

JESUS' SUBSTITUTIONARY DEATH FOR OUR SINS!

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NOTE: - All Bible texts are taken from the King James Version; and the compiler has supplied all emphasis throughout this Study Document.

- The gospel prophet Isaiah has recorded repeatedly throughout his famous 53rd Chapter the concept of the Messiah's substitutionary sufferings and death was for our sins. This truth is fundamental to the whole of the Christian Bible and gospel. Without it, there would be no Christian message of hope or salvation. *"Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he [was] wounded for our transgressions, [he was] bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace [was] upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."* (Isaiah 53:4 & 5.)

JESUS HAD TO DIE FOR THE REMISSION OF OUR SINS: -

- The apostle Paul has laid down a foundational principle concerning the forgiveness of sins, and that is, *"without shedding of blood is no remission"* (Hebrews 9:22). This principle is foundational to the whole of the Christian gospel. It gives us the reason **WHY** Jesus *"laid down his life for us"* (1 John 3:16).
- This is the reason why *"Jesus ... by the grace of God should taste death for every man"; "For it became him, for whom [are] all things, and by whom [are] all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings."* (Hebrews 2:9 & 10.)
- It also helps to reinforce the concept so clearly taught by the apostle Paul that, *"the wages of sin [is] death"* (Romans 6:23). Jesus did indeed suffer the death penalty for our sins, *"the just for the unjust"* (1 Peter 3:18) when he died upon the cross.

☞ This principle teaches us that God will indeed punish unrepentant sinners, as the apostle Paul informs us that God *"spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all"* (Romans 8:32). If this principle was not true God could have spared his Own Son from the terrible sufferings and anguish that he experienced on the cross when he suffered for our sins. The fact that God the Father did not do this indicates that he shall indeed punish unrepentant sinners, and that only through the death of Christ could our salvation be obtained; that God *"might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus"* (Romans 3:26).

THE LAMB OF GOD: -

- The gospel prophet Isaiah likened Jesus' meek and quiet submission to the mistreatment that he suffered at his trials and crucifixion to the gentleness of a lamb before its shearer. *"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth."* (Isaiah 53:7.)

“And the high priest arose, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what [is it which] these witness against thee? But Jesus held his peace.” (Matthew 26:62 & 63.)

- The message that John the Baptist proclaimed pointing out Jesus Christ to be the Lamb of God who was to take away the sins of the world, is just as relevant today as it was 2,000 years ago.
“The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.” (John 1:29.)
- The apostle John in holy vision saw in the midst of the throne of God in heaven, “stood a Lamb as it had been slain” (Revelation 5:6).

Because of this truth of the slain Lamb, the heavenly angels proclaim, “Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing” (Revelation 5:12)

JESUS WAS FOREORDAINED FROM ETERNITY TO BE THE SLAIN LAMB: -

- The apostle Peter records that Jesus “was foreordained before the foundation of the world” (1 Peter 1:20) to be the Lamb of God to redeem us by his Own blood.

The apostle John also records the fact that Jesus was “the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world” (Revelation 13:8).

- This plan was conceived of in eternity, as Paul has recorded for us concerning “the grace of God that bringeth salvation” (Titus 2:11) that “according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began” (2 Timothy 1:9).

THE SPOTLESS LAMB: -

- In the typical sacrificial system the Lord commanded the children of Israel, that the animal sacrifices all had to be “without spot” (Numbers 19:2); “Your lamb shall be without blemish” (Exodus 12:5). This no doubt was a shadow pointing forward to the **sinlessness** of Jesus Christ as the perfect Lamb of God.
- The Scriptures have recorded the fact that Jesus Christ was the **sinless** and **righteous** Lamb of God.

Jesus asked the Jews of his day, “Which of you convinceth me of sin?” (John 8:46).

The apostle Paul wrote concerning Christ “who knew no sin” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

“For such an high priest became us, [who is] holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners” (Hebrews 7:26).

Christ “offered himself without spot to God” (Hebrews 9:14).

The apostle Peter also wrote that Christ has redeemed us with his Own blood as “a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:19).

JESUS SUFFERED FOR OUR SINS UPON THE CROSS: -

- The prophet Isaiah repeatedly states the truth that Jesus suffered and bore the punishment for our sins and iniquities when he died upon the cross.

"The LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all" (Isaiah 53:6).

"He shall bear their iniquities" (Isaiah 53:11).

"He bare the sin of many" (Isaiah 53:12).

- *"Who was delivered for our offences" (Romans 4:25).*
- *"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Romans 5:6-8).*
- *"Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures" (1 Corinthians 15:3).*
- *"Our Lord Jesus Christ, Who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us from this present evil world" (Galatians 1:3 & 4).*

This present evil world consists of *"the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life," (1 John 2:16)*, for which Christ gave himself for our sins to deliver us from.

