

The Cross and the Work Accomplished

I. “Cross” used as a symbol.

1. Used as a symbol of bearing a heavy burden during Roman times (Mt. 10:38; 16:24).
2. Used as a symbol of Jesus’ finished work on the cross.
 - 1) Where He paid for our salvation (1Cor. 1:17-18).
 - 2) Where those under Law were offended (Gal. 5:11; Phil. 3:18).
 - 3) Where Christians are imputed as crucified to the world and the world crucified to them (Gal. 6:14).
 - 4) Where Jesus ended hostility between Jew and Gentile, and Gentile and God (Eph. 2:16).
 - 5) Where God ended all of His hostility towards things on earth and in the heavens (Col. 1:20).
 - 6) Where Jesus demonstrated obedience facing suffering and the process leading to His death (Phil. 2:8).
 - 7) Where Jesus became the originator and perfecter of The Faith—New Testament (Heb. 12:2).

II. Jesus’ vicarious sacrifices (Heb. 9:23).

1. A blood sacrifice is necessary for ceremonial cleansing before God (Heb. 9:22).
2. To be a valid testament/covenant/special promise, it is necessary for the sacrifice to die (Heb. 9:16-17).
3. All unrighteousness will be judged by God—holiness and rightlessness (Rom. 1:18).
4. The sin nature results in spiritual death (Rom. 6:23).
 - 1) All humans are imputed to have a sin nature from Adam (Rom. 5:19).
 - 2) Jesus died spiritually on the cross to pay for Adam’s sin nature (Rom. 5:19 cf. Phil. 2:8).
 - 3) Since Jesus paid for Adam’s sin nature—spiritual death, through Christ we get eternal life—spiritual life (Rom. 5:19, 21).
5. Adam’s sin act brought physical death (Rom. 5:12-14).
 - 1) All humans are imputed to have sinned in Adam (Rom. 5:12).

- 2) Jesus' death, burial, and resurrection reversed the physical death cycle by imputation (1 Cor. 15:55, 57-58).

III. Conclusion:

1. Because we are counted by God to have a sin nature from Adam and we have Adam's sin act imputed to us:
2. On the cross Adam's sin nature was judged by the Father and paid for by Jesus's spiritual death—thus paying for our sin nature (Is. 53:6).
 - Through Christ we have eternal life.
3. On the cross Adam's sin act was judged and paid for by Jesus' physical death—thus paying for our sin acts.
 - Through Christ we have victory over the life cycle: imputed now and practical the future.