



Essential Truth #5 - We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins.

Our Predicament

***** A review of essential truth #3**

#1. Sin is a big problem.

- Sin brings disastrous consequences to our world.
- Sin results in physical and spiritual death.

#2 All people are sinners.

- By nature.
- By choice.

#3 No one can save themselves.

- All people, because of their own sin, are utterly incapable of saving themselves.
- Death is a consequence of both inherited sin and committed sin.

Penal Substitutionary Atonement means:
“...that Jesus Christ took the full punishment [penalty] that we deserved for our sins as a substitute in our place, and that all other benefits or results of the atonement find their anchor in this truth.” ~ Thomas Schreiner.

God's Solution

Someone **I**_____ will die in the place of sinners, i.e., be their substitute.

This solution is foreshadowed in the Old Testament:

- **A**_____ **S**_____ for Adam and Eve (Genesis 3:21)
- God commanding Abraham to offer his son Isaac, then God's **P**_____ of a ram (Genesis 22:1-14)
- The **P**_____ (Exodus 12:1-32)
- The **S**_____ **S**_____ (Exodus 20-40; book of Leviticus)
- The **D**____ **O**____ **A**_____ (Leviticus 16:1-34, 23:27-28)

God' Solution is Realized in Jesus Christ:

- Jesus is the **L**____ **O**____ **G**_____ (John 1:29, Revelation 5:6-14)
- Jesus is the sacrifice of **A**_____ (Romans 3:25)
- Jesus redeemed us from the curse, when he became **C**_____ for us (Galatians 3:13)
- God made Jesus, who had no sin **T**____ **B**____ **S**____ **F**____ **U**____, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- God gave **U**____ his Son (John 3:16; Romans 8:32)
- The **L**____ **S**_____ (Luke 22:19-20; Matthew 26:26-28)

Why does this matter?

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We believe that Jesus Christ, as our representative and substitute, shed His blood on the cross as the perfect, all-sufficient sacrifice for our sins. His atoning death and victorious resurrection constitute the only ground for salvation.

Reflection & Application

Take a moment to prayerfully consider the following questions.

What is one thing I learned about God today?

Why does this matter?

How might knowing this affect the way I live?

Additional Notes:

Going Deeper

Take some time this week to discuss these questions with others.

1. Was there ever a time that you got blamed for something you did not do? What happened? How did it make you feel?
2. Read 2 Corinthians 5:21. The doctrine of penal substitutionary atonement means that Jesus took the penalty for our sin when he died as a substitute in our place and that through his death, he made us right with God. What does this tell us about God? What does this tell us about humanity?
3. It rarely, if ever, happens that someone innocent willingly takes on the punishment for someone who is guilty, but this is what Jesus did for us. Read Romans 5:7-8. What does this teach us about the nature of God's love?
4. How does knowing this doctrine produce a sense of rest? Do you have a routine of rest in your day? If you do, what does it look like? If not, what would it look like practically for you to add this into your day? What benefit do you think doing this would bring to your life?
5. How does knowing this doctrine also motivate action? What does it motivate you to do?