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Introduction

The whole event of the death of Jesus Christ is of great importance to us because it was the main event and the high point of the great controversy of Satan in his rebellion against God. Then the death of Christ must be viewed on two levels, the Celestial and the Terrestrial and this is on the basis of the who Jesus was as the Son of God. Therefore we will investigate the death of Christ as it relates to the divinity and humanity of Jesus Christ.

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The Death of Jesus Christ Who Was Responsible

- 1. Jesus Christ was God manifested in a human body that was affected by sin, it was called sinful flesh. Yet still He was sinlessly perfect in character as a man.
- 2. Jesus Christ in this manifested form was the only true savior to all mankind (Jn 4:42; Acts 4:12).
- 3. Thus Jesus Christ is the Son of God, the divine nature glory of God in a temple of human flesh in perfect character. Then all men will see in Jesus Christ divinity and its benefits to sinful man as humanity gaining victory into sinlessness.
- 4. In the Terrestrial level as related to the Roman authorities in both Pilate and Herod and Caesar's kingship, Jesus Christ seemed as a threat because He was wholly misrepresented to the Roman authorities as seeking temporal power as a mere (Jewish) human being over Caesar. This deceived Pilate as was done by the High Priest, Scribes and Pharisees. (Lk 23:1-7; Matt 27:1,2,11-14).
 - a. The Jews knew Jesus was divine and did not want Pilate to know this, but Pilate was convicted of the divinity of Jesus Christ by his inquiry especially through Christ's speaking to him (Jn 18:28-40).
 - b. This was also done to Herod, he also got a chance to see the divine grace of Christ in person (though no miracle was done before him (Lk 23:8,9) Both Pilate and Herod therefore saw that Jesus in His humanity did nothing worthy of death because being convicted of the divine nature glory, they saw He was sinlessly perfect hence divine in character (Lk 23:13-16,20-22; Matt 27:17-19; Jn 19:1-4).
 - c. Due to Pilate's love for power, compromise and moral weakness he caused Christ to be crucified, he subjected himself to the wicked spirit and hatred that the Jewish leader had for Christ by allowing the crucifixion. Hence the Romans had part in the death of Christ (Jn 19:5-1,14-16; Matt 27:21-31.
- 5. We shall look at the general population of Jewish people. In what way they are responsi-

ble for the death of Christ? The ignorant, unthinking impulsive support of the multitude gave to the wicked plots and deceptive conspiracy of the Jewish leaders, led to their participation in condemning Jesus Christ to death. This is because of their general unconverted state and love for sin. Thus they felt to the wicked spirit that prevailed the Jewish leaders in rejecting Jesus Christ as the one true Messiah and savior. (Matt 27:20-23,39,40; Lk 23:3,18,21,23).

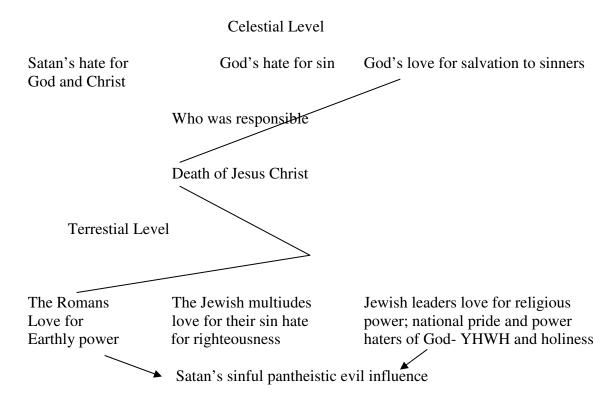
- 6. Now we shall look at the responsibility of the Jewish leaders which comprise of the High Priest, Scribes and Pharisees, how they are chiefly responsible above all human beings for the death of Christ.
 - a. These Jewish leaders hated Jesus Christ, because they saw a threat to their Jewish pride in preserving their identity as a nation idealistic above other nations, especially Rome and for this they sought to kill Jesus Christ (Jn 11:45-50,53).
 - b. The Jews hated Christ because of His claim to be the Son of God which meant that Jesus was God in a temple of flesh, being perfectly sinless, and for this they also worked to kill Him wanting to stone Him (Jn 7:1,19-25,28-30; Jn 8:28-40,45-49, 54-59; Jn 10:24-33).
 - c. The Jewish leaders plotted to finally kill Jesus Christ by any means necessary. They used Pilate and the multitude but the devil delivered Christ to them by the betrayal of Judas. Therefore the Jews were being influenced by Satan, himself (Matt 26:3,4; Matt 27:1,2; Lk 22:1-6,52,53; Jn 13:2).
 - d. Thus the Jewish leaders were chiefly responsible for the death of Jesus Christ Acts 3:13-15; 1Thes 2:14,15) on the earthly level and it was because of the divinity that He revealed, which was against their iniquitous desires.
- 8. Now we shall look at the death of Jesus from the celestial level from the point of view of Satan's rebellion and hatred against God and Jesus Christ. But whatever the facts are, it is a stated fact that Satan will have responsibility for the earthly level of Christ's death.
 - a. Satan hates Christ because of the fact that Christ was manifesting truths against Satan's pantheistic rebellious arguments (1Jn 3:8; Heb 2:14).
 - b. Satan claims that he is like God, by pantheistic means of evolution (ascending in degrees (Isa 14:12-14), but Jesus is God by nature and character (Col 1:15; Heb 1:3).
 - c. Satan also claims to be in all men (but only the wicked) and every where in a pantheistic sense (Eph 2:2; Jb 1:7,8). But Jesus is in those by who accept the revealed truths of faith that He gives them (2Thes 3:12; Jn12:2; Gal 2:16; Rom 8:6; Rom 5:18,1).
 - d. Satan claims to be a revealer of light to men (2Cor 11:14,15, but Jesus is the only true revealer and mediator as God (Jn 1:1,4,18; 1Tim 2:5).

