

Sin, Redemption, and Damnation

Doctor Faustus is a Christian play, as such it deals with themes at the root of Christianity and its views on the world. First, there is the concept of sin, which Christians define as being acts that go against the will of God. By making a pact with the Devil, Faustus commits the ultimate sin – not only is he disobeying the word of God, he is willingly promising allegiance to Lucifer.

Christians believe, however, that even the most evil wrongdoings can be forgiven through the power of Christ who died on a cross for the sins of mankind, so that they may have ever-lasting life. Meaning, that no matter how horrible Faustus's pact with Lucifer might be, the chance for redemption always exists.

All he needs to do is seek God's forgiveness. In the play, there are several times when it appears that Faustus is considering out the possibilities of redemption; however, his continues to remain loyal to Lucifer. Turning away from God condemns him to damnation. Only when it is too late does Faustus truly desire to repent.