

I am Persuaded! Part II

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Sermon Notes

Further contemplation on why Jesus died.

John 3:16 – That we might be given eternal life

Mark 10:45 – Jesus gives His life as a “ransom” for the lost

Matthew 26:27, 28 – Jesus’ blood was shed for the forgiveness of sins

Hebrews 1:7 – By His death and resurrection, purification is provided

1 John 1:7 – Christ’s blood cleanses His followers

Romans 4:25 – Jesus was raised for our justification

Romans 5: 1-11 – We have peace, access, reconciliation, forgiveness and salvation

Romans 3:23-26 – Christ’s death is the needed propitiation in the plan of salvation

Ephesians 2:1-6 – Being dead in sin, Jesus made us alive with Himself

Ephesians 2:12, 13 – We are brought near by the blood of Christ

Revelation 12:7-12; 5:9, 10; Colossians 1:19 – Jesus’ death and resurrection have cosmic significance far beyond just the salvation of the human race

The texts reviewed above largely discuss benefits to those who choose to be Christ’s.

The text in II Corinthians 5 under consideration, verse 15, adds a different dimension.

“...and He died for all, that those who live should live no longer for themselves, but for Him who died for them and rose again.”

Here we are called to show our appreciation for His sacrifice by choosing a whole new approach to life – a new life dedicated to the kind of ministry and sacrifice that we see in the accounts of Jesus’ life on earth (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John).

It’s easy to say thank you for what Jesus has done for us, but we are called to live out that gratitude by II Corinthians 5:15.

Paul and other New Testament writers have a great deal to say about how the new life is to be lived out. A few samples of their counsel are listed below:

Romans 6:11-13 – Yield yourselves and your body parts to God’s service

Galatians 5:13-15 – Serve one another in love

Ephesians 5:1-5 – Imitate God, walk in love, avoid uncleanness

It’s all part of the process of developing a world view and living by it. We have come to appreciate God’s gracious plan of redemption, we have chosen to be redeemed, saved, reclaimed by Him. Paul links, in II Corinthians 5:15, the death and resurrection of Jesus with our death to sin and our new life of commitment to Christ.