

The Effects of the Atonement of Christ

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The sermon explores the profound and far-reaching effects of Christ's Atonement on both believers and the universe as a whole.

Scripture: Romans 5:11, 2 Corinthians 5:19, Colossians 1:20

Topics: "Atonement Of Christ", "Divine Reconciliation"

Description

W. Hoste preaches on the profound effects of the atonement of Christ, emphasizing that every blessing, both material and spiritual, throughout history is a result of Christ's sacrifice. Believers experience forgiveness, life, victory, and glory through faith in the atoning blood, leading to joy in God through Jesus Christ. The atonement has a broader application, extending to the reconciliation of heavenly places and the assurance of the eternal glory of God, guaranteeing the stability and harmony of the Universe.

Transcript

The effects of the atonement of Christ are very broad, retrospective as well as future. Every blessing, material or spiritual, that has come to man in the history of the world is on the ground of the death of Christ. The rain, the sunshine, the fruits of the earth, the covenant of night and day, the cycle of the seasons and every other temporal blessing has the same reason behind it. Without it God must have withheld any and every blessing, for man has forfeited every claim by sin. The very breath the blasphemer uses to curse the name of God, he owes to the propitiation of Christ; the fact that God's judgment lingers, that the Gospel is preached are other effects of the same cause. "God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself NOT IMPUTING THEIR TRESPASSES UNTO THEM" (2 Cor. 5:19).

The effects of the atonement for believers will take eternity to appreciate all that it means of forgiveness, life, victory and glory. We are cleansed, forgiven, justified, sanctified, and made nigh through faith in the atoning blood. We can go further and sing, "Our every joy in earth and heaven, we owe it to Thy blood". "And not only so, but also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement (reconciliation)" (Rom. 5:11).

But the Atonement has a still wider application. In Leviticus we read that atonement was made for the Holy Place, Tabernacle and Altar (chap. 16:16-20). But why for places? How can "things in heaven" be "reconciled" (Col. 1:20)? The Universe is a great whole. Sin has made its entrance even into the heavenly sphere. A note of discord has been introduced into the universal harmony. Now there is no thought in the Scriptures of the effects of the Atonement being applied to the fallen angels; they sinned against the light

of heaven. But the defilement of their guilt on heavenly things must be removed, the discordant note of their rebellion attuned, satisfaction paid to the insulted Majesty of Heaven, the future stability of the Universe assured, and a solid and enduring foundation laid for the eternal glory of the Triune God. ALL THIS IS GUARANTEED BY THE ATONEMENT OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

"To the only wise God, our Savior, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever, Amen" (Jude 25).

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