't the rejection of Christ itself a sin? If it is, didn't Christ, die for it?

3rd Would Christ have died to save those who were already perishing?

1. All those whom Christ died for, died with Christ: **2 Cor 5:14**.

2. All who died with Christ are raised with Christ to salvation: **Ro 6:5, 8**.

3. Not everybody is raised with Christ to salvation: Rev **20:15**.

4. Therefore, not everybody died with Christ.

5. Therefore, Christ did not die for everybody--for everybody whom Christ died for, died with Christ (**principle #1**), but not everybody has died with Christ (**principle #4**).

John 3:16-17 “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, so that whoever believes in him would not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.”

1 John 4:9 “In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.”

Ps 135:6 “Whatever the Lord pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth”

Is 44:10 “I will do my good pleasure”.

Pr 19:21 “The purposes of the Lord will stand”

Dan 4:35 “all the inhabitants of the earth are accounted as nothing, and he does according to his will among the host of heaven and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can stay his hand or say to him, “What have you done?”

Job 23:13 “He is unchangeable, and who can turn him back? What he desires, that he does.”

Job 42:2 “you can do all things and no one can thwart your purposes.”

1 John 2:1-2 “My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.”

Rom 8:34 “Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised— who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.”

John 17:9 “I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those whom you have given me, for they are yours.”

1. Christ's prayers are always answered (**John 11:22, 42**).
2. Not everybody is saved.
3. Therefore Christ is not interceding for all.
4. He only prays for those he died for

1. **Downward**, toward Satan: Jesus died to defeat Satan, who held the power of sin and death (**Col 2:15, Heb 2:14-15, 1 John 3:8**).
2. **Upward**, toward God: Jesus satisfied the Father's wrath by bearing our penalty in our place (**Ro 3:25-26, Gal 3:13, 2 Cor 5:21, 1 John 2:2; 4:10**).
3. **Sideways**, toward us: Jesus "suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you might follow in his steps" (**1 Peter 2:21**). Jesus loved us and gave himself for us.

2 Cor 5:21 “He who knew no sin became sin for us, “so that in him we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

Heb 2:14-15 “Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.”

The Main Purpose

The primary reason Jesus died, the main goal of the cross and resurrection, was to defeat sin, death, and Satan for the glory of God.

Penal substitution is the means to that end – salvation & justification

Benefits of reaching the end – adoption and everything it means to be in Christ