
Genesis 3:21: "Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins and clothed them."

Immediately after our first parents fell into sin, the LORD God intervened for them by shedding the blood of an animal...an innocent victim, covering Adam and Eve with the coat/skin of the innocent animal.

This innocent victim was a picture to Adam and Eve of the One that would come "in the fulness of time" and make atonement for the sins of fallen humanity. Sin had come, and death by sin! This was the 1st death!

Sin and death now reigned in the world, Adam and Eve were expelled from the Garden of Eden to live by faith in God in a fallen world, to wait for the One to come, who would give His life to put away sin and defeat death.

There is also no doubt in my mind that the LORD God put Satan on notice in THIS first sacrifice, for He did this by not leaving our first parents to themselves, nor to him. God showed Satan that he would be defeated by that Man who would come to be the Savior of the world!

Adam and Eve, and all the OT believers saw this Promised Man through a glass darkly: Hebrews 2:9-18. "But we see Jesus."

Jesus IS that Man, who DID NOT descend from the lineage of fallen men, but from the seed of the woman. He was born of a virgin, conceived by the Holy Ghost! In this, we understand that He was both God and Man.

NOW, we SEE HIM, and we look to Him by faith as the One whom God sent to save us from our sins. He IS God's own Son, and yet, He is also human!

The Lord Jesus came in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, to condemn sin in the flesh!

Jesus is His human Name! You might wonder WHY Jesus had to be human... because God can't die; since death was the penalty against sinners for their sin, that penalty must be paid by One who would was human! *Hebrews 2:9 READ*

The Lord Jesus must take on our human nature, "for a little time" for the suffering of death! Also 2:16

To so many, this was a message of death was a defeat, that the Promised Messiah would die at the hands of sinful men. His apostles resisted it, it was a stumbling block to the Jews and foolishness to the Greeks.

Death came upon all humanity because of our sins. Our sins hold us captives to death and to Satan. The only way to defeat death would be by One dying and facing death, who was NOT A SINNER.

You might say, how did He die, if He was not a sinner? How could He be taken by death? Because God determined to lay upon Him the iniquity of us all. Our sins were laid upon Him,

and for that, He must die! I hope you can see the necessity of His humanity. Acts 2:22-24

The death of the Lord Jesus in the eyes of many was a defeat, but in answer to that, Philip Hughes wrote: "But Jesus' death, which appeared to be the extinction of all His power, was nonetheless the sovereign expression of His power, for He declared": John 10:17-18:

Therefore, doth my Father love me, because I lay down my life, that I might take it again. No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again."
Hebrews 2:14 READ.

We come this morning to CELEBRATE the death our Lord, because it was through His death, that He destroyed the devil's power over us.

The Lord Jesus faced death, He gave Himself and His life to death, He ALLOWED the King of Terrors to take Him. And it was in His death that He destroyed the devil's power over us. 1 John 3:8

In His death OUR SINS were put upon His account, imputed to Him, hence the necessity of His humanity!

On His cross, Jesus suffered, paid the penalty due us for our sins, the justice and wrath of God was against Him. His agonies were such that we will never understand.

When He had finished His work of making atonement for our sins, He shouted: It is finished! And as soon as He said this, He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost! 2 Corinthians 5:21.

Now, He willingly entered into death, the penalty for the wages of our sins, which were upon Him. And He did so of His own accord.

BUT..... NOW since He had atoned for our sins, paid the penalty of our sins in His own blood, when God smelled the sweet savor of His death, the SWEET SAVOR because in His death, He was innocent, sinless, holy, and perfectly righteous.....

He had no sins of His own.....therefore once He had put away our sins, once God's justice was satisfied, propitiation was done... DEATH could NOT HOLD HIM! He rose victoriously, having defeated sin and death, He took the devil's power from him.

The dominion of sin and death ENDED!

There is more for us to consider in the Lord Jesus' humanity.

In (V10) we read that He was made perfect through all His temptations and sufferings; the 1st Adam failed at the first temptation of Satan, but not the 2nd Adam!

The Lord Jesus was tempted, tested, and tried for His entire human life, in the end, He was approved of God, and so perfectly qualified before God to present Himself as that One Satisfactory Sin offering before a Holy God!

Sanctified refers to Christ's priestly offering of
Himself on the cross for our sins! Cf. Hebrews 10:10,
14, 29, 13:12