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SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT

I Peter 3:18

Introduction

Also known as Penal Substitution is the doctrine that says Jesus paid for our sins as he took the penalty we deserve. Today there are those who reject the idea that God would allow his son to suffer for us but this doctrine is clearly taught and is essential to our salvation.

I. The Reason for Substitutionary Atonement

- A. We serve a holy God (Nahum 1:2, 3; I Pet. 1:15, 16; Lev. 11:44)
- B. We see humanity condemned (Jn. 3:16-18; Rom. 3:23; Ez. 18:4, 20 Eph. 5:6; Rev. 20:15; Ps. 9:17)

II. The Requirement for Substitutionary Atonement

- A. A perfect substitute (Isa. 53:6; Eph. 5:2; Heb. 9:26; Jn. 1:29, 36 cf. Ex. 12; I Cor. 5:7; Lev. 16)
- B. A perfect sacrifice (II Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; I Jn. 3:5)

III. The Results of Substitutionary Atonement

- A. We are cleansed from our sins (I Jn. 1:7, 9)
- B. We are Justified = declared judicially righteous (Rom. 3:24; 5:1, 9)
- C. We are sanctified (Heb. 10:10, 14)