

What Did Christ Do? Lesson 2- The Nature of the Atonement: Christ's Obedience

Introduction:

- The atonement is the work Christ did in His life and death to earn our salvation.
- The atonement included both Jesus' _____ and His _____.

1. Christ's _____ for us

A. If Jesus had only died for our sins, our guilt would have been removed, but we would still not _____ entrance into Heaven.

***Col 1.12** giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.*

B. Jesus had to live a life of perfect obedience to God in order to _____ righteousness for us.

- Jesus had to obey not only the letter of the law, but the _____ of the law.
- Jesus had to obey the law for His whole life so that the merits of His perfect obedience would be _____ to us.

***Phil 3.9** and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith-*

- It is not enough to be morally _____.
- We need to have our sins taken away, but we must also be _____ God's righteousness.

***Rom 5.19** For as by the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's obedience the many will be made righteous.*

***Isa 61.10** I will greatly rejoice in the LORD;
My soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.*

C. Jesus was perfectly obedient to the will of God as our _____.

- Jesus had to fulfill all righteousness _____.

***Matt 3.14-15** John would have prevented him, saying, "/ need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" 15 But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented.*

- Jesus had to actually _____ for us.

***Heb 5.8** Although he was a son, he learned obedience through what he suffered.*

- Jesus _____ our righteousness before God.

***Matt 3.17** and behold, a voice from heaven said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."*

***1 Cor 1.30** And because of him you are in Christ Jesus, who became to us wisdom from God, righteousness and sanctification and redemption,*

- Because we are in Christ, God _____ us in the same way He does His own Son.

***Eph 1.6** to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

***John 17.23** I in them and you in me, that they may become perfectly one, so that the world may know that you sent me and loved them even as you loved me.*

- When God looks at us He sees the righteousness of Jesus that _____ us.

***Rom 8.1** There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

SEE: we all know that there is no cause for condemnation in Jesus. He's perfect!

SO: the reason God sees no cause to condemn YOU is because you are IN Christ, who God does not condemn!

WE can look at ourselves and see plenty of reasons for God to condemn us.

But when God looks on us, instead of seeing us, He sees His Son instead.

- o Instead of seeing our sin, He sees His Son's righteousness

1 John 2.1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

- o Jesus was not only our substitute on the cross, He is also our representative before God to _____!

Heb 6.19-20 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

- o This is why we can be _____ of everlasting life.

Conclusion:

- Jesus' obedience was just as necessary for our salvation as His death on the cross.
- When you come before the Lord, _____ rely on your own obedience for your standing before God, _____ rely on Jesus' obedience for you!