

1 **GOD'S SALVATION PACKAGE: SUBSTITUTION**

2 Corinthians 5:21: *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

2 **Charles Haddon Spurgeon**3 **THE NECESSITY OF SUBSTITUTION**

- Man is a sinner
- The Record of Genesis 1-3
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4 **The Record of the Scriptures**

• Genesis 6:5: *Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.*
 Jeremiah 17:9: *The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked; Who can know it?*

5 **Atheist Richard Dawkins**

- "The Christian focus is overwhelming on sin sin sin sin sin sin sin. What a nasty little preoccupation to have dominating your life."

6 **Sin must be judged**

- From God's standpoint
 - The guilt of man is undeniable
 - Since God is a holy and just God, He must let judgment fall upon sin.

7 **From our human standpoint God had Three Choices:**

- Ignore or Pass over man's sin and accept him in spite of his guilt.
- He could condemn men in their sin and let the just judgment fall on them without mercy.
- He could devise a way to judge sin with justice and yet forgive the sinner who turns in repentance from his sin.

8 **God judged the innocent for the guilty.**

- God's solution of the problem
- Genesis 3:21 – *God killed innocent animals to make coverings for the nakedness of Adam and Eve.*
- 2 Corinthians 5:21: *For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

9 **Isaiah 53:4-6**

• *Surely He has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.*

10 **THE MEANING OF SUBSTITUTION**

- Greek word *huper* – Translated 'for' in English
- *for* in the sense of *on behalf of another*; for the benefit of another; in the place of another.
- Jesus died for the benefit of/on behalf of/in the place of sinners.

11 **Romans 5:6, 8**

- For when we were without strength, in due time Christ died for (*huper*, for the benefit, on behalf of, in the place of) the ungodly. ⁸ But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for (*huper*) us.

12 **Christ Suffering for the sheep**

- John 10:15: ". . . *I lay down My life for (huper) the sheep.*"
- 1 Peter 3:18: *For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive by the Spirit.*

13 **Jesus died for us**

- He first died for our benefit, on our behalf.
 - Our condition – lost – condemned – eternity in hell
 - Our salvation – Jesus died to salvage us
- He died in our place.
 - We deserved God's just punishment for our sins.
 - Jesus willingly went to the cross and suffered and died in our place.

14 **The Enemies of Substitution**

- "divine child abuse."
- Jesus was not the victim of an angry divine Father.
- The Father and the Son working together to accomplish salvation at the cross.
- John 10:18: *No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. . .*

15 **THE METHOD OF SUBSTITUTION**

- Christ Became One of Us – a Man
- Christ was the God-Man – Man with a capital M
- On the Cross Christ endured the judgment of God for man
- ILLUSTRATED BY BARABBAS