

PENAL SUBSTITUTION

Christ Bore the Penalty of Sin in the Place of Sinners

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THE PROBLEM OF SIN



God is holy and perfectly just.

Nah. 1:3



All have sinned and stand guilty before Him.

Rom. 3:23



The wages of sin is death.

Rom. 6:23



Sin deserves judgment and wrath.

Hab. 1:13

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WHAT PENAL SUBSTITUTION MEANS

PENAL



- Christ endured the penalty sin deserves.
- He bore judgment under God's justice.
- The cross was not an accident, but a judicial act.

Isa. 53:5-6 • Gal. 3:13 • 1 Pet. 3:18

SUBSTITUTION

- Christ stood in the place of sinners.
- He bore our sins as our substitute.
- The righteous One died for the unrighteous.



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Penal substitution means that Christ willingly took the punishment His people deserved.

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FULFILLED AT THE CROSS



He was pierced for our transgressions. Isa. 53:5



God made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us. 2 Cor. 5:21



Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law. Gal. 3:13



He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree. 1 Pet. 2:24



God's justice was satisfied.



Wrath was turned away.



Atonement was accomplished once for all. Heb. 10:10-14



Believers are justified by His blood. Rom. 5:9



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THE RESULTS OF PENAL SUBSTITUTION



1. Forgiveness — our guilt is removed. Col. 2:13-14



2. Justification — we are counted righteous in Christ. Rom. 5:1



3. Reconciliation — peace with God is secured. Rom. 5:1



4. No Condemnation — Christ has borne the sentence. Rom. 8:1



At the cross, Christ did not merely set an example — He stood in the place of sinners, bore the penalty they deserved, satisfied divine justice, and secured their salvation.

KEY TEXTS: Isaiah 53 | Romans 3:21-26 | 2 Corinthians 5:21 | Galatians 3:13 | 1 Peter 2:24 | Romans 8:1