

The Atonement

The Necessity and Nature of the Atonement (Part Ten)

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Penal Substitution

God
is
Just

God
is
Love

Jesus is God
(sufficiency)

Jesus is Man
(representation)

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Hebrews 2:14-17

Since the children share in flesh and blood, He Himself likewise also partook of the same, that through death He might render powerless him who had the power of death, that is, the devil...

...For assuredly He does not give help to angels, but He gives help to the seed of Abraham

Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people."

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Representative Substitution

- Christ is the representative head of a new humanity who acts on their behalf (i.e. "last Adam")
- By faith in Christ we have a spiritual union with Christ as our representative head ("in Christ")

As such, our guilt is justly imputed to Christ and His righteousness is justly imputed to us

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Romans 5:12-19

(vs.18-19)

"So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through the one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

For as through the one man's disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous."

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Romans 5:12-19

1. Adam: Head of Humanity

➤ *When Adam sinned, we sinned "in Him" so that we are justly guilty and condemned*

- When Adam sinned, He sinned for all of us as our representative (his sin was our sin)
- Adam perfectly and accurately represented us as one created and appointed by God

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2. Christ: The Second Adam

➤ *Christ's obedience as our representative is imputed to us resulting in justification*

- His obedience includes and culminates in His suffering the penalty for sin by His death
- "We died with Christ" – His death for sin is justly our death for sin by our union with Him
- The union with Christ as our representative head is a spiritual union effected by faith alone

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Question of Injustice

Question: *Why is it not unjust for Christ to suffer the penalty for our sin?*

Answer: *Because of our union with Him as our perfect, God-ordained representative*

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2 Corinthians 5:21

"He made Him who no know sin to be sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God *in Him*."

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