

Hi all,

Sometimes when I talk with students about the gospel, I get a sense that they don't fully grasp the substitutionary death of Christ. Through being trained and trial and error, I've sought to make that more clear. One illustration I've recently tried to improve is the idea of payment for a debt. If someone stole my lap top and I hypothetically chased him down and caught him, but in the midst of the drama my phone broke, I'd want payment. Let's say the police came and we settled the issue. Let's say my phone costs \$400 to replace, plus \$100 in pain and suffering. If he gave me two bucks and said, we're even, we're good, I'd cry foul and pursue proper payment.

This week, we have been participating in Epic's National Evangelism Blitz week. One guy said the reason God should let him into heaven is that he gave up his seat on Bart a few months back for an older Asian lady. Another guy said, the reason God should let him into heaven is that when people drop things, he sometimes lends a helping hand. I don't discount those good things, but in my mind that is like offering two bucks, when one owes \$400. Just like our national debt is beyond anyone's ability to pay it. Our sin debt is beyond anything that I can do through good works or good character to pay it. The good news is that Christ died for the sins of all people throughout time and by believing in Christ for salvation in terms of His work (substitutionary death of Christ) and the person (Son of God) we have the promise of eternal life (John 3:16, John 6:47, Acts 16:30-31).

Praise and prayer

Please continue to pray for evangelism on campus this week and for the rest of the semester. Pray for open doors, creativity, love for students, and people's salvation. Praise God that 18 people have been saved this semester.

Please pray for a training conference I'll be attending in Dallas for team leaders and for the national Epic student conference after Christmas in Houston. Please pray for more students to come.

Please pray for more workers for our Philippines trip next summer. We are excited to partner with University of Hawaii and their Cru movement to send a team. We are going May 27-June 10. If you know of college students that want to go, please contact me.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I want to say that I'm grateful for all of you for allowing me to serve the Lord on the college campus and to trust God to raise up workers on the Mission field and in the work place for Christ. Thank you for your prayers and financial support.

God bless,

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