

It Is Christ Who Died

Text: who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. (Romans 8:34)

Intro: Paul the physician

1. Do you feel all alone in this struggle?
2. Do feel far from God and abandoned?
3. Do you find the struggle is disappointing and a constant burden?
4. Do you find that you cannot pray?
5. Do you wonder about the purpose of it all?

First Question: v32 will God _____?

Abraham

Second Question: v33 Who is the _____?

God's verdict

Third Question: v34 What is the _____ of Christ?

Full or partial?

Conclusion v35

Who will _____ us?

Paul & Tertius

Application 1: Limited Atonement

Limited...how?

Canons of Dordt Head 2, article 8: For it was the entirely free plan and very gracious will and intention of God the Father that the enlivening and saving effectiveness of His Son's costly death should work itself out in all His chosen ones, in order that He might grant justifying faith to them only and thereby lead them without fail to salvation. ...

Application 2: God's Plan

Application 3: Trial

Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury (1100) wrote a tract for the consolation of the dying, who were alarmed on account of sin. The following is an extract from it:

- “Question: Do you believe that the Lord Jesus died for you? Answer. *I believe it.* Q: Do you thank him for his passion and death? Ans. *I do thank him.* Q: Do you believe that you cannot be saved except by his death? Ans. *I believe it.*”
- And then Anselm addresses the dying man: “Come then, while life remaineth in thee; in his death alone place thy whole trust; in naught else place any trust; to his death commit thyself wholly; with this alone cover thyself wholly; and if the Lord thy God will to judge thee, say,
 - Lord, between thy judgment and me I present the death of our Lord Jesus Christ; no otherwise can I contend with thee.’ And if he shall say that thou art a sinner, say thou: ‘Lord, I interpose the death of our Lord Jesus Christ between my sins and thee.’ If he say that thou hast deserved condemnation, say: ‘Lord, I set the death of our Lord Jesus Christ between my evil deserts and thee, and his merits I offer for those which I ought to have and have not.’ If he say that he is wroth with thee, say: ‘Lord, I oppose the death of our Lord Jesus Christ between thy wrath and me.’ And when thou hast completed this, say again: ‘Lord, I set the death of our Lord Jesus Christ between thee and me.