

If No Man Can Pay for Another's sin, how does the Lord Jesus's Death Save Us?

Question:

Hello,

I just came across [this] yesterday and I'm still finding difficulties to comprehend the two sections:

A. Jesus died for our sins: Romans 4:25; 1 Peter 3:18; 1 Corinthians 15:3; 1 John 2:2.

B. No Man can die for the sins of another: Ezekiel 18:1-30; Deuteronomy 24:16; Psalm 49:7; Jeremiah 31:30.

I need a clear explanation cos its a challenging topic.

Response:

Hello.

I am a Christian, a committed follower of the Lord Jesus Christ according to the Bible, so I will be answering you from that position.

To begin, the very foundation of the Christian Faith is that the Lord Jesus Christ is God Who became Man to die for all human beings as payment for their sins against God.

Your question is a very good one because those who do not believe the above have no way of understanding how we are saved at all.

No man can pay for the sins of another because no man can afford to pay for the sins of another. We are all in debt to God and each sin is worth an eternity of suffering at least because every sin is an act of cosmic treason against God. Now, even if we found one righteous man who has never sinned at all against God, he would still be unable to expiate even one single sin because he does not possess eternal life in himself (Ezekiel 14:14, 20).

But God possesses eternal life in Himself (John 5:26, 1:4). Therefore only God can pay the price of our sins. This was why the only way that man could be saved was that God had to become human and take all of human debt against Himself and cancel it with His Own enormous wealth of Life.

That is, only God could die in place of human beings to pay for human sins. But God cannot die. That is why He had to take on human flesh and suffer death, and not just physical death but spiritual death. Our Lord Jesus Christ died the worst death anybody could die for sin. If any human being spent an infinite amount of eternities in the Lake of Fire, it still would not measure up to what the Lord Jesus Christ did for us when He submitted His perfect, sinless human soul to the spiritual death in the three hours of gross darkness on the Cross of Calvary before He gave up His human spirit.

In short, we will never fully comprehend the Sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ even in eternity. But we can be sure that it wasn't just another human being dying for any of us. It was most definitely God Himself paying the dread coin that all of us put together could never muster.