

SMALL GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

1. Do you believe all people sin, and if so, why?
2. How does the aspect of a fallen world explain why things are the way they are today?
3. Why is it so important to have a correct view of sin?
4. How do we determine what is and what isn't sin?
5. How is Jesus' death a substitute for us?
6. What does it mean that we have the righteousness of Christ?
7. How do these truths motivate us as believers to follow Christ in all we do?

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Sermon Study Guide
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SERMON NOTES

THE UNIQUENESS OF CHRIST IN HIS DEATH

Mark 10:45

Jesus said "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Why did Jesus have to die?

The contamination of sin

The bible says in Romans 5:12 "Through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned."

Sin contamination is universal.

Psalm 51:5

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1. There is physical death – separated from God.
2. And spiritual death – separated from God.
3. And eternal death – separated from God forever.

Sin separates – at the heart of sin is the desire to be independent of God, to do things our own way.

Romans 1:21

For even though they knew God, they did not honor Him as God or give thanks, but they became futile in their speculations, and their foolish heart was darkened.

Romans 1:28 And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper.

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What is the standard that defines sin – it is ‘the glory of God’.

Romans 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, God’s controlling attribute is “holiness”.

Habakkuk 1:13 *Your* eyes are too pure to approve evil, And You cannot look on wickedness *with favor*. Why do You look with favor on those who deal treacherously? Why are You silent when the wicked swallow up those more righteous than they?

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The final result of sin’s contamination is death. Jesus had to die because sin is so corrupting that nothing short of death could eradicate it.

Since God is the offended party when we sin, it is His official right to determine on what basis sin shall be forgiven or atoned for and forgiven.

Hebrews 9:22

And according to the Law, *one may almost say*, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Why did God decree that blood was the required payment?

Because the life of the flesh is in the blood.

Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.’

God told Adam that the day he sinned, he would die. (Gen 2:17)

The requirement of blood goes all the way back to the garden of Eden, when (Gen 3:21) tells us God killed an animal to cover Adam and Eve after they sinned. The animal’s death satisfied God’s requirement and substituted for their deaths.

Christ’s death was a blood atonement. He offered Himself as a sacrificial substitution for the death our sins deserved.

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Peter who was present at Jesus’ crucifixion made the great statement in 1 Peter 2:24: and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

Gal 3:13

Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us— for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO HANGS ON A TREE”—

Notice the Law of Moses had a curse attached to it. Paul quoting Deut. 27:26 cursed to do them.

Gal 3:10

For as many as are of the works of the Law are under a curse; for it is written, “CURSED IS EVERYONE WHO DOES NOT ABIDE BY ALL THINGS WRITTEN IN THE BOOK OF THE LAW, TO PERFORM THEM.”

James 2:10

For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles in one *point*, he has become guilty of all.

Jesus was bearing the curse of the Law for us. And God was not ‘counting’ or charging our sins against our account.

2 Cor 5:19

namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation.

2 Cor 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.