

**Words That Matter!
Substitutionary Atonement
Selected Passages**

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Has anyone ever done something exceptionally nice for you?

Has anyone ever paid for something for you?

What is Substitutionary Atonement?

Substitutionary (SUBSTITUTE) - the action of REPLACING someone or something with ANOTHER person or thing; to TAKE THE PLACE OF. (2 Cor 5:21)

Atonement (RECONCILIATION) - to make AMENDS; FIXING a wrong or MAKING UP for a wrongdoing. (Heb 2:14-17)

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Substitutionary Atonement - Jesus Christ willingly took our PLACE, was our SUBSTITUTE, by PAYING the penalty for our sin, to RECONCILE and RESTORE us back to God. (Psalm 32:1; John 3:16-17; 2 Cor 5:18-19; 1 John 2:1-2, 4:10)

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Why Substitutionary Atonement?

The “why” goes back to our discussion of depravity and the incarnation.

- 1) We must recognize and accept that our sins have SEPARATED us from God. (Isa 59:2; Rom 3:23)
- 2) As a result of our depraved state, we are HELPLESS to FIX our problem. (Acts 4:12; Rom 5:6)
- 3) Therefore the GRACE of God was given as our SOLUTION in the form of the INCARNATE Son of God; Jesus Christ. (Col 1:19-20)

Some important facts regarding Substitutionary Atonement:

- 1) Substitutionary atonement was at the CENTER of God’s PLAN ... even from CREATION. (1 Peter 1:18-20)
- 2) The OLD TESTAMENT is where God laid the GROUNDWORK for Jesus’ substitutionary atonement. (Lev 16:27, 29-30; 23:27-28)

- 3) Jesus’ substitutionary atonement ACCOMPLISHED what animal blood SACRIFICE could not. (Isa 53:5-6; Rom 3:25-26; 2 Cor 5:21; Heb 10:1-4; 1 Peter 3:18)
- 4) Christ’s substitutionary atoning sacrifice was VOLUNTARY. (John 10:17-18; 1 John 3:16)
- 5) Jesus’ substitutionary atonement is NECESSARY for REDEMPTION and reconciliation. (1 Cor 6:19-20; Gal 3:13; 1 Peter 2:24)
- 6) Jesus Christ’s substitutionary atonement is for ANYONE and EVERYONE who believes! (Rev 5:9; 1 John 2:2)

So, what is your response to Christ’s loving sacrifice?