

**Q24:** Why was it necessary for Christ, the Redeemer, to die?

**A24:** Since death is the punishment for sin, Christ died willingly in our place to deliver us from the power and penalty of sin and bring us back to God. By his substitutionary atoning death, he alone redeems us from hell and gains for us forgiveness of sin, righteousness, and everlasting life.

**Colossians 1:21–22** “And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him.” (ESV)

**Discuss the question:**

- What does it mean to redeem something?
- What have we learned about Christ from the last two weeks of our study?
- Did Jesus have to die or could He have refused?
- What was the purpose of Jesus dying?

**Discuss the Scripture:**

- What does it mean to be hostile in mind towards God?
- Who was/is hostile in mind towards God?
- What does it mean to be reconciled?
- What does it mean to be made holy, blameless, and above reproach before the Father?

**Discuss the answer:**

- What kind of death does humanity receive for their sin?
- Does sin require punishment from God? Why?
- Does sin have power over us?
- What is the penalty for sin?
- Why do we need a substitute?
- What does it mean to have forgiveness of sin from God?
- How can we possibly be viewed as righteous?
- What does it mean to have everlasting life?

Why is it important to remember the necessity of Christ's death for us?

What are things in your life that are distracting you from remembering this?

How do these distractions impact your walk with Jesus?