- e. Thus Satan hated the fact that Jesus was the Son of God, the only one who is truly holy, the one God and Messiah (Lk 4:33,34; Jn 10:36; Lk 1:35; 1Tim 3:16).
- 9. As Satan hates Christ for these reasons, Jesus knows that Satan's apostasy and rebellion makes him a liar and murderer (Jn 8:44; Jn 10:10).
- 10. Thus Satan has intense hate to murder Christ so that he would not expose all his deceptions (Rev 12:4). As a result, Satan used all wicked men under his influence to accomplish this. Herod (Matt 2:13,16); Judas (Lk 22:3-6); The Jewish leaders (Jn 8:43,44).
- 11. While Satan wanted to kill Christ he did not want Christ to die and give His life to make provision of salvation available to all, hence he tempted Christ to sin many times before the cross (Matt 4:1-11, Matt 16:17,18,21-23). The Jews and multitude of people echoed Satan's intentions to make Christ not die a salvational death, when they said to Jesus "come down from the cross" (Matt 27:39-42).
- 12. So Satan was in a state of confusion because, Christ by His death will still expose his deceptions (Jn 12:30-33; Rev 12:10).
- 13. So Satan is the main person who orchestrated the physical death of Jesus Christ using unconverted and wicked persons who would yield to his devilish deceptions.
- 14. Also as Satan is the author of sin in heaven and on the earth, he is responsible for the suffering of sin that Jesus had to endure due to sin. Thus Satan is indeed a murderer. (1Jn 3:8; Jn 8:44; Eze 28:14,15; Rev 12:7-9; Gen 3:1-5).
- 15. Jesus Christ was conscious of the nature of this battle of Satan to murder Him because He spoke before of it. (Matt 16:21; Matt 27:22; Matt 20:17,19; Mk 10:32-34; Lk 18:31-33; Jn 13:21,25-28) before His incarnation (Acts 4:24-28). Hence he many times avoided the attempts to kill Him until the right time, so He can give His life to save mankind.
- 16. So what we have seen thus far, is that on the terrestrial level as well as celestial there is the intense hate and rebellion of Satan against God and Christ to murder them.
- 17. But the death of Christ has the divine purpose to give salvation to all as God's Divine Nature or character is revealed; and this aspect of death God was directly responsible (Jn 3:16; 1Jn 3:16; Jn 12:23,24,27,28).
 - a. The death of Christ here was to be spiritual, hence the physical brutality and death of the human person is charged against wicked men and Satan. The death then concerning God and Christ is a sufferage due to sin (Heb 2:9; Matt 26:36-39; 1Cor 15:3).
 - b. Hence Jesus came to make manifest the love of God in the suffering and gift of His life, which was given from the foundation of the world (Rev 13:8; 1Pet 1:19,20; 2Tim 1:9,10; Jn 10:17,18).

