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Section: Doctrine of Christ (Christology)

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**HANDOUT NOTES**

**Q71. How is Jesus our reconciliation?**

By satisfying God’s wrath due our sin, He restores our relationship with God.

* **What Is Sin?**

Sin is disobeying God; sin is any disobedience in heart or deed to God’s perfect law and commands.

Disobedience in Heart: Having the wrong state of mind, motivation, or desire behind what we do or feel. For example: Helping the old lady cross the street because you think she will give you a tip.

Disobedience in Deed: Doing or saying what God forbids, or not doing or saying what God commands. For example: Stealing.

* **Where Did Sin Come From?**

**Genesis 2:16-17** And the LORD God commanded the man, saying, “You may surely eat of every tree of the garden, but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it you shall surely die.”

**Genesis 3:1, 6, 13** Now the serpent was more crafty than any other beast of the field that the LORD God had made. He said to the woman, “Did God actually say, ‘You shall not eat of any tree in the garden’?” … So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate, and she also gave some to her husband who was with her, and he ate… Then the LORD God said to the woman, “What is this that you have done?” The woman said, “The serpent deceived me, and I ate.”

After the sin of Adam, all people are guilty: born sinful by nature, enslaved to sin, and practice sin willingly and continually; therefore, all are due the just penalty of God’s perfect wrath.

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Romans 5:8 (NIV)** But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

**Romans 10:9-10** …if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.

**Romans 5:1** Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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.

**Q70.** How is Jesus our righteousness? His perfect life of obedience is credited to us. God sees Christ’s righteousness when He looks on those who are saved. [We bring nothing to the table].

* **What Is Reconciliation?**

Reconciliation is the act of coming to an understanding and putting an end to hostility, as when former enemies agree to an amicable truce. The 1828 Websters Dictionary says: It is the act of reconciling parties at variance; renewal of friendship after disagreement or enmity. To be reconciled means for two people to be brought back together after a disagreement or situation that caused the split. In order for reconciliation to happen, one party must initiate it.

**Hebrews 12:28** Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe,

* **What Is God’s Wrath?**

God’s wrath is a holy and righteous response to sin.

**Romans 1:18-32**

Because God is just, He cannot ignore sin or leave it unpunished.

**Romans 2:1-5**

* **Why Does God’s Wrath Need to Be Satisfied?**

**Habakkuk 1:13 (NIV)** Your eyes are too pure to look on evil; you cannot tolerate wrongdoing…

**Psalm 5:4** For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil may not dwell with you.

**Herman Bavinck** “The satisfaction of God’s wrath is central to understanding the atonement; it is through Christ’s sacrifice that the righteous demands of God’s justice are fully met.”

* **How Does Christ’s Work Satisfy God's Wrath and Reconcile Us to God?**

Jesus Christ’s sacrifice on the cross is the means by which God’s wrath is satisfied.

* **What Does a Reconciled Relationship With God Look Like?**

A reconciled relationship with God includes faith, repentance, justification, sanctification, and community.

**Ephesians 2:8-9** For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast."

**Romans 5:11** …we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

**2 Corinthians 5:18** All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation;

**Q72. How is Jesus our victory?**

He has defeated Satan, sin, and death for us; therefore, we are no longer enslaved to these.

* **Jesus Defeated Satan for Us**
* **Who is Satan?**

Satan opposes God as the chief of all fallen angels by deceiving, tempting, and lying. Satan only has the access and ability that God permits him.

**Revelation 12:9a** And the great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world

**John 8:44** … he was a murderer from the beginning…

**Colossians 2:14-15** by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

**Romans 8:37-39** No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**James 4:7** Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

**1 Peter 5:8-9** Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world.

**Romans 16:20** The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Revelation 20:10** and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever.

* **Jesus Defeated Sin for Us**

**1 Corinthians 15:56-57** The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Romans 6:17-18** But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

**Romans 7:15** For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate.

The Christian life is a battle against sin.

**John Owen** “Be killing sin, or sin will be killing you.”

**Romans 6:14** For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

**Romans 6:17-18** But thanks be to God, that you who were once slaves of sin have become obedient from the heart to the standard of teaching to which you were committed, and, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness.

Believers are slaves to righteousness.

**Romans 6:6** We know that our old self was crucified with him in order that the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.

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

* **Jesus Defeats Death for Us**

**1 Corinthians 15:54-55** …“Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?”

**John Calvin** “Let us, therefore, bear in mind this consolation in afflictions—that we are already, in hope, conquerors of death and sin. The sting of death is sin. He shows that death has no power over us, except on the ground of sin. What, therefore, should we fear in death, since by Christ we are freed from sin?”

**1 Corinthians 15:26** The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

* **Summary**
* What does it mean for us practically that Christ is victorious over Satan?
* Satan can no longer blind us from the truth, as he does with unbelievers.

**2 Corinthians 4:4**

* Satan can be resisted by Christians.

**Ephesians 6:11**

* Satan’s power is limited toward Christians.

**1 John 4:3-4**

* Satan has been defeated and will be thrown into the lake of fire.

**Revelation 20:10**

* **What does it mean for us practically that Christ is victorious over sin?**
* Sin no longer has dominion over us.

**Psalm 130:8**

* Sin will not condemn us; it has been paid for by Christ.

**Hebrews 2:17**

* We can resist and endure sin.

**1 Corinthians 10:13**

* We can grow in holiness until final glorification.

**2 Corinthians 7:1**

* **What does it mean for us practically that Christ is victorious over death?**
* We can look death in the eye and not be scared, for we will rise because Christ rose.

**Romans 6:5**

* We should not have a hopeless grief for Christians who have died.

**1 Thessalonians 4:13-14**

* We will reign with God in Heaven forever.

**John 11:25-26**

* Our death, as Christians, is never in vain.

**Psalm 116:15**