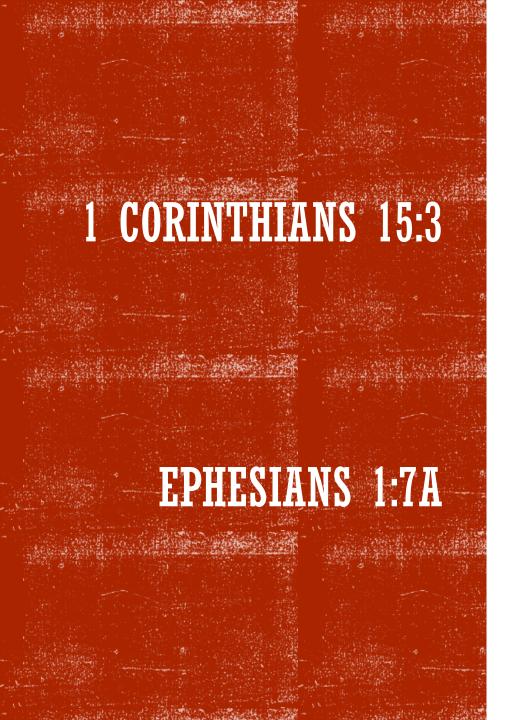


Item 4 Christ died for our sins, shedding His blood for our redemption



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 In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses...



1 Corinthians 15:3 For I delivered to you, first of all, that which also I received, that Christ died for our **Sins** according to the Scriptures.

Why did Christ die? We can see from this verse that Christ died for our sins.

1 Peter 2:24 Who Himself bore up our **Sins** in His body on the tree, in order that we, having died to **Sins**, might live to righteousness; by whose bruise you were healed.

Both verses show us that Christ's death solved the problem of our Sins.

From 1 Peter 2:24 we can see how the problem of our sins was solved:

- 1. God put our sins on Christ
- 2. He took our sins with Him to the cross
- 3. He was literally **killed** for our sins
- 4. He paid the price for all our sins!

Ephesians 1:7A In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of offenses...

By Christ's death on the cross, He forgives us all our offenses! The problem of our sins has been **solved**, **indeed**,! – and solved, **eternally**!

CHRIST'S DEATH SOLVED THE PROBLEM OF OUR SINS

What are Sins?...

They are...

Offenses – that is, when we **hurt** others.

They are...

Transgressions – that is, when we break the **rules**.

And, they are...

Sinful deeds – **all** the evil actions that we do.



Romans 8:3 ... God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of **Sin** and concerning **Sin**, condemned **Sin** in the flesh.

We already saw that Christ's death took care of the problem of sins, **plural**, but now we see that the Bible also says that His death dealt with sin, **singular**.

An objective problem and a **subjective** problem

Sin is not merely objective, outside of us; it is also subjective, within us – in our flesh.

Outwardly we have sins, which are offenses, trespasses, and transgressions.

Inwardly, still, we have the basic problem of sin.

CHRIST'S DEATH HAS DEALT WITH SIN

Praise the Lord that Christ's all-inclusive death has not only solved the problem of our sins, but has also judged and condemned the source of our sins, that is, **Sin!**



Romans 7:16-21

But if what I do not will, this I do, I agree with the law that it is good. Now then it is no longer I that work it out but **Sin** that dwells in me. For I know that in me, that is, in my flesh, nothing good dwells; for to will is present with me, but to work out the good is not. For I do not do the good which I will; but the evil which I do not will, this I practice. But if what I do not will, this I do, it is no longer I that work it out but **Sin** that **dwells** in me. I find then the law with me who wills to do the good, that is, the evil is present with me.

So, what is sin?

According to this passage in Romans 7, we can see that sin is actually the **sinful nature** of Satan. Satan is the source of sin. Sin is Satan's invention, and Satan himself is the element of sin.

Let's briefly look at what happened with Adam and Eve.

At the time of man's fall, Satan's sinful nature was **injected** into mankind. This means that when man ate of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, he took into him the sinful nature of Satan.

Matthew 16:23

But He, [the Lord Jesus], turned and said to Peter, **Get behind Me**, **Satan!** You are a stumbling block to Me, for you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of men.

WHAT IS THIS INWARD, SUBJECTIVE "SIN"?

Actually, in the sight of God, sin is Satan. Can you see this from the verses in Romans and Matthew?



Hebrews 2:14 Since therefore the children have partaken of blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the Devil.

This verse indicates that in His humanity and through His death in the flesh, Christ destroyed Satan, the one who has the power of death.

On the **negative** side, Christ's all-inclusive death has solved the problems of...

- Sins
- Sin
- And Satan

He actually also dealt with...

- the old man
- the old creation
- The world
- and the ordinances.

How about on the **Positive** side?

CHRIST'S DEATH HAS DESTROYED SATAN

It is a wonderful **fact** that through the death of Christ Satan was destroyed!



John 12:24 Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it abides alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

This verse refers to Christ's **death**. His **all-inclusive** death **released** the divine life that was **within** Him, and this life bore much fruit.

God started with a **single** grain and through the death of Christ, He now has **many** grains.

CHRIST'S DEATH RELEASED THE DIVINE LIFE

We're not going to get into this now, but...

Do **YOU** know what the *much fruit* is – which is mentioned in John 12:24, that was produced by the **releasing** of the divine life?



Hebrews 9:12 And not through the blood of goats and calves but through his own blood, entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, obtaining an eternal redemption.

What is this *redemption?* The word redeem means to purchase back something which originally was yours but which had become lost.

This redemption is exactly what Christ accomplished through His **death**

We originally belonged to God. We were **His** possession. However, due to our involvement with sin we all became **lost**. Nevertheless, God did not give us up. He paid the price to have us back, **repossessing** us at a **great** cost.

The shedding of Christ's blood on the cross has obtained eternal redemption for us.

AN ETERNAL REDEMPTION

The best news of the day is... That today, when we believe into Christ and **CONFESS** our sins, we receive a full forgiveness of all our offenses that we may return to God.



Oh Lord Jesus, I open my heart to You. Thank You for dying on the cross for my sins. I am a sinner. Forgive me and take away all my sins. I believe into You and I receive You. Come into me and be my life. Lord Jesus, I love You.

PRAYER TO RECEIVE THE DIVINE LIFE