

Introduction:

✓ John 15.13 - greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life *for* his friends.

✓ Rom 5.6 - while we were still helpless, at the right time, Christ died *for* the ungodly.

✓ 1 Cor 15.3 - I delivered of first importance, Christ died *for* our sins according to the Scriptures.

“The most fundamental description one can ascribe to the atonement is that it is a work of penal substitution. On the cross, Jesus suffered the penalty for the sins of His people (penal) as a substitute for them (substitution)” (Richard Mayhue).

“Penal substitution indicates that the Messiah died in the sinner’s place and took upon Himself the sinner’s just punishment” (Bruce Demarest).

“How then could God express simultaneously his HOLINESS IN JUDGMENT and his LOVE IN PARDON? ONLY by providing a divine substitute for the sinner, so that substitute would receive the judgment and the sinner the pardon. . . . The very idea of sacrifice and substitution is that one person takes the place of another, especially in order to bear his pain and so save him from that deserved pain” (John Stott).

“Penal, substitution is the notion that Jesus Christ our Lord, moved by a love that was determined to do everything necessary to save us, endured and exhausted the destructive divine judgment for which we were otherwise inescapably destined, and so won for us forgiveness, adoption and glory. To affirm penal substitution is to say that believers are in debt to Christ specifically for this, and that this is the mainspring of all their joy, peace and praise both now and for eternity” (J.I. Packer).

- Why is there so much about **SUBSTITUTION** in the Scriptures?
 - ❖ Remembrance - to remind us frequently
 - ❖ Endurance - to give us endurance in trials
 - ❖ Gladness - to ignite white-hot joy in our souls
 - ❖ heavenly-mindedness - to wean us off this world
 - ❖ preparation for heaven - to prepare for heaven’s worship
 - ❖ zealotness - to enflame & enhance our zeal.
 - ❖ affectionate love for Christ - to love Him deeper!

I. GENESIS 22 — The Substitution Provided by *Jehovah Jireh*

Genesis 22 teaches...

1. Sovereign Provision
2. Timely Provision
3. Substitutionary Provision
4. Gospel-Pointing Provision

II.LEVITICUS 16 — The Substitution on the Day of Atonement

Leviticus is the heart of the theology of the Book of Leviticus (Paul House).

Outline of Lev 16—Day of Atonement

A. Historical Introduction (vv 1-2)

B. The High Priest's Preparations (vv 3-10)

C. The High Priest's Ceremonial Observances (vv 11-28)

–sin offering for priest and his household (vv11-14)

–sin offering for people & the sanctuary (vv15-19)

–ritual of the scapegoat (vv20-22)

–purifications/offerings concluding this Day (vv23-28)

D. Miscellaneous Instructions for the Congregation (vv 29-34)

According to Lev 17:11, this act of blood shedding represents God's ordained means of securing atonement. And, note, the helpless animals died in the place of the penitent sinner.

The day of atonement ritual dramatically depicted the Holiness of God, the gravity of sin, and God's gracious provision, through a vicarious sacrifice and the forgiveness of the people. The whole sacrificial system was God-made, not man-made, and of the individual sacrifices NOT as a human device to placate God but as a means of atonement provided by God Himself!

III.ISAIAH 53 — The Substitution of the Messiah to Save His People

“This chapter speaks in the clearest and most detailed way of the Messiah of Israel, called the servant, who is rejected by Israel but approved in God's plan as the means of salvation and atonement and forgiveness” (William Varner).

Outline of Isaiah 53:

1. servants's submission (1-3)

2. servant's substitution (4-6)

3. servants sinlessness (7-9)

4. servant's satisfaction (10-12)

IV.MARK 10:45 — Jesus' Promise to Die In the Place of Many

Without substitution, we have no salvation!

SUBSTITUTION CONNOTES 5 elements...

1. **Representation** - Jesus represents us before the Father
2. **Identification** - Jesus identifies with our sin & bears it all.
3. **Propitiation** - Jesus appeases & satisfies & exhausts the wrath of God
4. **Expiation** - Jesus expiates and clears and removes our sins from us/washes it away
5. **Reconciliation** - brought near to God on right terms (forgiven)

“God, because in his mercy he willed to forgive sinful men, and, being truly merciful, willed to forgive them righteously, that is, without in any way condoning their sin, purposed to direct against his own very self in the person of His Son the full weight of that righteous wrath which they deserved” (C.E.B. Cranfield).

Additional Notes:

THE SIMPLE ASSERTION: “JESUS DIED FOR US”

- the preposition “**for**” indicates: “in the place of, on behalf of, in the stead of.”
- Rom 5:8
- 2 Cor 5:14
- 1 Tim 2:6
- 2 Cor 5:21
- Gal 3:13

With all of this, we are obliged to conclude that the cross was a substitutionary sacrifice. Christ died for us. Christ died instead of us.

John Owen wrote:

“He [Christ] then took a view of all our sins and iniquities. He knew what was past and what was to come, knowing all our thoughts afar off. Not the least error of our minds, darkness of our understandings, perverseness of our wills, carnality of our affections, sin of our nature or lives, escaped Him ... God, I say, made them all to meet on Christ, in the punishment due to them.”

Owen went on to say:

“He, who by His own blood and death, paid the price of our redemption to God, in that He underwent what was due to us, and procured our liberty and deliverance thereby, He made satisfaction properly for our sins; but when we were captives for sin to the justice of God, and committed thereon to the power of sin and Satan, Christ by *his death* and blood paid the price of our redemption to God, and procured our deliverance thereby: therefore, He made satisfaction to God *for our sins*.”

MY HOPE IS IN THE LORD

My hope is in the Lord Who gave Himself for me
And paid the price Of all my sin at Calvary

For me He died

For me He lives

And everlasting life

And light He freely gives

No merit of my own His anger to suppress
My only hope is found In Jesus' righteousness

And now for me He stands Before the Father's throne
He shows His wounded hands And names me as His own

His grace has planned it all 'Tis mine but to believe
And recognize His work of love And Christ receive

THE GOSPEL SONG

Holy God in love became Perfect man to bear my blame.
On the cross he took my sin By his death I live again.