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Subject: Substitution

Lamb in place of Isaac (Gen 22)

Lamb in place of people (Ex 12)

The Lord is the substitute for His people.

Substitution - "He died an atoning death for thee".

Have you ever said "I thank thee, Lord,
for giving Thy life for me?"

The Lord Jesus Christ is the substitute above all others.

Reading: John 11 v 47-53

Ps 2 V 1-2

In John 11, the time is coming when the people would take the Lord to Calvary and crucify Him. They gave Him up for envy. They wanted Him destroyed. He spoke the truth and told them of heaven. Their only thought was, "When shall He die and his name perish?"

In John 11:50, Caiaphas prophesies that "one man shall die for the people". He spoke of Jesus, but he did not realise the full significance of his words

In 1 Peter 3v18, Christ is the substitute for the unjust. The Lord Jesus Christ is the only just one. The Scriptures testify of His perfection:

Peter writes, "Who did no sin neither was guile found in his mouth" (1 Pet 2:22).

Paul writes: "He knew (thought) no sin" (2 Cor 5:21)

John write: "In Him is no sin (1 John 3:5)

The centurion at the foot of the cross could say "surely this was a righteous man".

The testimony of God to mankind in general is "there is none righteous, no, not one" (Rom 3:10) and "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom 3:23)

Job asked, "How should man be just with God?" (Job 9:2). The answer is found in Habakkuk 2:3 - "The just shall live by his faith".

It is only in Christ as he becomes the substitute, the One who would suffer for the sins of the people. He paid a debt he did not owe. The Scriptures testify to this:

Hebrews 2v9, "He tasted death for every man"

1 Tim 2 - "Who gave himself a ransom for all"

2 Cor 5 v 21- He became sin for us

Gal 3 v 13 - "He was made a curse for us"

Christ's death was the ransom was the ransom price that would be paid.

Job 33:24 tells of the answer "I have found a ransom"

He was wounded for transgressions, bruised for our iniquities, by His stripes are we healed... it pleased the Lord to bruise Him" (Isa 53:5,10)

He was the one who would bear our sin and provide our salvation.

In Galatians 2: 20, Paul writes: "I am crucified with Christ.. the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me".

What a wonderful saviour we have
What a wonderful salvation He offers

Gal 2v20 - "Gave Himself for me"

Bring it right down to the individual person

Jesus died for me

In Adam, men died punished for one offence (Rom 5:15) No man could pay the price for them, the sinner must see himself standing with many offences and realise that Jesus died for him.