

Mere Christianity
Book 2, Chapter 4
The Perfect Penitent

Questions:

1. What did Christ come to do?

2. What is “the central Christian belief”?

3. Why is it wrong for Christians to get hung-up on various theories of how Jesus’ death on our behalf works?

4. One theory that resonates with Lewis has to do with the “debt” we humans owe God. Explain (cf. Rom. 6:23; Col. 2:13-15).

5. What is the “hole” man has gotten himself into (cf. Rom. 5:10; Col. 1:21)? What is the only way out of that hole?

6. What does it mean to *repent*? Why has repentance been called “the first word of the gospel” (cf. Matt. 4:17; Acts 2:3-8; 3:19; 26:18-21).

7. What is the dilemma regarding repentance? How does Christ’s incarnation answer that dilemma and the debt we owe (cf. 2 Cor. 5:21; Gal. 3:13; 1 Jn. 3:4-5)?

8. Why is it foolish to complain that Christ’s sacrifice was “easy” since he was both God and man?