

HE BECAME SIN FOR OTHERS

2 Corinthians 5:21

(Not entirely original with me)

Introduction: Doing things for others is always admired and appreciated and sometimes imitated. Not everyone does good things for others but some do. The heart of the gospel message is that Jesus did the greatest thing that could possibly be done for others and that was taking on the penalty of everyone's sins. In other words, Jesus, being a perfect, sinless, spotless person, became sin and God had to punish the sin that Jesus became. What Jesus did will never be understood by anybody but what He did can benefit anybody who believes in Him.

I. THE TEACHING OF THE TEXT (2 Corinthians 5:21)

1. Who was made to be sin for others?
 - "One who knew no sin, even though He was made in the likeness of sinful flesh, He knew no sin.
 - Jesus had no original sin.
 - Jesus never committed an act of sin.
 - Jesus never left anything undone which needed to have been done.
 - Jesus never had any thought or desire to sin.
 - It was absolutely necessary that the "Substitute" for sinners be without sin.
 - Jesus was holy, harmless, undefiled and separate from sinners, yet He voluntarily condescended to be made sin for others.
2. Who made Jesus Christ to be sin for others?
 - "God, the Father, made His son to be sin."
 - God appointed Jesus Christ to be Substitute for others.
 - Job 33:24; Psalm 89:19; Isaiah 53:6, 10; John 3:16; 1 John 4:10
3. When did God make His Son to be sin for others?
 - In His Eternal decree.
 - Isaiah 53:6
 - At Calvary
 - 1 Peter 2:24
 - In Conversion
 - Hebrews 9:14
4. What was done to/with Jesus when He was made to be sin for others?
 - Jesus Christ voluntarily took upon Himself an intimate, infinite acquaintance with human sin.
 - He took everyone's sins and made them His very own.
 - Psalm 40:12; 69:3-5; 7-9; Psalm 40:6-8; Isaiah 50:5-7
 - God delivered His Son over to Divine Justice.
 - Jesus was made to suffer the fullest possible extent and extremity of God's infinite wrath.
 - He was made to pay the just penalty of the law.
 - God made His Son to be sin.
 - He who knew no sin was made to be sin.
 - God's Son, Jesus Christ, suffered and died under the justice and wrath of God as the greatest sinner who ever lived.
 - Jesus was charged with all the sins of all people.
 - He suffered shame and reproach.
 - He was despised and rejected of men.
 - He was forsaken by His disciples.
 - He was cursed and denied by Peter.
 - He was nailed to the cursed tree.

- He was mocked, railed, and spit upon.
 - He was forsaken by His heavenly Father.
 - God drew His dreadful sword of justice and slew His Only Son in the place of sinful mankind.
5. For whom was the Lord Jesus made to be sin?
 - **"...He hath made Him to be sin for US..."**
 - Jesus was made to be sin for ungodly, helpless sinners.
 - Jesus was made to be sin for His sheep, His Church, His Family.
 - Jesus was made to be sin for all who believe in Him.
 6. What are the results of His great substitutionary Sacrifice? (Isaiah 53:10-12)
 - God's Justice was satisfied as all the wrath, condemnation, pain and agony required by the law and justice of God for sin was fully endured by Jesus Christ.
 - Sin was removed.
 - The law released its claim on those who believe in Jesus.
 - The righteousness of God was made the believers.
 - All was done there on the cross and guaranteed by Jesus' death.
 - Jesus' death guarantees that every believer will be made perfectly righteous.
 - Jesus death guarantees that every believer will enter into eternal glory.
 7. Why was the Lord Jesus made to be sin for others?
 - He loved others.
 - There was no other way by which one could be saved. (Matthew 27:42)

II. FOR WHAT JESUS HAS DONE, HE NEEDS TO BE WORSHIPED AND ADORED

1. Christians, look at the Cross and adore the Lord God.
 - Reverently adore God's justice for He bound His Son to the cross and killed Him for us.
 - Adore the wisdom of God.
 - Adore the mighty Grace of God toward all who believe in Jesus.
 - Adore the infinite holiness of God.
 - Adore the immeasurable love of God.
2. Christians, look at the Cross and lovingly embrace the one who died in our place.
 - Remember who He is.
 - Remember what you once were.
 - Remember what it cost Him for you to be a part of God's family.
3. Christians, look continually to the crucified Jesus Christ with confident, joyful, expectant faith.
 - Try to realize the perfection of what He did.
 - Rest in the merits of His blood shed for you.
 - Rejoice in the pardon of sin.
 - Rely upon Him alone always and for all things.

III. EVERY PERSON NEEDS TO BE RECONCILED TO GOD (vv20-21)

1. God is ready, willing and able to save every sinner for His Son, the Lord Jesus' sake.
2. The blood of Jesus, God's Son, will permanently, effectively cleanses everyone who believes in Him.
 - 1 John 1:9
3. Right now, today is the time of salvation.
 - 2 Corinthians 6:1-2

CONCLUSION:

1. Mankind's only hope - "*...He hath made Him to be sin for us...*"
2. Mankind's only comfort - "*...He hath made Him to be sin for us...*"
3. Mankind's soul's inspiration - "**...He hath made Him to be sin for us...**"
4. The sum of this message - "**...He hath made Him to be sin for us...**"