

## Doctrine 5: The Work of Christ

### 5. The Work of Christ Part 1 of 2

**Doctrine (truth)**

- We believe that Jesus Christ,

**Devotion (relationship)**

- as our representative and substitute,
- shed His blood on the cross

**Duty (action)**

- as the perfect,
- all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins.

Event in history  
Death & Resurrection

Headship

His Righteousness ↔ Our Sin

Died: as if he were a sinner

no moral flaw

all for

Nothing more is needed

So we come to the fifth part of our doctrinal statement, which is central to our belief in Christianity.

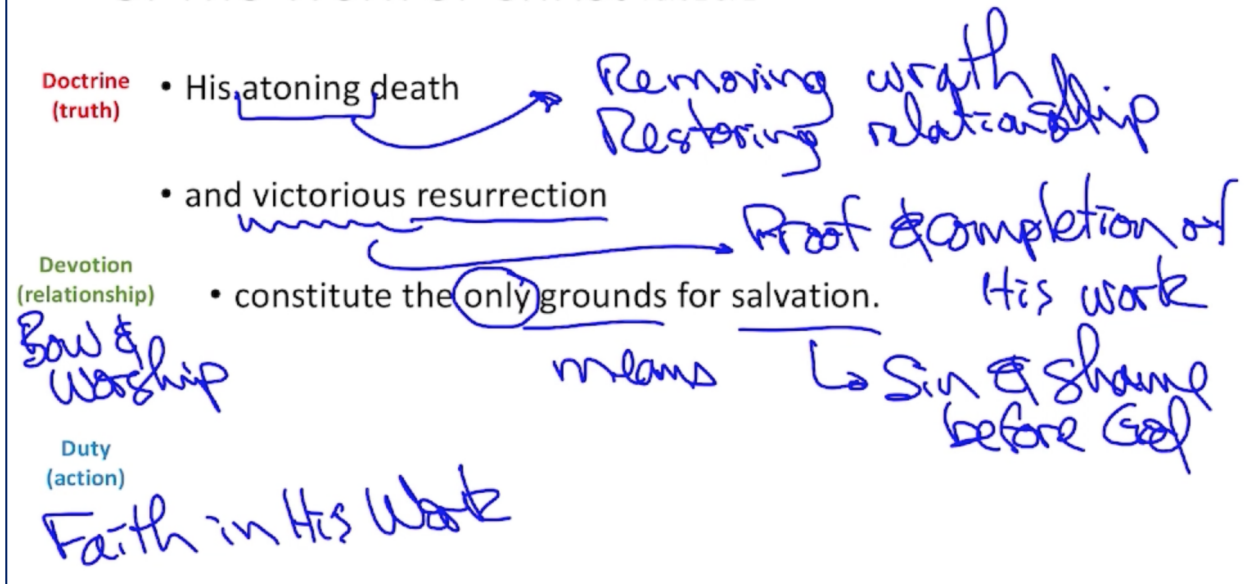
And this is the work of Christ. So this is an event in history. Even as the sin of Adam and Eve was an event in history that brought sin and death, the work of Christ is an event in history, an actual event in time that brings our salvation. And we believe about Jesus Christ, and I just give the summary right here: we believe in His death and resurrection.

And so on this slide we see His death. So we believe that He **shed His blood on the cross**. That is, He died. And His death on the cross was as if He were a sinner, as if He were guilty. And so this is where He is a substitute. So what we understand this to be is that His righteousness and our sin are exchanged. And so His righteousness comes to us and our sin goes to Him. And so He took our sin on Himself, dying as if He were a sinner, as our substitute, in our place to give us His righteousness, as if it were ours.

He is the **perfect sacrifice**. So there was no moral flaw. There was nothing wrong about His life or that sacrifice. And because of His sacrifice, being as God, as the **perfect sacrifice, it is all sufficient**. So nothing more can be added, or needs to be added. And this is really for **all of our sins**, so all of our sins. It's all sufficient, for all of that, because of who He is.

His death was enough to take that sin away, and to bring us to the Father. So He's our **substitute**. He is also our **representative**. So this is the idea of headship, that when He died, it is as though we died with Him. And in His resurrection, it is as though we have been resurrected with Him. And so this is the work of Christ in His death.

## 5. The Work of Christ Part 2 of 2



And so then we look at His resurrection, and so **His atoning death** and His victorious resurrection. So we go back to atoning, so this is the idea of both removing wrath, the just anger of God, and restoring relationship. So it would be a wonderful thing if all Jesus did was remove the wrath of God and then left us on our own, but not under his wrath. But He did far more than that. He not only removed the wrath. He restored us to a relationship with God.

And this is proven by His **resurrection**. And so this is proof and completion of the work, that coming to life again is what completes it and shows us the finality of it.

This **constitutes the only grounds**, the only means, **for salvation**, to solve the problem of sin and shame before God. And this is the only means, this is the only thing that can do it. He is the only one.

And so, in this, we bow and **worship** because of this work. And our **duty** is to put our faith in Him and His work. We need to accept by faith that it is sufficient and to put our trust in Him for our salvation, for a relationship with God.