

How to Die in Your Sins

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: John 8:21-30.

B. Men had no one to blame for rejecting Jesus other than themselves--revelation was sufficient.

C. The judgment of the Jews was the result of ignorant unbelief.

II. The people around Jesus wanted a God who would come down to their level and wrongly wanted to relate to Him by works. (Ezra 9:15)

III. The people were ignorant of the provision of Christ. (John 9:32-33)

A. Jesus condemned the people's self-righteousness. (Matthew 5:7-9, 23)

B. The people did not realize that they needed a savior. (Matthew 9)

C. Christ terminates the quest for righteousness by law. (II Corinthians 5:21, Isaiah 45:24, Galatians 5:1, Colossians 2:14, Romans 3:20-21, 1:17)

IV. The people were ignorant of the place of faith.

A. Faith is what saves not works.

B. Moses taught that if one is going to obtain righteousness by law, he must be perfect. This is impossible. (Leviticus 18:5, Deuteronomy 27:26, Galatians 3:10)

C. No one is righteous by the law. (Romans 4:15, Leviticus 18:5)

D. Righteousness is only by sovereign grace through faith. (Deuteronomy 30:10, Romans 10:8, Deuteronomy 7:7, 9:4-5, 14:2, 15:15-16, 29:9, 33:26)

E. The righteousness by faith is available to anybody.

F. A works-righteousness system negates the work of Christ.

Application questions:

1. What wrong view about God did the Jews around Jesus hold? Why was it wrong?

2. What does it mean that Christ "terminates the quest for righteousness by law?"

3. Why is adherence to the law insufficient for obtaining righteousness? Explain.
