

Dear Jason,

Thank you once again for writing us at Christian Questions Radio. You asked how Jesus' one time sacrifice could have been an adequate substitute for the redemption of the entire human race. You wanted to know if each human needed an individual sacrifice in order for justice to be done.

The sacrifice Jesus made on the cross was all-inclusive. His one-time death and resurrection freed the entire human race from the curse of death imposed on Adam and his progeny. The scriptures clearly state that Jesus died once for all and can never die again, since he was resurrected as an immortal being. "For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. (Romans 6:9-10) "For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:21-22) The reason only one sacrifice was needed to redeem the entire human race from the curse of death was because death came to all due to one perfect man's sin. Therefore, life will be returned to all because of one perfect man's righteousness. A perfect man (Adam) sinned and plunged the human race into death. To balance the divine scale of justice the perfect man Jesus, who was sinless, was needed to die in order to redeem the entire sinful human race. "Consequently, just as the result of one trespass was condemnation for all men, so also the result of one act of righteousness was justification that brings life for all men. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous." (Romans 5:18-19)

Did Jesus' one time sacrifice satisfy the divine scale of justice and redeem all sinners? It most certainly did. We hope we have answered your question. Please write us again.

Sincerely,
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