

Substitution

The Great Exchange

II Corinthians 5:21

The unfolding of your words gives light, it imparts understanding to the simple.

Ps 119:130

Substitution: The Great Exchange – II Cor 5:21

Epidemics and Plagues...

The Plague of Plagues: Sin

- This sure and certain plague finds its sure and certain cure in the cross of Christ!
- In the cross God provides a substitution: the “Great Exchange”

God put the wrong on him who never did anything wrong, so we could be put right with God.

II Cor 5:21 (The Message)

Bringing the Text to Light

- The “What” of the cross: Reconciliation
(Vs. 18-20)
- The “How” of the cross: Substitution
(Vs. 21)

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– Three different people in view...

- II Cor 5:18,19; Isaiah 53:6; I Peter 3:18
- The Father takes action, the Son is acted upon, we who believe receive the benefit.

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– **Jesus, the sinless One**

- I Peter 1:19; 2:22-24
- Only the life of a sinless substitute could be given in exchange of ours.

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- **Jesus bore sin's penalty instead of us**
 - Penal substitution – the Great Exchange
 - Galatians 3:13; I Peter 2:24; 3:18

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- **The benefit offered: getting right with God**
 - ‘So that’ = goal/purpose of the cross
 - Righteousness: a right relationship with God
 - Rom 1:17; II Cor 5:19
 - Our debt of sin is paid by Christ – His righteousness is credited to our account!

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Applying the Text to Life

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– **Already received the benefit?**

- God is not frowning. Rom 8:1
- Since He has done the greater will He not do the lesser? Rom 8:32 ff.

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– **Not yet received the benefit?**

- Available today through faith in Christ...