

Doctrine Series: SUBSTITUTION

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I. Its Definition

Christ taking our place and receiving the punishment that we deserve.

II. Its Necessity

- GOD is righteous & holy.
- ALL of US are unrighteous & sinful.
- ALL sin must be punished.
- EITHER we are punished in Hell OR Christ received our punishment on the Cross.

III. Its Dependence on the Lord Jesus Christ

- In order to absorb God's wrath against our sins, the Lord Jesus ...
 1. Gave Himself in every way (Titus 2:14)
 2. Gave Himself as Ransom (1 Tim.2:6)
 3. Suffered (Hebrews 2:9)
 4. Was our Substitute (2 Cor.5:21)
 5. Became a curse for us (Gal.3:13)
 6. Died for sins once for all (1 Peter 3:18)

IV. Its Dependence on God the Father Solving the Sin Problem

1. God the Father is both JUST and THE JUSTIFIER.
2. God the Father is both FAITHFUL / CONSISTENT and FORGIVING / COMPASSIONATE.
3. God the Father is both JUDGE and GIVER of the REDEEMER.

V. Its Outworking

1. INCARNATION (Christ the God-Man Among Mankind)
 - Predicted (Genesis 3:15)
 - Fulfilled (John 8:56 READ; Gal.3:8 & 16)
 - Necessary (An Equivalent Substitute) (Heb.2:14-17)
2. BAPTISM (Christ the God-Man Identified with Mankind) (Matt.3:1-17)
 - Necessary (A Similar Representative) (Heb.5:1)
3. IMPECCABILITY (As the God-Man Christ Could Not Sin)
(Christ the God-Man Separated from Mankind's Condition) (Heb.7:23-27)
 - Necessary (A Spotless Sacrifice) (John 8:46)

4. SUBSTITUTION (The God-Man in the Place of Sinners)

- Predicted (Isaiah 53:1-6)

- Fulfilled (2 Cor.5:21 READ Greek "huper": "... be sin FOR us")

VI. Its Grammar

1. The Greek preposition "huper" = "for"; "on behalf of"; "for the good of"
(Luke 22:19-20)(John 10:14-15)

2. The Greek preposition "anti" = "for"; "instead of" (Matt.20:25-28)

VII. Its Application

By Personal Faith in Christ

Illustration: Barabbas (Luke 23:13-25)vs.

The Repentant Thief (Luke 23:39-43)