- c. In his suffering Christ is made conscious of sin to see how it is against God's nature of love and how God hates sin (Matt 27:45,46).
- d. God the father made Christ to suffer this sufferage of sin (Isa 53:10).
- e. The suffrage was for sin of this world of sinners, and hence Christ died in the process of bearing that burden of sufferage (Isa 53:5,6; Matt 27:46,50; Heb 2:9).
- f. So then as Christ died for sin, then it is our sins that killed Christ. We each are responsible for His death, because we are born in sin (Gal 1:4). The death of Jesus then as salvational was the provisional love of God to us, that by the merits of Christ's suffering and death and the gift of life we can be made free from sin in us (Rom 5:6; 1Pet 2:24; Heb 9:14, Col 1:20-22)

Conclusion: In this study what we have seen is that Satan's hate for God and rebellion that began in heaven has come to the earth. Thus as Jesus is truly God He faces off in battle against Satan. The devil is aimed to undo all the gracious attempts of god and Christ to undeceive mankind, by presenting his sinful pantheistic deceptions. We must see the issue of the death of Christ as it truly is—Satan's continued rebellion to claim equality and to be like God. While God in His love through the death of Christ exposes Satan's pantheistic deceptions.

Chart:



How Satan Made The Death of Christ A sacrifice To Pantheistic Gods

Introduction

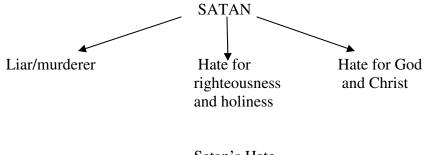
Satan's rebellion and hate for God and Christ manifested itself chiefly in the ultimate event in the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. In this Satan shows his ultimate intention of wanting to murder God as he did to the humanity of Jesus Christ. Therefore, Satan did prove that he is a murderer from the beginning, but we must never forget that Satan's hate is seen also in his rebellious pantheistic arguments to undo the just holy divine nature of God and the Plan of Salvation in Jesus Christ. Hence Satan's intention in causing the death of Jesus Christ gives it a pantheistic evolutionistic view to sinners; it is his false gospel.

- 1. Satan claims, to be God but by pantheistic evolutionism. (Isa 14:12-14; Job 1:7; Eph 2:2). Thus he rebelled against the true God and Creator. "It would seem that the only possible alternate solution that Lucifer could imagine would be evolution..... both he and God had somehow evolved out of the primeval chaos. Therefore, a well planned rebellion just might be successful." **Henry M. Morris, The Long War against God pg 258, 259.**
 - "Lucifer, the most brilliant of creation "reasoned" his brilliance was due to a process of growing into a god, or "working towards "becoming a god...through the science of evolution. Lucifer "reasoned" he would eventually grow into equality with God... Lucifer said "I will be like the most High" **John Daniel, Scarlet And the Beast Vol 1 pg 395-396.**
- 2. As a result of his rebellion and apostasy Satan is identified in character as a liar and murderer (Jn 8:44; Rev 12:9; Jn 10:10).
- 3. Satan knew that God the divine nature as the revelation or the Word, Mediator would come in sinful flesh of humanity to reveal the love of God in the Plan of salvation provided to save sinners (Jn 1:1,14,18; 2Cor 5:19; 1Tim 2:3-5).
- 4. Satan thus hates the Plan of Salvation which shows God to be love, with grace to save sinners. Thus he Satan, claims to be a light bearer which really perverts the gospel of Christ (2Cor 11:14; 2Cor 4:3,4; Gal 1:6-8).
 - "Satan again rejoiced with his angels that he could by causing man's fall pull down the Son of God from His exalted position. He told his angels that when Jesus should take fallen man's nature, he would overpower Him and hinder the accomplishment of the Plan of Salvation. **E.G White**, <u>Early Writings</u> pg 152.
- 5. Thus Satan's aim was to make Jesus Christ not fulfill Hs purpose on the earth as the savior and example to sinners. Therefore Satan tempted Christ to sin so that the Plan of salvation could be a failure (Matt 4:1-11; Jn 14:30; Matt 16:20).
- 6. Then in his hate for the holiness of God in Christ Satan's intention was to murder Christ (Rev 12:4; Jn 8:40,43,44).

