

JESUS' SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH

John 3:14-17

Introduction: God's Son, Jesus, is revealed as a sacrifice for the sins of the whole world yet His death was actually the substitute of all men. All judgments of God against us, sinners, was borne by Jesus. God's divine judgments against us sinners have been fully satisfied. People are asked to believe this good news and when they do, they therefore receive Jesus Christ as their personal savior. "Substitution" only partially expresses all that Jesus accomplished by His death. Here are some more things accomplished by Jesus' death:

I. JESUS' DEATH ASSURES US OF GOD'S LOVE

1. *John 3:17; Romans 5:8; 1 John 3:16; 4:9*
2. What better motive to live as moral life as possible?
3. *2 Corinthians 5:15*

II. JESUS' DEATH IS A RANSOM PAID TO GOD, FREEING THE SINNER FROM CONDEMNATION

1. *Matthew 20:28; Mark 10:45; Romans 4:25; 2 Corinthians 5:21*
2. "Agorazo" - Is to buy in the market (Greek). Jesus purchased our redemption as man is under a death sentence, is as a slave, sold in sin.
3. "Exagorazo" - Is to buy out of the market. Not only purchased, but removed from sale, thus indicating that a person's redemption is once for all.
4. *Galatians 3:13; 4:5*
5. "Lutro" - To let loose, to set free. *Luke 24:21; 2:38; 1:68; 21:28*
6. "Redemption" - To purchase, remove from sale, thus complete freedom through Jesus' death.
7. Jesus' death was not a temporary delay of judgment like the Old Testament animal sacrifices: *John 1:29; 1 Corinthians 5:7; Ephesians 5:2*

III. JESUS' DEATH SATISFIED ALL GOD'S RIGHTEOUS DEMANDS OF SINNERS BREAKING HIS LAW

1. On the Day of Atonement blood was sprinkled on the lid of the Ark of the Covenant and it then became a "mercy" seat as all the people's sins were forgiven.
2. The Throne of God becomes the Throne of Grace through Jesus' death for all demands of God

are met in Jesus.

3. God delights in mercy to sinners so we can be assured that to believe in Jesus Christ, the price has been paid in full for us and we sinners have been set free. All God's demands for judgment against us have been satisfied.

IV. JESUS' DEATH PROVIDED THE BASIS BY WHICH THE WORLD HAS BEEN RECONCILED TO GOD

1. "Katalasso" - To reconcile is to bring God and man together by changing man.
2. *Romans 5:10-11*
3. God does not change! His relationship to man changes because of Jesus Christ's work.
 - The believer is forgiven, justified, raised spiritually to the level of reconciliation to God.
 - God is not reconciled to the lost sinner. It is the lost sinner who is adjusted to God's level or character.
4. Jesus Christ has provided reconciliation for the entire world that believes.

V. JESUS' DEATH HAS REMOVED ALL HINDRENCES IN GOD SAVING MAN

1. *Romans 3:26*
2. God freely accepts and justifies anyone believing in Jesus Christ as Savior.
3. God's infinite love, grace, and power are released from any restraint.

VI. JESUS CHRIST BECAME THE SUBSTITUTE, BEARING THE PENALTY BELONGING TO THE SINNER

1. *Matthew 20:28; Luke 22:37; John 10:11; Romans 5:6-8*
2. This is the believer's ground of assurance. It is something for every individual to believe concerning his/her own relationship to God.
3. General belief is not sufficient. A personal conviction that "one's own sin" has been borne by Jesus Christ the substitute is required.
4. Salvation is the mighty work of God wrought instantly for the one believing in Jesus Christ.

CONCLUSION:

1. Only Jesus Christ can make things right between us and God. What say you?