



## Sermon Notes—PM

### *God's Justice Must Be Satisfied*

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2 Corinthians 5:11–21; Canons of Dort 2.1–2

Studies in the Canons of Dort #16

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*Having finished the first point of doctrine on predestination in the Canons of Dort, tonight we move into the second point on Christ's Death and Humanity's Redemption, popularly known as "limited atonement." This section begins with the doctrine of God's infinite justice and the need for it to be "satisfied."*

## **The Necessity of Satisfaction**

### **The Nature of Satisfaction**

- 1. The nature of satisfaction is that it is God who initiates and accomplishes it.*
- 2. The nature of satisfaction is that God has provided his Son as a vicarious or substitutionary sacrifice.*
- 3. The nature of satisfaction is that God has provided this vicarious sacrifice in a great exchange.*

## The Canons of the Synod of Dort: Some Facts

- What?* A “canon” (not cannon!) comes from a Greek word for “standard or rule.”
- When?* November 13, 1618–May 9, 1619
- Where?* Dordrecht (shortened, Dort), The Netherlands
- Who?* An international gathering (“synod”) of Reformed theologians, pastors, and elders from the Netherlands, Great Britain, Switzerland, and Germany (the French could not attend due to their Catholic king).
- Why?* To respond to the teaching of James Arminius’ followers on predestination, Christ’s redemption, the sinfulness of humanity, the work of the Holy Spirit in salvation, and the perseverance of the saints.
- How?* There are five “heads” or topics of doctrine that correspond to the original five points of the Remonstrants (so called because they made a *remonstrance*, or “protest”). Each “head” is divided into two parts: 1) the “articles” that state our doctrine, and 2) the “rejection of errors” that state our differences with the Arminian doctrine.

### Outline of the Second Head of Doctrine:

#### *The Death of Christ, and the Redemption of Men Thereby*

- I. *Common Christian Convictions (Articles 1–7)*
1. God’s justice requires satisfaction for sin (Article 1)
  2. God gives His Son who alone can provide satisfaction (Articles 2–3)
  3. Christ satisfies as God and man (Article 4)
  4. Call to believe is to be preached to everyone (Article 5)
  5. Cause of unbelief is in unbeliever, not in Christ (Article 6)
  6. Christ is cause of faith (Article 7)
- II. *The Doctrine of Christ’s Satisfaction (Articles 8–9)*
1. The Reformed Doctrine Defined (Article 8 cf. RE 1–5, 7)
  2. Elaboration: Christ Will Always Have a Church (Article 9 cf. RE 6)