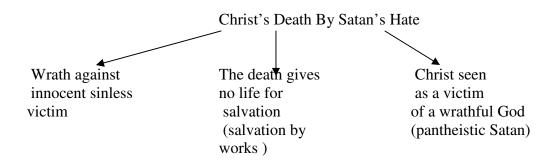
- 7. Thus Satan made Christ's death a murderous, event due to his hate for righteousness and holiness, this he inspired upon the Jewish leaders, the Romans and the Jewish people (Matt 26:3-5; Matt 27:1,2,24,26-31; Lk 23:21-23).
- 8. Then Christ died through Satan's hate and it was looked upon as the penalty for wrong done but it was murder (Acts 2:23,36; acts 3:15).
- 9. As a result what we can see is that in Satan's mind and all who participated in Christ's death (the humanity of Christ) is the fact that this sacrifice of Christ is no provision of salvation for sins because they rejected His divinity which was to save man (Matt 27:38-44; Lk 23:32-37).
- 10. The whole event of Calvary was then made into a scene of blood letting by inflicting pain, and agony on the human body of Jesus Christ the sacrifice. So then the people and even for a time the disciples, could not see the divine sacrificial love of God to sinners (1Cor 1:18,23). One thief gained it Lk 23:39-43.
 - "With the death of Christ the hopes of His disciples perished. They looked upon His closed eyelid and drooping head. His hair matted with blood, His pierced hands and feet.. nothing that He had said now gave them comfort. They saw only the cross and its bleeding victim Therefore seemed dark with despair. Their faith in Jesus had perished,..." E.G White, Desire of Ages pg 679 (PB Edition).
- 11. Now let's see how Satan perverts the death of Christ due to his pantheistic blindness. Satan as the god of this world showed by causing the death of Christ's humanity, that he was taking revenge (of his hate for holiness) on the innocent sinless victim Jesus Christ. So that Jesus Christ suffered the wrath of a revengeful pantheistic god, who satisfied his wrath, against Christ for being sinlessly Holy.
- 12. What we have deducted from Satan's whole scale murderous act is that as the original pantheistic god, it is he that inspired the concept of a wrathful revengeful God to be placated "by expiation and be satisfied by sacrifices of innocence, thus a perverted concept of sacrifice arises.
- 13. Let's see from the bible this concept in Canaanite practices, which also the nation of Israel and Judah fell into apostasy
 - (a) In 1Kgs 18:25-29 Here a sacrifice is made to Baal and it ends in a bloodletting painful nature.
 - (b) Ps 106:34-38 here the sacrifices of innocent is made to satisfy the anger of the pantheistic gods of idols, of Canaan.
 - (c) Ps 106:37; Deut 32:17 These gods or idols are really demons, hence it was Satan's hatred and wrath that is being satisfied and manifested in taking revenge on the ignorance

of men.

- (d) In their apostasy, the Jews worships pantheistic gods and offer sacrifices to them, and yet still see it is Yahweh they worship., thus making Yahweh into the character of pantheistic gods (Jer 7:3,4,8; Mich 3:2).
- 14. Therefore to make the death of Christ into the image of a sacrifice to a pantheistic God, which is to murder the victim to satisfy wrath. This is to say that no provision of sacrifice salvation was made by the death of Christ, hence His death was in vain.
- 15. Christ's death in its true sense of making available merits of grace for salvation is rejected by those who have a hate for holiness and righteousness and love sin which is to exalt their idol values as God. (Heb 10:26,29). They all crucify Christ a fresh making it a matter of murder (Heb 6:5,6).
 - "Satanic agencies confederated with evil men on leading the people to believe Christ, the Chief of Sinners, and to make Him the object of detestation."
 - "Satan saw that his disguise was torn away. His administration was laid open before the unfallen angels and before the heavenly universe. The had revealed Himself as a murderer, by shedding the blood of the Son of God..." **Ellen G. White,** <u>The Desire of Ages</u> **pgs 671,672.**
- 16. If Christ's death was vain by reason of the Satanic pantheistic view of that innocent bearing punishment to satisfy wrath, or expiation, then what concept of salvation can be derived by this idea of the death of Christ.
 - (a) Since there is no provision of available merits of grace of suffrage and life to save man from sin. Then the sinner will have to labor by his own efforts to be accepted of God to become righteous.
 - (b) This evidently leads to righteousness by works, which is a pantheistic doctrine in salvation ideas (Gal 2:21).







Conclusion:

The extent of Satan's hate for God and Christ is now seen in the way he caused the death of Christ to be seen through his own mind. Due to the concept of pantheistic errors, Satan has caused mankind to look upon the death of Christ, as to the revengeful God. This is his own evil character as wanting to be God.

The Death of Christ Concept Held By False Christianity Is Satan's Idea of Sacrifice To Pantheistic Gods

Introduction

In all matters of false doctrine Satan takes the initiative by reason of his apostasy and rebellion in heaven against God, thus Satan is a liar and murderer. The idea of the death of Christ was not perceived as anything worthy of grace for sinners due to Satan's deception of corrupting the idea of God and the purpose of the sacrifice of Christ. Thus the death of Christ is perceived after the order of pantheistic gods and sacrifices made to them. This was the working of demons as with all false doctrines (2Cor 4:3,4; 1Tim 4:1).

