

IT IS FINISHED
The Lord's Supper
John 19:16-30
November 5, 2017

“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.” Isaiah 53:11

In 20th Century American Evangelicalism, popular opinion held that Christ's death made it possible for people to be saved from sin and hell. Scripture teaches differently. Scripture describes Christ's death as actual salvation, not merely as a possibility. His death was not simply an effort to bring about some good; it was the accomplishment of that good

Possibility theories regarding Christ's death make man a participant in his own salvation, a facilitator rather than a recipient. They treat Christ's work as powerless to save, unless the sinner adds to it his own cooperation. Essentially, man is saved by the one good work that he does: believing; which is added to and completes the work Christ did. This diminishes God's role, making God's purpose dependent upon the sinner's power to make a good decision.

On the contrary, Scripture teaches that by His death Christ actually:

1. Fulfilled the law and the prophets: Matthew 26:54, 56; 27:9, 35; Mark 14:49; 15:28; Luke 24:44; John 19:24, 28, 36; Acts 2:25-35; 3:18.
2. Took the sins of sinners in his body, and suffered for them: Isaiah 53:4-6, 11, 12; Matthew 8:17; II Corinthians 5:21; I Peter 2:24.
3. Healed sinners guilt by His suffering: Isaiah 53:5; Matthew 8:14-17.
4. Made intercession for transgressors: Isaiah 53:12; Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:24-27.
5. Justified many: Isaiah 53:11; Romans 3:21-26; I Peter 3:18.
6. Destroyed the works of the devil: I John 3:8; Colossians 2:13-15.
7. Destroyed Him that had the power of death: Hebrews 2:14-15.
8. Took away sin: I John 3:5; John 1:29; Hebrews 9:26.
9. Redeemed sinners: Galatians 3:13; I Peter 1:16-21; Revelation 5:9.
10. Reconciled sinners unto God: Romans 5:10; II Corinthians 5:19-21; Ephesians 2:16; Colossians 1:20-21.
11. Triumphed over death: Luke 24; I Corinthians 15.