

New Telephone Directory

We wish to notify our subscribers that we intend to issue a new directory next month, and in order that there may be no errors in it we ask their co-operation. All those whose names or addresses are not correct in the present directory or who wish any changes made, kindly notify us. All notifications must be in by the 10th of May.

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WHY JESUS DIED FOR SINNERS ALL

We Have All Erred in the Past, Said Pastor Russell.

The Penalty For Sin, According to the Bible, Contradicts Our Creeds—The Bible Theory Reasonable—A Ransom-Price For Sinners Was Necessary Under the Penalty—How It Could Have Been Different, Had God Pleas—How Jesus Suffered the Penalty of the Sinner—He Redeemed Not Only the Church but Also the World—How All For Whom He Died Must Ultimately Be Profited—Divine Justice, as Well as Divine Love, Involved—The Glorious Outcome.



Brooklyn, N. Y., April 20.—Pastor Russell's topic in the Brooklyn Academy of Music today was, "The Necessity for Jesus' Death." His text was: "In due time Christ died for the ungodly."—Romans 5:8. The speaker declared that while the Bible everywhere emphasizes the importance of Jesus' death, yet Christians today seem to be perplexed upon the subject. Some claim that neither His life nor His death was different from that of other men. Others claim that Jesus came into the world to show mankind how to live and die for a good cause. Others bewildered declare that they see no relationship between Jesus' death and what they have been taught is the penalty for sin; viz., eternal torment.

In general, said the Pastor, there is confusion upon the subject, and only those who get the proper focus on the question of why Christ died can be mentally at rest, and enter sympathetically into the great Plan of God, of which the death of Jesus for human redemption is a part.

The Pastor protested against the too common practice of accepting a portion of the Bible and rejecting the remainder. He declared that any man wise enough to criticize the inspired Word should be accepted as an inspired authority, capable of writing a better statement of the Divine Plan. He believes that the Holy Scriptures, as St. Paul declares, were written aforetime by holy men for the admonition of the Church, because God wishes His people to understand His arrangements. We should hold fast "the faith once delivered to the saints," and not allow the wisdom of men to make the Word of God of none effect. He reminded his hearers that Jesus reproved the Pharisees for neglecting the Word of God and preferring the traditions of men.

Our English Bible, said he, does not profess to be the Word of God, but merely a translation of it. If therefore we find mistranslations which misrepresent the original Scriptures, we should correct these, and admit that the translations are not inspired.

Jesus Died to Meet Man's Penalty.

Orthodox creeds do not dispute that there is a penalty against mankind. These creeds agree that Adam, father of humanity, was created perfect, in the moral image of his Maker; but that he sinned and came under a penalty because of that sin. All mankind, having inherited life from him, share his condemnation to death. God, having sentenced man to death, cannot consistently deal with the sinner. Hence He arranged that Jesus should recover Adam and his posterity from that condemnation—in order that they might have opportunity to return to harmony with Him, and thus to everlasting life.

This, said the Pastor, is clearly set forth in both Old and New Testaments. If we could forget our creeds and the false theories which they inculcate, these Scriptures would guide us without difficulty. Christendom is handicapped by creeds of the Dark Ages, which confuse us. For instance, these creeds teach that God's curse against mankind is eternal torment.

"The Wages of Sin Is Death."

Most emphatically the Bible declares the wages of sin to be death—not torment. Let any should think that only the body dies, but that the soul continues to live, the Scriptures say, "The soul that sins shall die." "God is able to destroy both soul and body in Gehenna"—the Second Death. The penalty against Adam, "Dying, thou shalt die," signifies the death of his soul—his entire being. Under that sentence Adam and his race, unless redeemed, would have no future life.

But God from the very beginning purposed to redeem man from the death sentence. He purposed to send forth His Son to pay man's redemption price—to die for man. Christ's redemptive work would restore man's soul from the power of the tomb by a resurrection from the dead. St. Paul expresses this matter in few words, saying, "As by man came death [not

"Real Estate is Going Up"

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