"But it is strange to think what a stir was made by the ancients enemy (Satan is meant here) of mankind to prevent any ray of light respecting the true sacrifice, that was to be make in the fullness of time, from being communicated to the minds of men though means of this universal ceremony and custom of sacrificing. Hence he influenced the most of the nations to the heinous, horrible, and detestable crime of offering human sacrifices, in order to make atonement for themselves, and render God propitious by such an abominable wickedness." **John Owen, The Death of Christ pg 525**

The ancient nations of worshippers of pantheistic gods accept the fact that by "the propitiatory or peace making sacrifices, for by these they thought they could render the gods propitious or appease them, or avert the anger of the gods and obtain peace with them " **ibid pg 523**.

And that "...the expiatory or purifying sacrifices by which sins were said to be atoned, expiated and cleansed and sinners purified purged and reconciled, and the anger of the gods turned aside and averted." **Ibid p. 524.**

Therefore false worshippers of false gods had the idea of two types of sacrifices to give to their pantheistic gods, that of propiationary of peacemaking to appeased them and avert anger and expiatory to remove sin and thus be reconcile as the anger of their gods is turned aside.

We will give consideration of Satan's pantheistic origin - Satanism. The vague belief that the world is somehow identified with the devil. The name gives to pantheism by Herbart."

Dictionary of Philosophy p 223

And thus Satan's considered a force or the god of nature called Pan "...the devil is not a person but a creative force, for good as for evil They (the initiates) represented this force, which precedes at physical generation under the mysterious form the God - Pan - or nature. **H. P Blavatsky**, **The Secret Doctrine Vol 2 p 510.**

This concept in Lucifer's minds is because he wanted and claimed that he is equal to God (Isa 14:12-14).

The enmity between God and Satan reached the point where God as mediator/revealer incarnated on the earth and Satan thus bruised the heel of the man Christ Jesus (hoping to caused Him to deny His divinity as God), thus Satan committed Christ to a murderer death (Gen 3:15; Jn 8:43,44).

Therefore the death of Christ physically on the cross in his humanity, was due to a sinful, wrathful, hateful, revengeful pantheistic god, being placated or satisfied by the death of an innocent victim. This equate to the sacrifices of innocence demanded by the pantheistic gods of ancient time to satisfy their wrath and anger.

"It at any time induced by law, they think it necessary that the gods should be appeased, they defile their altars and temples with human victims was thinking the immortal gods can be appeased by the blood.. of man" Cicero Pro fonteio, quoted in The Death of Christ p 527. "the virgin to be sacrificed declared that she was willing to appease the anger of the gods... Ibid p.533.

Due to apostasy from obedience to the grace of Yahweh - His holy law, the nation of Israel followed the way of the heathen (Jer 2:4-11; 2Kgs 17:7-12,19).

Thus they worshipped the pantheistic gods (idols) and offered sacrifices of innocence to appease the wrath of their gods (Ps 106:19-21,28,35-38).

Because the children of Israel and Judah rejected Yahweh's Plan of Salvation and walked in the way of pantheistic evolutionism in Canaanite false religion they equated Yahweh to the pantheistic wrath of the false gods and offered sacrifices to Yahweh and Baal together in united worship (2Kgs 17:33,40,41; Micah 3:1-4; Zep 1:5; Exo 32:4,5).

In the time of Christ the Jewish people held the idea that they were Yahweh's people while they had Satan's pantheistic view of Yahweh being of sinful wrath, so they can do violence and murder and be doing God service (Jn 16:1-3; Matt 23:34,35).

Thus the Jews in their wrath and hate for Christ because He was holy and sinless caused Him to die a death of condemnation of crucifixion; it was murder (Jn 19:5-7; Acts 3:13-15).

Therefore those who view God with sinful wrath will think that the sacrifice of Christ is given to propitiate or avert His divine anger. But this is really the out workings of Satan's hate for holiness in Christ and against God. Thus the idea of Christ's sacrifice or death will be seen logically according to Satan's pantheistic gods and sacrifices.

That God is angry with sinners, (this is really Satan's wrath against all men in his eagerness to kill all) (Jn 10:10; Rev 12:12).

That God in His anger and wrath against sinners He cannot bless them until He is pacified by sacrifice. This again in Satan's desire to have man serve him or worship him as god. Then he gives them rewards to keep them in service to himself (Matt 4:8,9).

That the death of Christ is really the physically torture He died on the cross, suffering the wrath of God (this is Satan's murderers hate upon Christ).