- *"Our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity¹, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works." (Titus 2:13 & 14.)*
- Christ has *"appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself" (Hebrews 9:26).*
- *"So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many" (Hebrews 9:28).*
- *"Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed." (1 Peter 2:24.)*
NOTE: - We note that Peter is quoting from Isaiah 53:5 in this verse.
- *"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God" (1 Peter 3:18).*

¹ The Greek word that is translated as "iniquity" in Titus 2:14 is the word "anomia" – See Strong's Concordance; Greek, No. 458. This Greek word is defined as "Lawlessness" - A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Early Christian Literature, by W. Bauer, Translated and revised by W. F. Arndt, F. W. Gingrich, and F. W. Danker; pages 71 & 72.

CHRIST HAS REDEEMED US FROM THE CURSE OF THE LAW BY BECOMING A CURSE FOR US: -

- *“Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.” (Galatians 3:13.)*

What did Christ redeem us from? *The curse of the law.*

When did he do this? When he was made a curse for us, when he was hung upon the tree - *“Jesus, whom ye slew and hanged on a tree” (Acts 5:30)*. Peter writes concerning Christ’s hanging upon the tree, that *“his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree” (1 Peter 2:24)*.

Paul has taught us that Christ *“gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity (or lawlessness – compiler),” (Titus 2:14)*; he has also stated concerning Christ that God *“hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; (2 Corinthians 5:21)*.

Therefore *“the curse of the law”* which Christ was made for us and which he has redeemed us from when he hung upon the tree or the cross **IS SIN!**

- The heavenly angel repeated this same truth to Jesus’ earthly stepfather Joseph that *“he shall save his people from their sins.” (Matthew 1:21.)*

WE HAVE BEEN HEALED FROM THE MALADY OF SIN AND DEATH BY CHRIST’S BEARING OUR SINS UPON THE CROSS: -

- The apostle Peter sums up this simple truth when he actually refers to the prophecy of Isaiah 53:5 in the following verse. With Christ’s stripes and wounds has come spiritual healing with our Maker. *“Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed.” (1 Peter 2:24.)*

- The apostle Paul links together Christ’s once for all death to sin upon the cross, with our individually dying to sin, so that we no longer are slaves to serving it. *“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also [in the likeness] of [his] resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with [him], that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. **For he that is dead is freed* from sin.**” (Romans 6:1 - 7.)*

NOTE: - * In VS. 7, the margin has for the word **“freed”** the word **“justified”** which is based upon the Greek.

“For in that he died, he died unto sin once: but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey it in the lusts thereof. ” (Romans 6:10 - 12.)

- The apostle Paul has made it clear that through the appearing of our “Saviour Jesus Christ” he has “abolished death, and hath brought life and immortality to light through the gospel” (2 Timothy 1:10).

Paul has also made it clear that by Jesus’ taking upon himself our human flesh and blood, “the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us” (John 1:14), he has also assured the final destruction of the devil who had power over death, and deliver us from the bondage of the fear of death.

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.” (Hebrews 2:14 & 15.)

- Jesus proclaimed the importance of his role in the resurrection when he stated to Martha, “I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live” (John 11:25).
- How thankful we are that Paul asserts so positively the truth that Jesus has indeed risen from the dead, “But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.” (1 Corinthians 15:20.)

He goes on to testify that “they that are Christ’s” will be raised up “at his coming” (1 Corinthians 15:23).

- Christ has taken away the fear and sting of death for the true believer because of his victory over the grave through his own resurrection. He has redeemed us from Adam’s failure that brought sin and death into this world.
“For since by man [came] death, by man [came] also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.” (1 Corinthians 15:21 & 22.)

- Jesus himself testified to the apostle John when he was exiled on the island of Patmos, that because he had experienced death and had conquered the grave that he had the keys of death and the grave. This of course implies that he shall use these KEYS to open the prison house of the grave for his followers.
“I [am] he that liveth, and was dead; and, behold, I am alive for evermore, Amen; and have the keys of hell² and of death.” (Revelation 1:18.)

- “But thanks [be] to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.” (1 Corinthians 15:57.)

What is it that Jesus gives us victory over in the above verse? We find the answer to this important question in a couple of verses earlier within the same chapter.

“O death, where [is] thy sting? O grave, where [is] thy victory?” (1 Corinthians 15:55.)

☞ Victory over the grave is given to Christian believers through our Lord Jesus Christ.

- **“And this is the will of him that sent me, that every one which seeth the Son, and believeth on him, may have everlasting life: and I will raise him up at the last day.”** (John 6:40.)

² The Greek word that is translated as “hell” is the word “hades” – See Strong’s Concordance, Greek, No. 86. It is synonymous with “the grave”.