

Substitution

Lesson 31

1. A substitute is someone who TAKES THE PLACE of another.
2. After the sin of Adam and Eve, God could not DO AWAY with the PENALTY.
Genesis 2:16 and 17
3. God had spoken and He could not BREAK HIS WORD. The PENALTY had to fall on someone. Since it was not Adam and Eve someone had to TAKE THEIR PLACE.
4. The substitute that God provided was HIMSELF in the person of JESUS CHRIST. God manifested in the FLESH. 1 Timothy 3:16
5. In passages that refer to the substitution or the ransom that Christ made you will find the word FOR, meaning INSTEAD OF, IN PLACE OF, or BECAUSE OF.
6. The substitution of Jesus provided a JUST WAY for God to CARE FOR the penalty of sin.
1 Peter 3:18
7. Man failed the test of OBEDIENCE in the garden and an animal was the substitute to COVER the sin. Genesis 3:21
8. The animal skin followed THE PROMISE of the FINAL substitute, JESUS CHRIST, which was given in Genesis 3:15.
9. The sacrifice for sin was always the SHEDDING OF BLOOD. Leviticus 4
10. The sin offering of Leviticus 4 cared for:
 - a. The sins of IGNORANCE 4:1&2
 - b. The sins of PRIESTS 4:3-12
 - c. The sins of the CONGREGATION 4:13-21
 - d. The sins of the RULERS 4:22-26
 - e. The sins of the COMMON PEOPLE 4:27-35
11. The Old Testament sin offering is a TYPE OF CHRIST, a picture, a foreshadowing of Christ who will later CARRY the sin of the BELIEVER.
12. The Old Testament concept of SUBSTITUTION can be seen in Isaiah 53:4, 5, 6, 7, & 10. Note the word FOR in verse 5 and substitute the words BECAUSE OF.
13. Psalm 22 FORESHADOWS Christ's DEATH ON THE CROSS as our substitute.
14. Another Old Testament PICTURE of substitution is seen in the SACRIFICE of Isaac.
Genesis 22:2-13

15. Isaac is A TYPE of Christ in Genesis 22:9.
16. The RAM, later in the passage, becomes a type of Christ as well. Genesis 22:13
17. Abraham believed God WOULD PROVIDE the substitute for Isaac. Gen. 22:8
18. Christ is OUR substitute. 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Peter 3:18; Matt. 20:28, 1 Tim. 2:6; Titus 2:14
19. Jesus GAVE HIS LIFE for the SHEEP. John 10:11
20. Jesus DIED for the UNGODLY. Romans 5:6&8
21. Jesus SUFFERED for us. 1 Peter 2:21 and 24
22. Jesus was MADE A CURSE for us. Galatians 3:13
23. Substitution is Christ BEARING THE SINS of all believers. 1 Cor. 6:20; 1 Cor. 7:23; 1 John 4:10&14; 1 Cor. 15:3 and Gal. 2:20
24. Jesus taught His substitution when HE INSTITUTED the Lord's Supper. Matt. 26:28

Conclusion

Jesus tasted death for every man. He died in our place - the Substitute. We know from Scripture that Jesus died on the cross and because He died, we live. Because He bore the penalty of sin, we need not bear it. By dying as our Substitute, He answered the demands of God's justice and God's wrath against sin. Dying in our place, as our Substitute, He expressed God's infinite love for us. Through His death he has reconciled us to God (II Corinthians 5:18-19). The summary of Substitution, the vicarious atonement of Christ, is 1 Peter 3:18, "Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just *for* (in place of) the unjust, that He might bring us to God."