Thus it in the blood of Christ in His physical death that is seen as giving salvation, this is the spilled human blood of the man Jesus due to Satan's inspired hate upon deceived, sinful wicked men.

To the above four points are the summary from which the false concepts of the death of Christ is derived and we will look at such in the writings of some authors of the fallen apostate Christianity.

That God needs to be propitiated or appeased by the sacrifice of Christ, his physical death... "... it is true that God must be appeased by a propitiatory sacrifice, if we would that our sins should be forgiveness..." The Death of Christ p 539 ".... The atonement is often regarded as but a modification of an idea in the ancient system of paganism - the idea of appeasing angry gods by sacrifice. The essential idea is in those sacrifices undoubtedly was that of turning away the anger of the gods - of doing something to mitigate their wrath... the idea of wrath or vengeance had been fully met by the blood and sufferings of the innocent victim and that, therefore that wrath or vengeance was fully appeased or satisfied." Albert Barnes, The Atonement p 20,21

"The propitiation of the divine wrath, effected in the expiatory work of Christ, is the provision of God's eternal and unchangeable love. It is one thing to say that the wrathful God is made loving. But it is also that by the wrath by which he is wrathful is propitiated through the cross.

J. Murray, Redemption, Accomplished and Applied p 31,32

J. Murray, <u>Redemption, Accomplished and Applied</u> p 51,52

That God is made to love men and is reconciled only because of Christ's death on the cross, it is one thing to say that the wrathful God is made loving. That would be entirely false, it is another thing to say the wrathful God is loving. That is profoundly true. **Ibid p 31.**

"In the case of the sinner. The atonement served to propitiate God, and to regain His good favor by making amends for sin committed. This means that the primary purpose of the atonement was to reconcile God to the Sinner" Louis Berkhof, Manual of Christian Doctrine pg 213

The sacrifice of Christ was expiatory sufferings removing wrath. "Gazing then in astonishment at the sufferings of Christ, I declare them to have been vicarious sufferings, expiatory sufferings, atoning sufferings." G. Campbell Morgan, The Crises of the Christ pg 219

That it is the historical physical death on the cross this is the death of Christ "Strictly speaking, then only the sufferings on the cross were atoning. It was during the three hours of darkness when God had on Christ the sins of the world then atonement was being made. The abuse and scourgings that preceded his time on the cross were part of the sufferings of his life" **Charles Ryries, Basic Theology p 283**

It is then that Christ bore the penalty for sin in our place. "The death of Jesus was a voluntary giving of His life as a ransom price..." redemption is by the blood of Jesus Christ and that He

gave His life as the ransom price. "He paid the death penalty on behalf of man." "The blood could be no redemption price it could be no ransom paid out, as long as it was in His veins."

"The death of Christ, then is the very center of salvation. The death of Christ as a redemption price" **J F Strombeck**, **So Great Salvation p 47,48,49**

Then the literal blood of Christ on the cross in His physical death is the means of sinners being free from sin.

"Believer, that blood with which you have been sprinkled; under which you live daily is the blood of the cross." Glorious cross, Glorious cross which rings to us and makes known to us the eternal love. The blood is the fruit and power of the cross. "Each drop of that blood assures you of the power of a life, a heavenly life, obtained by Jesus on the cross. Andrew Murray, The Blood of the Cross pg 32,34

Thus as the Roman Catholic Church in their doctrine of the mass they have the bloodless, sacrifice of Christ re-crucified. It glorifies the physical death of Jesus on the cross.

"The mass perpetuates the sacrificial offering of Calvary" The passion of Jesus, therefore, is only represented at the mass." "The action of Jesus, however, the heart of the Calvary sacrifice, is presented at the mass. How? By the miracle of transubstantiation." Calvary the action of Jesus took place in a bloody and painful manner.

For a Calvary reparation for sin was being made and reparations are always costly and bitter .. The mass is an unbloody and joyful celebration." **Rev Albert Joseph Maryshamon**, **Behind the Mass p 48**.

"The biblical concept of shed blood is not that of life released. It is the live poured out in death, especially in the form of sacrificial death. Shed blood is not life released for others, it is life surrendered in death. The blood of Christ is a synonym for the death of Christ. The blood of Christ is only a more vivid expressions for the death of Christ in its redemptive significance. **George Eldon Ludd**, <u>A Theology of the NT pg 190</u>

The idea given by these fallen protestants and spiritual Evangelicals are contrary to the biblical concept of the death of Christ, because of the influence of Satan's perverted idea of God. These theologians have reasoned as the ancient pantheistic religions (Rom 1:21; 2Cor 4:3,4).

