

# Why did He Have to Die?

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| RECAP:             | <p>So, last week we talked about how we have a clean conscience and if our conscience is cleaned then our heart will be cleaned as well.</p> <p>— We looked at the difference between dead works and service for God.</p> <p>— — We spent time looking at the words “But God”, and finding that they usually bring awesome things to light for those that believe.</p> <p>— — — We spent a lot of time looking at the blood of Christ and its infinite worth.</p>                                                                                                                             |
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| INTRODUCTION:      | <p>Today we will be looking at Hebrew 9:15-17.</p> <p>— We will look at what it means for Christ to be the mediator of the new covenant.</p> <p>— We will see how Christ’s work as mediator differs from the way we think about mediators today.</p> <p>— We will talk about who those are, that will receive eternal inheritance.</p> <p>— Lastly, we will talk about the specific reason that our text this morning gives us for Jesus having to die. Yes, there are several reasons for Jesus having to die but one is specifically being called out here in our passage this morning.</p> |
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| <p><b>Hebrews 9:15–17 (NASB95): 15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.</b></p> <p><b>16 For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it.</b></p> <p><b>17 For a covenant is valid only when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.</b></p> | <p>“For this reason,” ...for what reason?<br/>It is for the very things that we looked at in verses 11-14.</p> <p>—We have Christ as high priest of good things to come, a more perfect tabernacle, the blood of Christ was shed, a cleaning of our conscience, so that we can serve God; This is why He (Christ) is the mediator of a new covenant.</p> <p>— —Without Christ as the mediator of the new covenant these things I just listed would not be as they are now.</p> <p>— — —What does it mean that Christ is mediator? In that era, it meant you were the one who settled disputes, or a peacemaker in a business conflict.</p> <p>— — — —Jesus is the one that bridges the gap between God and humanity. This was a massive gap that no one else could bridge but Christ.</p> <p>— — — — —This mediator role of Christ begins new people of God. The people of God are no longer just the Jews ...they are any who would believe.</p> |
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| Christ     | <p>As we have looked at several times, Christ’s appointment of being the mediator comes as a result of His death.</p> <p>— In His death Christ liberated those who would come to Him, from their sins.</p> <p>— — <b>— READ: Romans 3:23–24 (NASB95): 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;</b></p> <p>— — <b>— READ: 1 Corinthians 1:30 (NASB95): 30 But by His doing you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification, and redemption,</b></p> <p>— — — We need to stop thinking of Christ the mediator as we think of a mediator who brings two sides together in a compromise.</p> <p>— — — — Why? because there is no common ground between God and humanity.</p> <p>— — — — — Albert Mohler wrote, “Therefore, Christ, as mediator, doesn’t find a compromise between the two because God’s holiness cannot be compromised. Far from suggesting a compromise between two opposing positions, Christ agrees with the Father that we deserve the infinite outpouring of His wrath. He agrees with the Father about the ugliness of our sin. He agrees with the Father about the necessity of a sacrifice. And as our mediator, He agrees to be that sacrifice even as the Father sends Him for that task.”</p> |
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|            | <p>So, Christ becomes the mediator of the new covenant.</p> <p>—He stands in that enormous gap between us and God and by His sacrifice, He removes the sin and guilt of those who follow Him, those that give their lives over to Him.</p> <p>— — William Hendriksen wrote, “The new covenant has the same basis and characteristics as the old covenant...In both covenants, sacrifices were presented to God; but whereas the sacrifices offered to atone for the transgressions of the people in the time of the first covenant could not set the sinner free, the supreme sacrifice of Christ’s death redeemed God’s people and paid for their sins. Moreover, in the structure of the first covenant, the mediator (i.e. the high priest) was imperfect. In the new covenant Christ is the mediator who guarantees the promise of salvation.”</p> <p>— — — Jesus not only guaranteed salvation but He also guaranteed the eternal inheritance.</p> <p>— — — — This inheritance includes but is not limited to: putting the laws in our minds and writing them on our hearts, eternal life, redemption, and a fellowship with God like we have not had since before the fall of humanity.</p> |
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|            | <p>Christ has brought redemption to those that are His.</p> <p>— Christ has paid the price to set us free!!</p> <p>— — <b><u>READ: John 8:34–36 (NASB95):</u></b> 34 Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, everyone who commits sin is the slave of sin. 35 “The slave does not remain in the house forever; the son does remain forever. 36 “So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.</p> <p>— — <b><u>READ: Romans 6:14 (NASB95):</u></b> 14 For sin shall not be master over you, for you are not under law but under grace.</p> <p>— — — As we talked about last week, the power of the blood of Christ will cover and make righteous the sinners that hand their lives over to Christ.</p> <p>— — — — Arthur W. Pink wrote, “Because the blood of Christ has fully met every claim of God upon and against His people, its virtues and purifying effects are applied to them by the Spirit.”</p> <p>— — — — — The blood of Christ separates us from death and sin.</p> <p>— — — — — <b><u>READ: John 6:53–55 (NASB95):</u></b> 53 So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. 54 “He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. 55 “For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.</p> |
