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I. Introduction - The cross:

- the design of God to *finally* and *fully* deal with sin?

II. The doctrine of penal substitution

A. Defined:

the Christian doctrine teaching that
on the cross, Christ suffered the death, punishment and curse we deserve because of OUR sin in our place ... suffering violence at the hand of God the Father – propitiating or satisfying – God's wrath against us because of our sin.

B. It is a neglected doctrine because of its offense.

C. The preaching of the Gospel is:

CHRIST crucified, and we are to glory in the cross of Christ!

III. How then is "Good Friday" good?

The Song of the Suffering Servant

A. Act I: Isaiah 52:13-14 – *The Servant Introduced*

1. He is God
2. He is appalling
3. He is Savior of the world

B. Act II: Isaiah 53:1-3 – *The Servant is Despised*

1. We are haters of God
2. The Christ of Scripture can only be either love or hated (there is no middle ground)

C. Act III: Isaiah 53:4-6 – *The Servant is the Substitute (God lays our sin on Christ)*

1. 2 Cor 5:21
2. Gal 3:13
3. The 'good news' about being a sinner – only sinners can repent and be saved!

D. Act IV: Isaiah 53:7-9 – *The Servant is Willing*

1. A reminder of Pilate's court

E. Practical Implications of the Substitutionary Atonement:

1. instills confidence in God's *truthfulness* and *faithfulness*
2. ignites a passion for *justice*
3. humbles us as '*sinners saved by grace*'
4. magnifies the *severity* of our personal sin
5. magnifies even more the *grace of God*
6. is the grandest and clearest *manifestation* and *demonstration* of the *love of God*
7. fills us with hope that since Christ's sacrifice satisfies God, we too can be satisfied in Christ

F. Act V: Isaiah 53:10-12 – *Conclusion: The Servant is Satisfied*

Why *Good Friday* is good for God – God is pleased!