The bible gives the true idea of God to be love in nature, but hates sin enough to destroy it and al who loves sin.

In Exo 34:6,7 we are told that Yahweh God is merciful, gracious and long suffering, ready to forgive sins, but those who are rebellious and in iniquity sure punishment is to be received. Therefore God hates sin and shows His wrath against it (Isa 59:1,2).

In 1Jn 4:9, we see it was love in God that provided the sacrifice of Christ for sins. So God is not getting wrathful satisfaction from Christ's death. It is love manifested to forgive us of sin (Jn

3:16).

1Jn 4:10, here Christ is the propiatiation for our sins, meaning the place of mercy, no expiration of wrath (1Jn 2:2; Heb 2:17; Heb 4:16).

1Cor 5:19, In this we see that God reconciles the world to Himself, not that He needs to be reconciled to man, as if by His wrath He has done wrong, His love draws us and this is the work of reconciliation in Christ. For God was in Him.

Jn 6:53,54; Lev 17:11,14, The blood of Christ given is life offered. This is a love in faith, experience. To death which is absence of divine life, but Christ gives His life to substitute our sinful death experience. (Rom 8:6; Rom 5:9,10,18).

Matt 26: 36,37,38; Heb 2:9. The death is rally a divinely imposed suffering by God on Christ due to sin. And this is seeing the evil of sin, hence the wrath of God is seen against sin in Christ suffering for sin (Isa 53:10).

Conclusion:

Therefore what Satan has propagated about the death of Christ, makes Him to be god, to those who hold on to such deceptions. As they hold unto Satan's doctrine then he is their light giver. Therefore they have joined Satan in hi rebellion against God and Christ.

God has otherwise given the truth of His eternal love to the human family, that He alone is the Savior. So in Jesus Christ is that revelation of love to save us from sin and be free from Satan's pantheistic deception and murderers wrath.

Satan Pantheistic God's

Sacrifice of victim	Death is	Death is	Literal blood
For wrath	physical	penalty	is death
Satisfaction	suffering	paid	
	on cross		

Yahweh God (Love, Mercy)

Hate for sin	Love provides	propitiation	blood spiritual is gift of life
(death	sacrifice	mercy	
Suffering		sacrifice	
For sin			

How For Sin Christ Achieved in his Death Amidst Satan's murderous Wrath To Kill Him

Introduction:

In the Plan of Salvation being given, God shows that enmity would exist between Satan and Christ in which Satan's deceptive philosophy will be exposed and also the unfolding of God's salvific love to sinners and His hate for sins. Therefore amidst Satan's pantheistic rebellion and murderous hatred for God, Christ is to be incarnated on the earth and show and live the Plan of Salvation

When God initiated the Plan of Salvation to Adam and Eve, God showed that it will involve the exposure of Satan's rebellion and the actual death of God incarnated as a man caused by Satan's murderous hate (Gen 3:15).

The death of Christ which is a sufferage of sin was foundational to the Plan of Salvation when firstly given, because Christ was fore-ordained as savior before and from at the time sin entered this world (1Pet 1:19,20; Rev 13:8).

God's idea of the death of Christ was always, the sense of the suffering for sin how it is against his divine nature of love (Heb 2:9; Heb 1:13; Ps 5:4,5; Rom 3:23).

God's idea therefore of the death of Christ is the gift of life as was typified or presented symbolically in the sacrificial system, it is life in God that saves man (Lev 17:11,14; Deut 30:19,20).

Therefore God can only truly despise sacrifices of blood letting being offered by man because, He delights only in righteousness and true humility in heart (Isa 11:11; Amos 5:21-24; Mich 6:6-8; Ps 51:16-19).

Therefore God does not sanction murder of innocents as sacrifices to pantheistic gods nor to do such in His name (Lev 18:21; Lev 20:2,3; Lev 7:3-10,11). As soon as God was incarnated as human on the earth, Satan in his cruel murderous hate for Christ sought to bruise His heel and murder Him, but God made sure to preserve Jesus Christ perfectly sinless (Matt 2:1-4;,10-13,16; Rev 12:4).

In all Satan's temptations towards Christ, his intentions was to cause Him to sin in denying His divinity as the Son of God (Matt 4:1-10; Jn 10:33-Matt 21:354,40-43

It was during His earthly life that Christ showed ultimate truths that Satan hated to hear and did not want to acknowledge, which exposed his pantheistic lies, thus increasing his murderous hate for Christ. In these truths it is seen as who has true authority.

