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Section: Doctrine of Christ (Christology)

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q62. What did Christ accomplish by dying on the cross?**

Substitutionary Atonement.

On the cross, Christ fully satisfied God’s divine wrath as the perfect substitute in place of His elect.

**Q69. How was Jesus our sacrifice?**

Jesus is the spotless Lamb who took away our guilt from sin by having taken our place under the wrath of God.

* **The Cross**
* **Christ Fully Satisfied God’s Divine Wrath as the Perfect Substitute**

**1 Corinthians 15:3** For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures

**Colossians 2:13-14**

**Word of Truth Catechism, Q33**: What is sin? Sin is disobeying God; sin is any disobedience in heart or deed to God’s perfect law and commands.

**Romans 3:23** For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God

**Romans 2:5** But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed.

**2 Thessalonians 1:8-9** in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

**Matthew 25**

**Revelation 14:11** “And the smoke of their torment goes up forever and ever, and they have no rest, day or night …”

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death …

**Hebrews 10:26-27** … if we keep on sinning … [there is] only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God.

* **Atonement**

**Hebrews 9:22** … without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness of sin.

**Romans 6:23** for the wages for sin is death …

**Romans 3:25** (NIV) God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith …

* **Penal Substitutionary Atonement**

**Propitiation:** Jesus satisfies God’s wrath due the elect based on His substitutionary atonement.

**Expiation:** Jesus takes away the guilt of the elect based on His substitutionary atonement.

**Romans 8:1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

**2 Corinthians 5:21** (NASB) He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

* **How Is Jesus Our Sacrifice?**

Jesus is the spotless Lamb who took away our guilt from sin by having taken our place under the wrath of God.

* **The Lamb**

**Leviticus 4:32-35 “**If he brings a lamb as his offering for a sin offering, he shall bring a female without blemish and lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill it for a sin offering in the place where they kill the burnt offering. Then the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin offering with his finger and put it on the horns of the altar of burnt offering and pour out all the rest of its blood at the base of the altar … And the priest shall make atonement for him for the sin, which he has committed, and he shall be forgiven.”

**Hebrews 10:4** forit is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

**1 Peter 1:18-19** … you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, **like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.**

* **The Spotless Lamb**

**1 Peter 2:22-25** He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 23 When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Jesus was sinless!

**1 Peter 1:19** describes Jesus as “like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

**Hebrews 4:15** For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, **yet without sin.**

**Isaiah 53:6** All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; but the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Isaiah 53:7b** like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent …

* **In Place of His Elect**