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|            | <p>So, who are those that receive this eternal inheritance?<br/>— Well, the text tells us not about their name but about their qualifications.<br/>— — The text tells us, “those who have been called,” will receive the eternal inheritance.<br/>— — — What is the calling that is being talked about here? <b>READ: 2 Timothy 1:8–10 (NASB95):</b><br/><b>8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God, 9 who has saved us and <u>called us with a holy calling</u>, not according to our works, but according to His own purpose and grace which was granted us in Christ Jesus from all eternity, 10 but now has been revealed by the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel,</b><br/>— — — — It is a holy calling!!!!<br/>— — — — — <b>READ: John 1:12 (NASB95): 12 But <u>as many as received Him</u>, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name.</b><br/>— — — — — It is a calling to receive Him and believe in Him.<br/>— — — — — — <b>READ: Acts 26:15–18 (NASB95): 15 “And I said, ‘Who are You, Lord?’ And the Lord said, ‘I am Jesus whom you are persecuting. 16 ‘But get up and stand on your feet; for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a minister and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you; 17 rescuing you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, 18 <u>to open their eyes</u> so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that <u>they may receive forgiveness of sins</u> and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me.’</b><br/>— — — — — — — — It is a specific call (specifically called Paul), it is an eye opening call, a sin forgiving call.</p> |
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|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | <p>When someone goes in to get their will set up, that person will sit with a lawyer and identify where that person wants their things to go after they die.</p> <p>— They will get everything drawn up and set, but that will or testament will not become valid until the person who made it dies.</p> <p>— — Hendriksen wrote, “While the person is living, the will is nothing but a document, even though a lawyer testifies to its legality. Also, this will may be changed and rewritten, but the moment the maker of the will dies, the words in the will are unalterable.”</p> <p>— — — So, Jesus is the mediator of the new covenant, testament, or will; He died in order to redeem those who were promised the inheritance. Not a worldly inheritance but an eternal inheritance.</p> <p>— — — — The death of the maker of the will validates the will.</p> <p>— — — — — Well, God being the maker of the will, covenant, testament had to die to validate it.</p> |
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|            | <p>How is that going to work? God can't die; everything would fall apart without God.</p> <p>—<b>READ: John 1:1–4, 14-17 (NASB95):</b> 1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things came into being through Him, and apart from Him nothing came into being that has come into being. 4 In Him was life, and the life was the Light of men. John 1:14–17 (NASB95): 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we saw His glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father, full of grace and truth. 15 John *testified about Him and cried out, saying, “This was He of whom I said, ‘He who comes after me has a higher rank than I, for He existed before me.’ ” 16 For of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace. 17 For the Law was given through Moses; grace and truth were realized through Jesus Christ.</p> <p>—<b>READ: Colossians 2:9 (NASB95):</b> For in Him all the fullness of Deity dwells in bodily form,</p> <p>— — Jesus, God in the flesh, brought this new covenant with Him; and with His death, He validated that covenant.</p> <p>— — —<b>READ: Mark 15:39 (NASB95):</b> 39 When the centurion, who was standing right in front of Him, saw the way He breathed His last, he said, “Truly this man was the Son of God!”</p> <p>— — —<b>READ: Acts 5:30 (NASB95):</b> 30 “The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom you had put to death by hanging Him on a cross.</p> <p>— — — Christ's death fulfills the conditions and validates the testament while simultaneously being all the things we have previously talked about Him being.</p> |
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|            | <p>Our practical application is going to a quote from Andrew Murray this morning.</p> <p>—Andrew Murray wrote, “Oh, that our hearts might take it in! A death having taken place! Now the covenant is sure. The redemption of past transgressions is sure; we may now claim and take the promises of the eternal inheritance. A death having taken place! Now the testament avails. The maker of the testament has died, to put us in complete possession of all He has and all HE won for us. And, praise God! He lives again, as no other maker of a testament ever lives, to put us in full possession of the inheritance and to be Himself its chiefest measure and joy; as Minister of the true sanctuary, to keep us in God’s presence; as Mediator of the new covenant, to keep our hearts in the full enjoyment of all its blessings.”</p> |
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