

**Christ's penal substitutionary death JUSTIFIED us and
our deaths sanctify us.**

I. **Christ's Sacrifice (Q# 39)**

- A. God's justice
 - 1. One theologian called it a mode of God's holiness
 - 2. God's justice is his rendering what is due to a person.
 - 3. What would you say if a court overlooked a murder?
- B. Righteousness as a requirement
- C. Double imputation
 - 1. Imputation defined
 - 2. Passive obedience
 - 3. Active obedience
- D. OT sacrifices display this reality
 - 1. Day of atonement
 - 2. Burnt offering
 - 3. Thank offering
 - 4. These sacrifices displayed what Christ would accomplish in the future through types and shadows.
- E. Burial (Q# 40)

II. **The Death of a Saint (Q# 41)**

- A. The death referred to here is temporal
- B. Death as a means of punishment for sin
 - 1. For the non-believer
- C. The Christian and death?
- D. Death as a means of sanctification
 - 1. Humbling the proud
 - 2. Check worldliness
 - 3. Foster spiritual mindedness
 - 4. Testing our faith

- 5. Assisting our meditations
- E. Death is the final nail in sin's coffin

III. **The Sanctifying Effects of Christ's Death (Q# 42)**

- A. We are free from our slavery to sin
- B. We can now flee
- C. We now have new desires

Question 39:

Why was it necessary for Christ to humble Himself unto death?

Answer:

Because the justice and truth of God could by no other means be satisfied for our sins, but by the very death of the Son of God.

Question 40:

To what end was He buried?

Answer:

That by it He might manifest that He was dead indeed.

Question 41:

But since Christ died for us, why must we also die?

Answer:

Our death is not a satisfaction for our sins, but the abolishing of sin and our passage into everlasting life.

Question 42:

What other benefit do we receive by the death of Christ?

Answer:

That by virtue of His death our old man is crucified, slain, and buried together with Him, figured out in holy baptism, that henceforth evil lusts and desires may not reign in us, but we may offer ourselves unto Him a sacrifice of thanksgiving.