

**"CHRIST DELIVERED and RAISED"****Introduction**

1. Peter preaching on Pentecost
2. The significance of Pentecost (revival)
3. The wonderful effect of this sermon

**1. THE CRUCIFIXION OF CHRIST WAS ORDAINED BY GOD**

- 1) Christ's death was ordained in eternity past.
  - (i) Rev. 13:8: "slain from the foundation ... world".
  - (ii) 1 Peter 2:20: "foreordained before the foundation..."  
**OBSERVE**: We refer to God's eternal plan as Decree
- 2) What love this shows on God's part!
  - (i) love to a lost world
  - (ii) the means to deal with man's sin.
- 3) Peter tells us this:
  - (i) to show how wisely God fulfils His will
  - (ii) how infallible are God's oracles and prophecies
  - (iii) that Jesus is the promised Messiah  
**APPLICATION**: God's enemies do but fulfil His will

**2. THIS DOES NOT TAKE AWAY FROM HUMAN GUILT**

- 1) Understand God's decree correctly:
  - (i) "God has no such decree" (false)
  - (ii) "God's decree excuses man's guilt" (false)
  - (iii) The decree is fixed – but man is a responsible agent.  
**OBSERVE**: There is mystery here.
- 2) Those who disobey God's revealed will cannot escape doing His secret will:

- (i) They crucified Christ – a crime;
- (ii) They were deeply guilty – their hands were stained with blood.
- (iii) Yet: none of all this was contrary to the secret purpose of God: Deut. 29:29  
**APPLICATION**: O see the wisdom of God in all of this!

**3. IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR DEATH TO HOLD CHRIST**

- 1) Christ must die for our salvation – because "the wages of sin is death". He died our death: "The death of death".
- 2) Christ must of necessity rise from the dead:
  - (i) because of his heavenly ministry
  - (ii) because he is greater than death
  - (iii) to fulfil the Scriptures: Psalm 16, Jonah
  - (iv) it was his reward for obedience
- 3) Christ's resurrection was a "loosing of the pains of death":
  - (i) death is the "King of terrors"
  - (ii) in Christ's case, all pain was over when he cried, "It is finished!"
  - (iii) God brings us to death; and his power will bring us out of it.  
**APPLICATION**: A comforting thought to believers. God who loosed the bonds of death for Christ will do so for His people also.
- 4) When we believe, we are brought into fellowship with the risen Christ:
  - (i) union with his death
  - (ii) union with his resurrection life
  - (iii) union at last in glory

**CONCLUSION**

Those who are unbelievers and die in their sins will be kept under these "pains of death".  
O repent and believe in Christ.

**PSALM****110: 1 – 5****68: 7 – 11****16: 8 - 11**