

12. The Suffering & Death of Christ

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Christ's Suffering & Death

When did Christ sustain God's wrath?

All His life, but especially at the end of His life.

Christ's suffering was unique.

He sustained the infinite wrath of God; offered the perfect sacrifice for sins

Did the eternal Son of God die? Explain.

Yes, He died in His human nature [Acts 20:28].

Significance of Christ's being crucified [Gal. 3:13; Dt. 21:22-23]

The death of the cross was the accursed death.

Did the Father ever hate His only begotten Son personally?

No, He always loved and was very pleased with His Son.

Prove that Christ died only for His elect people. [Canons 2:8]

[Is. 53:8] Christ was stricken for the sins of His people.

[Lev. 16:17,34] Sacrifices in the OT days were only for Israel [Heb. 2:17].

[John 10:15,26] Christ laid down His life only for His sheep [John 15:13].

[I Th. 5:9-10] God chose only some to obtain salvation through Christ's death.

What did Christ's death have to do with the covenant?

With His death & shedding of His blood Christ confirmed the new covenant [Heb. 9:15-17; Canons 2:8; LS Form].

What else characterized Christ's death?

Laid down His life willingly [John 10:18]

His blood was shed [Num. 35:31-33; Heb. 9:22]

How are we to imitate Christ when we're persecuted [I Pt. 2:21-23]?

Not to return evil for evil. Commit ourselves to God who judges righteously.

When Christ died, what did that mean for our old man of sin?

Our old man was crucified, dead and buried with Christ [LD 16].

His "Descension into Hell"

What's a wrong view about when Christ descended into hell?

Some say He went to hell between His death & resurrection [I Peter 3:18-20].

But Christ said: "Today thou shalt be with Me in paradise" [Luke 23:43].

What do we mean when we say that Christ descended into hell?

Suffered hellish agonies during all His sufferings, but especially on the cross [LD 16].