

Lecture 24 – The Saving Work of Christ (cont.)

“When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having canceled the written code, with its regulations, that was against us and that stood opposed to us; he took it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” Colossians 2:13-15

Key Terms

Salvific, voluntary, substitutionary, divinely appointed, victorious, legal, overturns the fall

Objectives

*Identify and describe biblical “pictures” used to present Christ’s saving death.

*Explore some implications of these pictures for our own lives as those “united to Christ.”

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A. Isaiah 52:13-53:12

B. Historical views of the atonement

C. A systematic summary of Christ’s saving work

1. Christ’s death is salvific.
2. Christ’s death is voluntary.
3. Christ’s death is substitutionary.
4. Christ’s death is according to divine appointment.
5. Scripture uses various themes/pictures to present Christ’s saving death.
 - a. Overview
 - b. Dr. Peterson’s thesis
 - c. Christ’s death is a mighty victory.
 - 1) OT background: Isaiah 53:10, 12
 - 2) The Gospel of John presents Jesus as the victor (in His death and resurrection) over the devil and the world. John 13:1-2, 27; 14:28-31; 16:8-11; 12:31-33. *(This point is not presented in the CD lecture)*
 - 3) Colossians 2:13-15
 - 4) I Corinthians 15:54-57
 - d. Death of Jesus, Second Adam, overturns the effects of Adam’s fall.
 - e. Christ’s death is sometimes presented in Scripture in legal terms.