

We Find All Comforts in His Wounds

Belgic Confession, Article 21

1. THE DOCTRINE OF THE ATONEMENT: Jesus suffered and died to pay the _____ for our sin.

a. The death of Jesus was _____.

He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:2)

b. The death of Jesus was _____.

I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. (John 10:14-15)

c. The suffering of Jesus was _____.

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? (Psalm 22:1)

2. THE SCRIPTURAL ROOTS OF THE ATONEMENT: This doctrine is not based on isolated New Testament prooftexts, but is the _____ of all of Scripture: “as the prophets had predicted.”

“Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself. (Luke 24:26-27)

a. The _____ and prophets

b. The books of _____

3. THE SPIRITUAL RICHNESS OF THE ATONEMENT: This doctrine shapes and forms _____ of life.

a. The atonement makes us confident in the _____ of our sins.

b. The atonement frees us from seeking or inventing any other way to be _____ with God.

c. The atonement provides us with “all _____.”

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:31-32)

d. We therefore continue to say with Abraham: “_____.”