

JESUS IS GOD'S SUBSTITUTE AND REPLACEMENT FOR ADAM

The Bible teaches a direct Way by which a repentant and cooperative person is changed into a new creation by the power of God. The new creation in Christ has been created by the work of Jesus Christ who first died sinless and defeated sin. Sin condemned itself to the utmost at the cross by killing the innocent and sinless Son of God. God allowed this so that sin would be sentenced to ultimate removal from all creation and so that acts of righteousness could prevail in the lives of new creations (Romans 8:3). Jesus arose with all power to be Second Adam and undo all that Adam caused by his sin (Romans 5:12-20; 8:19-24). The resurrected Christ empowers the spread of the Gospel and makes a new creation of whosoever will cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction and be brought to saving faith in Jesus (Matthew 28:18-20). The death of sinless Jesus and His resurrected life gives Him the right to make new creations of cooperating people (2 Corinthians 5:11-21). Jesus is the Head over all new creations (Colossians 1 and 2).

First, Jesus defeated sin, Satan, and death. Second, Jesus makes new creations of those who cooperate. Third, Jesus judges mankind through Tribulation to redeem many including Israel. Fourth, Jesus judges the Nations and sets up His Millennial Kingdom on Earth.

Fifth, Jesus cleanses the Millennial Kingdom of all wickedness and casts Satan into the Lake of fire. Sixth, Jesus resurrects the wicked, judges them, and sentences them to the Lake of Fire. Seventh, Jesus creates the New Heaven and New Earth whereupon the righteous live with Him forever.

All atonement theories have the same error in common. They all relate the death of Jesus as the saving act of making new creations out of sinners. Scripture says that we are saved by His resurrection life (Romans 5:10). The sinless death of Jesus' physical body gave Him the right to make new creations of all repentant and cooperating sinners (Colossians 1:22-23).

Some atonement theories erroneously say that God punished Jesus in place of the sinner satisfying God's justice and so that God can now forgive the sinner. They erroneously say that the Cross acts upon God changing His perspective of the sinner. Scripture never says that God

punished Jesus in our place or that God must be reconciled to man. "The chastisement of our peace was upon Him" is explained in Hebrews 5:8 where it says "He learned obedience by what He suffered." Jesus actively moment by moment obeyed the Father even to death on the cross. Jesus lived sinless even when it felt like that the Father abandoned Him in death. Jesus remained faithful and believed that the Father was in perfect control and would orchestrate the condemnation of sin to the utmost through His physical death. Sin was allowed to kill the sinless Jesus. Jesus arose with all power to remove sin from all creation. Jesus was victorious over sin, death, and Satan. Today Jesus is making new creations and bringing them to glorification for all those who cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction.

Jesus is humanity's God given Substitute for Adam. Jesus succeeded where Adam failed. Jesus arose with the right as a Man to restore all of creation to a sinless state. Cooperating sinners are redeemed from bondage to sin, born again to new life in Christ, in which Jesus is our replacement for Adam to all those who trust Him.