

God's Riches In Christ

Christ's Death: An Accomplishment For Sinners

If there is one thing certain about life, it's the reality of death-"And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment."(Heb.9:27) Most of us have already had to face death, or we will face death in the future. I can guarantee you, when we are forced to face it in the death of a friend or a relative, we would never think of their death as an accomplishment. Matter of fact, we almost always make some of the following statements: "They were taken in the prime of their life"; "They were taken too soon"; "They had so much yet to accomplish." Even though we don't consider death to be an accomplishment, our Lord declared His death to be an accomplishment. On the Mount of Transfiguration, as Our Lord stood with Moses and Elias, they talked about His death-"And, behold, there talked with him two men, which were Moses and Elias: Who appeared in glory, and spake of his decease(literally, departure from life) which he should accomplish(literally, make full) at Jerusalem.(Lk.9:30,31). Think about that! Our Lord Jesus Christ looking forward to His impending death under the wrath of God in order to legally satisfy God's holy law and His infinite justice on the behalf of all His elect children that He represented, and He called it an ACCOMPLISHMENT. How can that be?

Christ's death is an accomplishment because His death ALONE, which includes His holy life of obedience to God's law, His suffering unto death at Calvary, and His resurrection as His peoples' representative, is the only thing that allows God's law to pronounce sinners righteous and holy and give them the LEGAL BLESSINGS the law requires. The law of God can command obedience and can pronounce a blessing of life on PERFECT OBEDIENCE, but it cannot give a sinner the ability to keep the law or satisfy the demands of it. By His accomplished death, Christ satisfied both the penalty of sin(ETERNAL DEATH) and its precept(PERFECT OBEDIENCE)-"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."(Heb.10:10) The Lord Jesus Christ so perfectly satisfied God's law and justice on behalf of all those He represented that the same law which could only pronounce a curse of eternal condemnation and death, can now only declare those whom He died for PERFECTLY HOLY and FULLY ENTITLED to enter into the holiest of all-"And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin. Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus."(Heb.10:17-19) If you are enabled to rest on Christ ALONE as the "Lord your Righteousness", it gives evidence Christ redeemed you at the Cross and His death actually accomplished all the Triune God intended-"He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall My Righteous Servant justify many; for He shall bear their iniquities."(Isa.53:11) Is this your Saviour dear sinner? I hope He is!