

Question 54

Name _____

Q 54. What kind of death did Jesus die?

A 54. The painful & shameful death of the cross.

Scripture Base: Deut 21:22-23; Ps. 22:16;
Mark 15:34; Rom. 6:23; Gal 3:13.

Doctrine: WCF 8:4, SC 27.

Supplementary Questions.

1. Why did Jesus need to die?

2. Why did Jesus need to die on the cross?

3. What did Jesus actually suffer on the cross?

Song: "Jesus the Redeemer" – Judy Rogers
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross # 252

Teaching Notes

Review Q53. What kind of life did Christ live on earth?
- *A life of poverty and suffering.*

Scripture: Matt 27:27-55 (John 19:31-37)

Questions

1. *The wages of sin is death* (Rom. 6:23). Other Scriptures: Gen. 2:17, James 1:14-15, 1 Cor. 6:9-10, and "Behold, all souls are Mine; the soul of the father as well as the soul of the son is Mine. The soul who sins will die" (Eze. 18:4). *Jesus died to pay that penalty for His people.*

What is death? There are three kinds:

(i) Physical death: the death of the body. Jesus died on the cross physically: when He was dead, they laid His body in a tomb (Mark 15:46).

(ii) Judicial death: being under the just sentence of hell. Jesus died on the cross judicially: He underwent God's judgment against sin and experienced hell on the cross (Mark 15:34).

(iii) Spiritual death: the death of the soul – the loss of God's moral image; no grace, but only corruption. Jesus **didn't die** spiritually: He never lost His love for God or became corrupt.

2. *He needed to die in the place of His people.* It had to be on a wooden cross for two reasons: This is what God said would happen to His Son: (Ps. 22:16). *He had to die like this to show that He had become a curse for His people:* (Deu. 21:22-23). (Josh. 10:24-26).

"Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us – for it is written, 'Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree'" (Gal. 3:13). *Jesus took on Himself the curse of His people to deliver them from it.*

3. He suffered terrible pain in His body by being beaten and nailed to the cross (Ps. 22:16). (Excruciating). He suffered shame: the shame of being hung on a tree and considered accursed (Isa. 53:4). But His greatest suffering was enduring God's wrath. He literally suffered hell on the cross. This is why He sweat great drops of blood as He prayed on the night before His crucifixion (Luke 22:44). He never would have survived if He had not been God as well as man.

Gospel: All of us have sinned and deserve death (physical death and everlasting punishment in hell). But Jesus suffered and died on the cross to pay God's justice for everyone who would trust in Him. If you trust in Jesus and turn from your sins, He will take your guilt away and God will not punish you. Instead, He will take you to heaven when your life is over in this world. Trust in Jesus now and be saved.

Extras. Worksheet – order the events, stick on & illustrate

Song: "Jesus the Redeemer" When I Survey the Wondrous Cross TH203