

Objection # 3 — One person's GOODNESS cannot just be INJECTED into another person."

*Romans 7:1 – 6 – ¹ Now, dear brothers and sisters — you who are familiar with the law — don't you know that the law applies only to a person who is still living? ² Let me illustrate. When a woman marries, the law binds her to her husband as long as he is alive. But if he dies, the laws of marriage no longer apply to her. ³ So while her husband is alive, she would be committing adultery if she married another man. But if her husband dies, she is free from that law and does not commit adultery when she remarries. ⁴ So this is the point: The law no longer holds you in its power, because you died to its power when **you died with Christ on the cross**. And now you are **united** with the one who was raised from the dead. As a result, you can produce good fruit, that is, good deeds for God. ⁵ When we were controlled by our flesh, sinful desires were at work within us, and the law aroused these evil desires that produced sinful deeds, resulting in death. ⁶ But now we have been released from the law, for **we died with Christ**, and we are no longer captives to its power. Now we can really serve God, not in the old way by obeying the letter of the law, but in the new way, by the Spirit.*

Communion Readings – John 19:17 – 34 and Isaiah 53

Resources:

New Dictionary of Theology, Edited by Sinclair B. Ferguson,
David F. Wright, & J. I. Packer
Introducing Christian Doctrine, Millard Erickson



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Part 9

The Doctrine of the Cross: “Immoral, Ridiculous, Stupid”

1 Corinthians 1:18 – For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

THEOLOGICAL CONTEXTS OF REDEMPTION

The **NATURE OF GOD** – His *nature* or *character* is ABSOLUTE, COMPLETE, HOLINESS. Because of his nature he is compelled to turn away from sin.

The **NATURE OF THE LAW** – The law is the EXPRESSION OF GOD'S CHARACTER

Sin brings death – that is it SEPARATES US FROM GOD

*Genesis 2:16 & 17 – ¹⁶ And the Lord God commanded the man, “You may freely eat of every tree of the garden; ¹⁷ but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat of it **you shall die**.”*

Romans 6:23 – “ . . . the wages of sin is death . . . ”

Legalism is the attitude that the law is to be obeyed for its own sake rather than as a way of relating to a personal, holy God.

The **NATURE OF HUMANITY** – Man is ALIENATED and SEPARATED from God and in need of redemption.

Genesis 3:6 – 9 – ⁶ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate. ⁷ Then the eyes of both were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. ⁸ They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. ⁹ But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, “Where are you?”

Romans 3:23 – “. . . we’ve compiled this long and sorry record as sinners and proved that we are utterly incapable of living the glorious lives God wills for us . . .” (The Message)

The **NATURE OF CHRIST** – The Bible describes Jesus as both FULLY GOD and a FULLY HUMAN

OBJECTIONS

Objection # 1 — “Why is atonement necessary?”

God is a JUST person; which means that atonement, or reparation must be made for sin if we are to be reconciled.

God is also a LOVING person, which is why HE paid the penalty himself, to “reconcile the world to himself.” 2 Corinthians 5:19

Objection # 2 — That the Father would substitute his Son to bear our punishment seems UNFAIR, UNJUST, and COSMIC CHILD ABUSE

Hebrews 12:2 – Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

2 Corinthians 5:15 – 21 – ¹⁵ He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live to please themselves. Instead, they will live to please Christ, who died and was raised for them . . . ¹⁷ What this means is that those who become Christians become new persons. They are not the same anymore, for the old life is gone. A new life has begun! ¹⁸ All this newness of life is from God, who brought us back to himself through what Christ did. And God has given us the task of reconciling people to him. ¹⁹ For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people’s sins against them. This is the wonderful message he has given us to tell others. ²⁰ We are Christ’s ambassadors, and God is using us to speak to you. We urge you, as though Christ himself were here pleading with you, “Be reconciled to God!” ²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. (NLT)