

## SUBSTITUTIONARY WORK OF CHRIST CORRECTLY UNDERSTOOD

On the Cross, Jesus bore the wrath of the combined sin of all men in His conscious mind as God gave Him total omniscience of humanity's sins which are always actions that are against God. Jesus died a physical death under the abuse of our sin as He suffered physically, mentally, emotionally, and spiritually. The discipline of our peace was upon Him because His sinless death was required to condemn sin to the utmost. Hebrews 5 describes His discipline as learning obedience. Jesus responded obediently to every temptation of man. He was obedient even unto physical death. During three hours of darkness, Jesus felt alone and forsaken under the abuse of our sin, however He had perfect faith that the Father was watching over Him and fulfilling all Scripture and orchestrating the defeat of sin, death, Satan, and all its ramifications. The Cross and His resurrection was sufficient for making salvation possible for all people but the remedy must be applied by faith in each individual person (Colossians 2:12). We are saved by cooperating with the Spirit and allowing Him to bring us to saving faith. We are then regenerated by His resurrection power, and we are now saved by His life in us (Romans 5:10). His sinless death made provision for our access to sin removal and being made a new creation in Christ. Through our faith in Jesus, He becomes our Second Adam whereby we are buried with Him in baptism (identification with death to our sole relationship to Adam and to sin's bondage) and raised with Him to newness of life.

The result of Jesus' one act of righteousness (sinless death), was justification that brings life for all men. Adam committed one act that brought condemnation to all men. So Jesus is humanity's God-given substitute for Adam, and any person who cooperates to the point of saving faith has justification for eternal life (Romans 5:18-19).

The sinless death of the holy and perfect Second Adam condemned sin as to its guilt and as to its sentence of removal from all creation. Romans 8:3

By His knowledge, He bore our iniquities (Isaiah 53:11). And the purpose was to bring many people to righteousness. By His sinless death, Jesus condemned sin to the fullest. God the Father raised Him with all power and authority to judge sin and remove sin. The believer's sin is judged and removed at the moment of regeneration because God promises to complete the work He began in us. The believer enters Heaven totally sinless and totally righteous (a new creation). The desire of the true believer is to cooperate with sin removal through sanctification, and the desire of the true believer is to do righteous actions initiated and led by the Spirit of Christ.