

## Lecture 26 – The Saving Work of Christ (cont.)

“In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.’” Luke 22:20

### Key Terms

Victorious, overturns the fall, legal, sacrifice, exemplary, revelatory, ratification

### 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.
  - 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.
  - f. Christ’s death is sometimes presented in Scripture in priestly terms as a sacrifice (Luke 22:20; John 1:29, 36; 17:19; Ephesians 5:1-2; Hebrews).
  - g. Christ’s death is an example.
    - 1) Of servant-leadership (Mark 10:45)
    - 2) Of humility (Philippians 2:5-8)
    - 3) Of love (Ephesians 5:1-2)
    - 4) Of giving one’s life for God (John 12:23-26)
    - 5) Of patient endurance (Hebrews 12:2-3)
  - h. Christ’s death is revelatory (John 8:28; 14:31; Romans 5:8).
  - i. Christ’s death ratifies the New Covenant (Luke 22:20 and Hebrews).
  - j. Christ’s death is the basis for justification (Romans 3, 5).
  - k. Christ’s death accomplishes redemption and reconciliation (Romans 3).
6. Christ’s saving work includes these events:
  - a. Incarnation
    - 1) Christ became a man in order to be our Savior.
    - 2) Christ’s divine and human natures are essential for our salvation.
  - b. Earthly life
  - c. Crucifixion
  - d. Resurrection
    - 1) The basis/source of life for the people of God
    - 2) The life of the Son of God is important for our salvation.
  - e. Ascension and session
  - f. Return