

God's Wonderful Words of Life Series by D. Lavell Lee

Message Three

- Substitution

Joh 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

1Pe 2:21-25 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: **22** Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: **23** Who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously: **24** Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed. **25** For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

1Pe 3:18 For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:

The substitutionary work of Jesus Christ in paying the sin debt of poor lost sinners by dying on the cross and arising again in their place and on their behalf is the very heart of the gospel message.

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

FIRST: The meaning of substitution

1. Webster: A person or thing serving or used in the place of another.
2. Scriptural use: Jesus Christ serving for us as he was used by God to pay the sin debt of us poor lost sinners.

SECOND: Who designated the substitute to pay our sin debt and provided the substitute to die in our place?

God himself did this for us

Gen 22:1-14 And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham: and he said, Behold, here I am.

2 And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son Isaac, whom thou lovest, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of.

3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son, and clave the wood for the burnt offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him.

4 Then on the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off.

5 And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass; and I and the lad will go yonder and worship, and come again to you.

6 And Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took the fire in his hand, and a knife; and they went both of them together.

7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide himself a lamb for a burnt offering: so they went both of them together.

9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar upon the wood.

10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son.

11 And the angel of the LORD called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham: and he said, Here am I.

12 And he said, Lay not thine hand upon the lad, neither do thou any thing unto him: for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son from me.

13 And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son.

14 And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovahjireh: as it is said to this day, In the mount of the LORD it shall be seen.

One: The example of Abraham clearly illustrates this truth

1. God required Abraham to offer Isaac, his son of promise, unto him. Vs. 2

2. As Abraham and Isaac traveled to where God commanded, Isaac asked a perfectly rational question. Vs. 7
3. In faith Abraham answered Vs. 8
4. At the right moment, God intervened Vs. 11-12
5. At that point, Abraham saw the substitute Vs. 13

Joh 8:56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day: and he saw it, and was glad.

Two: The significance of the place God directed Abraham to

1. Go to “the land of Moriah” Vs. 2
2. King David's purchase **1Ch 21:18 Then the angel of the LORD commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and set up an altar unto the LORD in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.**
3. The temple location **2Ch 3:1 Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD at Jerusalem in mount Moriah, where the LORD appeared unto David his father, in the place that David had prepared in the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite.**
4. The mountain range outside the Jerusalem wall, Jesus Christ, our substitute died for our sins **Joh 19:16-18 Then delivered he him therefore unto them to be crucified. And they took Jesus, and led him away. 17 And he bearing his cross went forth into a place called the place of a skull, which is called in the Hebrew Golgotha: 18 Where they crucified him, and two other with him, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst.**

These four passages of scriptures, which span over 1,900 years, tie together the location where Abraham offered Isaac, to the area where Jesus died for our sins.

Three: Look who God provided in our place

Joh 1:29 The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world.

Joh 3:16 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

THIRD The substitution work accomplished in our place and on our behalf by Jesus Christ

1Pe 2:24 Who his own self bare our sins in his own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye were healed

- The absolute clarity stated

Who his own self/ bare our sins/ in his own body/ on the tree

- The purpose achieved

That we being dead to sins/ should live unto righteousness/ by whose stripes ye were healed

OH, how we need to praise God!

Rom 8:31-32 What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

Sinner, Jesus died and arose in your place and on your behalf, will you, right now, ask him to save you?

Rom 10:13 For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.