

“Christ’s Death, Our Rescue, God’s Glory”

John 12:27-36

The purpose of Christ’s death was to glorify the Father by taking the punishment that sinners deserve and dying in their place. In doing so, He secured the salvation of His sheep and silenced the accusations of Satan.

1. Jesus took *our* judgment upon Himself (vs 27, 31)
 - a. Christ was punished in our place (27)
 - b. Our sins were imputed to Christ (31)

In the death of Christ, Jesus bore our sins and answered the wrath of God with a sufficient payment. Since He propitiated the wrath of God in His substitutionary, atoning death, God is both just and justifier of those who have faith in Jesus Christ (Romans 3:21-26).

2. Jesus cast out Satan (vs 31)
 - a. Satan’s only valid weapon – the accusation of unforgiven sin - was taken away (Zechariah 3)
 - b. The Devil was decisively defeated in the death of Christ (Revelation 12:9-11)

Satan has been thrown out of the divine courtroom, where God Himself has issued the verdict of “not guilty” for those He has chosen, silencing the Devil’s accusations.

3. Jesus secured the salvation of His sheep (vs 32)
 - a. A conditional certainty = when Jesus is lifted up, all will be drawn (32)
 - b. All = all of His sheep, the elect whom God has given to Him. (John 6:37, 6:44, 6:65, 10:16, 17:2)

Christ’s death on the cross not only makes it possible to offer salvation to all who believe (John 3:16), it actually secured and guaranteed with absolute certainty the gathering of all His sheep (John 10:16-17), including all of His children scattered abroad (John 11:52) who have been appointed to eternal life (Acts 13:48).