Christ showed that He had authority to forgive men their sins, this is in a subjective sense, so man can become sinless, hence no man can save himself (matt 9:1-6; Jn 8:10,11; Acts 5:31).

Christ showed that He had authority to proclaim and teach the truths or doctrines of God. Hence He alone is the true revealer, mediator of God (Lk 4:31,32; Matt 7:28,29; Jn 1:1,14,17,18).

It is with great authority that Jesus Christ could command devils and sickness from inflicting sinners who accept Him, hence Christ is above evil angels (Lk 4:40,41; Matt 8:16,17; Lk 9:41-43).

Christ received authority to execute judgment upon men because He is their only true savior. Thus Satan has no salvation right over man (Jn 5:26,27,24,28,29.

Christ has authority to lay down His life for man and to resurrect again. Therefore Satan cannot stop Christ from giving His life as a sacrifice for sins nor keep His body in the grave (Jn 10:10,11,5,17,18; Jn 11:25; Jn 2:18-22).

Christ has full authority especially after His resurrection overall of heaven and on earth,. Thus He commands the gospel message to be preached to all the earth. Satan then cannot stop the church from its mission (Matt 28:18,19,20; Matt 10:5,8 Matt 16:18,19).

Christ is declared to have authority to give salvation of life to all of mankind, due to His one eternal sacrifice. He then is the true giver of light and life not Satan (Jn 17:2; Jn 1;12; Jn 8:12).

All these established Christ as the one true incarnate manifestation of God. Satan is no manifestation of God - Yahweh (Jn 1:1,14; Tim 3:16).

Also that He is the true sinless, holy one of Yahweh even demons acknowledge that to be true (Lk 4:33-36; Ek 8:26-28).

Christ establish He is the one Yahweh God, the Creator of all life, in the Sabbath truths He preached (Mk 2:27,28; Matt 12:6-8).

In doing all these signs, wonders and proclaiming the truth, Christ was always in great sufferings of mind for sinners because of sin.

For all that Christ did Satan built up his rage and hate to the point of murderous hate. He thus sought to kill Christ, because He was always right and pure, Satan used the Jewish priests and elders (Lk 4:28,29; Mk 3;3.6; Jn 5:14-18; Jn 8:57-59; Jn 10:29-31; Jn 11:45-53).

Therefore Christ knew that He would die a violent death by wicked men influenced by Satan and his host (Matt 16:21; Matt 17:22,23; Matt 26:17-19; Matt 26:1,2).

Christ knew that in His death by the hands of the wicked mobs under Satan's pantheistic wrath, He must glorify God and show the true intent of His suffering as for mankind in his death and yet defeat Satan (Jn 12:23-33).

In the light of Satan's plot to kill Christ, Christ knew He had to undergo great suffering to give

His life finally on the cross to show the greatness of the Plan of Salvation in God's love.

Satan used Judas's betrayal to cause Christ great sufferings (Lk 22:3-6; Jn 13:22).

Also Satan used the weakness of the disciples faith especially Peter to desert Christ and deny Him, this was a great pain to Christ (Lk 22:31-33; Matt 26:31-35).

Christ faced all this with clam sinlessness and victory even in Gethsemane (Matt 26:36-39,42; Lk 22:44; Ps 116:13; Jn 18:1-8).

At the point of His crucifixion on the cross Christ was firmly giving the light of salvation that will glorify God and Himself, Satan was more adamant to cause Christ's death. The whole Jewish people condemned Christ and chose Barabas a revolutionary and bandit, murderer, as well as to have Caesar as king over them (he was a pantheistic worshipper of Mithra). Jesus was rejected as a traitor, impostor and blasphemer (Jn 18:38-40; Jn 19:14,15).

Jesus declared the forgiveness of God to sinners for their ignorance. (Lk 23:33-37).

Christ still forgave sins as in the one who saw His perfect sinless glory (Lk 23:39-43.

The weight of sin's evil pressed heavily on Christ thus He showed how much God hates sin (Matt 27:45-49).

Christ endured all the assailments of Satan to the end and give up His own life on sinners behalf that they can receive the cleansing from sin within to serve God truly (Lk 23:46; Heb 9:14; Rom 5:10;

Thus by His suffering of sin unto death ,Christ showed that in Him all can have peace with God by the light of grace they receive from His spirit (Eph 2:13,14,17,18).

Satan thus was soundly defeated by Christ dying on the cross, because He did not yield to sin, but fulfilled the Plan of Salvation fully, it was finished or completed perfectly according to God's plan (Jn 14:30,31; Jn 16:33; Jn 19:25-30; Acts 2:22-24; Acts 4:8-12; Col 2:15).