

Shayla: Why was the death of Christ needed to save men? Why was it necessary?

Meforshim:

The Mosaic Law cannot save because its purpose was to demonstrate our inability to please God through works. We need something else. That something else is Jesus Christ.¹ The Mosaic Law and any other system that requires that we earn our salvation through good works or through ritualistic religion are simply insufficient.

- Romans 8:3 The law of Moses could not save us, because of our sinful nature. But God put into effect a different plan to save us. He sent his own Son in a human body like ours, except that ours are sinful. God destroyed sin's control over us by giving his Son as a sacrifice for our sins.

They are insufficient because one must be able to perfectly perform them and no human is up to the task.²

Through Adam, sin was "imputed to" or counted against all humanity. Through Jesus Christ, perfect righteousness was offered to all humanity. That righteousness could not be offered as long as the penalty of sin (death) was not paid.³ Since the Mosaic Law was around for centuries and yet Christ came to die, we must surmise that the Law was not sufficient; no one was able to ever be "good enough." If that were possible, then Christ's coming and dying was a big mistake.

This is one of the reasons the Ransomed believe that followers of Judaism are in just as much need of Christ as any other human. Some denominations today teach that Christians should not have to witness to followers of Judaism because God has a separate path to heaven for them. However, if the Christ died for the apostles who were all Jews, why would we think that Jews have a special dispensation today?

¹ Romans 5:19-21

² Galatians 3:10-14

³ Romans 5:12-17