

## Doctrine 6

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ has, by His suffering and death, made an atonement for the whole world so that whosoever will may be saved.

### John 1:32- 34

29 The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! 30 This is the one I meant when I said, 'A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.' 31 I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel." 32 Then John gave this testimony 34 I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

#### John 1:34

Outcome	Uses TNIV text
SBLGNT	καὶ γὰρ ἑώρακα, καὶ μεμαρτύρηκα ὅτι οὗτός ἐστιν ὁ ἁ ἐκλεκτός τοῦ θεοῦ.
SBLGNT apparatus	ἐκλεκτός Holmes WHmarg ] υἱός WH Treg NIV RP
NIV1984	I have seen and I testify that this is the Son of God."
TNIV	I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."
NIV2011	I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."
Compared to NIV1984	I have seen and I testify that this is <del>the</del> God's <del>Son</del> Chosen of God One."
Compared to TNIV	I have seen and I testify that this is God's Chosen One."

Two critical statements that John made in this text.

1. The first statement is this is 'The Lamb Of God That Takes Away The Sin Of The World' and 2. This is 'God's Chosen One'

Matthew 1:21 'She will give birth to a son, and you are to give him the name Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins.'

Romans 2:5 means 'Because of your stubbornness and your unrepentant heart, you are storing up wrath against yourself for the day of God's wrath, when His righteous judgment is being revealed [you are stacking up a mountain of debt behind you].<sup>6</sup> God "will repay each person according to what they have done."<sup>7</sup> To those who by persistence in doing good seek glory, honor and immortality, he will give eternal life.<sup>8</sup> But for those who are self-seeking and who reject the truth and follow evil, there will be wrath and anger

Now there are two things here;

1. **God is pure and just.** Before He can truly say I am a good guy – He has to be honest about my past. I have a huge mountain of debt.

And 2. **Because God is Holy,** He cannot begin to tolerate sin. If God tolerates one sin, then He must tolerate every sin. What does the Bible say? 'God is Just'

Moses observed, "Everything He does is just and fair. He is a faithful God who does no wrong; how just and upright He is!" (Deuteronomy 32:4)  
Romans 2:11 'God does not show favoritism.'

So – let me gather this up for us.

1. We have and we are incurring a tremendous amount of sin debt in our past that we cannot go back and fix.
2. God cannot begin to let any sinner away with one sin because if He does – He has to be fair and let everybody away with every sin.

So herein is the problem. God loves me, but He cannot simply ignore the fact that I am a sinner with a tremendous mountain of debt. Debt that requires, not just punishment, but death.

The end of sin is death! **Romans 6:23 'The wages of sin is death..'**

**So – what if God could buy the debt?**

**Psalm 51 'Against Thee only have I sinned.'**

**Romans 3:23 'All have sinned and come short of the glory of god and the wages of sin is death.'**

**So what or who is the price of the debt?**

Listen to this verse;

**Romans 5:6 'You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless (You have no power – the collection agency is on the phone, you can not pay it), Christ died for the ungodly (The ungodly those that were deep in debt)..and since we have been justified by His Blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through Him.'**

**Hebrews 9:22 'In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.'**

**A double barreled approach to how salvation works.**

**Listen to 1 John 1:9**

**'If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us of our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.' It is one thing to purchase our debt, but then are you going to collect the debt – or cancel it.?**

**Ephesians 1: 7 <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace**

**Notice the two there. There is forgiveness and there is redemption.**

**When John 3:16 says 'For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son..' What did it mean to give Him?**

**Listen to Isaiah 53**

**"He was pieced for my transgressions, He was bruised for my iniquity, the punishment that brought me peace, was upon Him. And by His wounds, I am healed. Though I like a wandering sheep have gone astray, The Lord laid upon Him all my sins. Yet, it was the God's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer and God made His life my guilt offering.'**

**He was my guilt offering. He bought my debt, and He cancelled it.**

**Hebrews 7:23**

**23Now there have been many of those priests, since death prevented them from continuing in office; 24but because Jesus lives forever, he has a permanent priesthood. 25Therefore he is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede ..he continues to buy my debt and cancel it every second of every day.**