

## THE VICARIOUS SUFFERINGS OF CHRIST

**TEXT:** *1 Timothy 4:1:* [those who are deceived by the doctrine of devils]  
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Definition: VICARIOUS means to take the place of another person by being a substitute as their vicarious punishment.

The Bible doctrine of the substitutionary death of the Lord Jesus Christ is very offensive to a high-browed sophisticated man or woman. It may surprise you to know that it is also very distasteful in the ears of those in false cults.

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It is resented by any sinner, whether low on the scale of morals, or an unsaved high-society debutant.

The Bible teaches very clearly the importance of the substitutionary death of the Lord Jesus for every person ever born in this Adamic race. A substitute simply means one person is put in the place of another, or takes the place of another as an exchange.

The Gospel, in its simplest terms, is: **CHRIST DIED FOR ME.** Christ's dying for me as my Substitute alone answers the question of God remaining just, and yet the Justifier of those who believe in Jesus.



***Romans 3:26: To declare, I say, at this time His Righteousness: that He might be just, and the Justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.***

All the Children of Israel clearly understood the importances of substitution. It was the basis of many of the Tabernacle sin offerings, burnt offerings, and trespass offerings.

In the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve understood the importance of the lamb or an innocent animal which had to die for them to be covered with a God-provided robe of righteousness. Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gift.



**Hebrews 11:4:** *By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.*

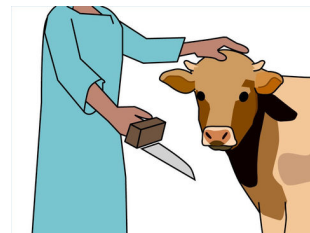
This is one of the most impressive ways the sweet savor offerings typify the real SUBSTITUTE — the Lord Jesus Christ — Who, in 33 A.D., vicariously offered Himself a ransom for all.

**1 Timothy 2:5-6:**

***<sup>5</sup> For there is one God, and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus;***

***<sup>6</sup> Who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.***

In **Leviticus 1:4**, the person offering the substitute sacrifice which was to take his place had to identify himself with that SUBSTITUTE by placing his hand upon the head of animal substitute for the burnt offering. By so doing, he was transferring his sins to his substitute; and also, there was transferred from the spotless lamb its virtues to the offerer. When you and I — by Faith in the Power of Jesus' Blood — lay our hands upon the precious Head of the LAMB OF GOD, we are accepting Him as our sin offering, our SUBSTITUTE.

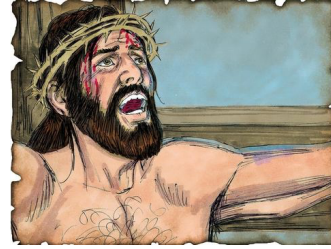


***Romans 3:25: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His Blood, to declare His Righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God.***

In the following passages in Isaiah, we have a prophetic look at Christ — the Lamb of God — Who vicariously took upon Himself our iniquities and took away our sins. Thus, we see a DOUBLE transfer taking place . . .

***Isaiah 53:5-6b:***

**5 But He [Jesus] was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon HIM; and with His stripes we are healed.**



**6 The LORD hath laid on HIM [Jesus] the iniquity of us all.**

**Isaiah 53:10-11:**

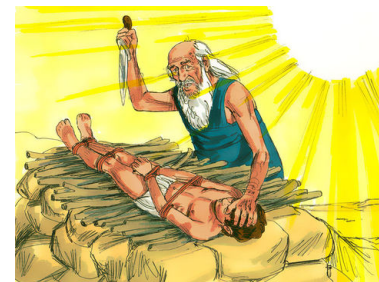
**10 Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise Him; He [Father God] hath put Him [Jesus] to grief: when Thou [Father God] shalt make His [Jesus] soul an offering for sin, He shall see His seed, He shall prolong His days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in His hand.**

**11 He [Father God] shall see of the travail of His [Jesus'] soul, and shall be satisfied: by His knowledge shall my Righteous Servant justify many; for He [Jesus] shall bear their iniquities.**

**TYPE-OLGY: Obeying God, Abraham is preparing to sacrifice his son Isaac to the Lord when . . .**

**Genesis 22:13: 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.**

Abraham's obeyed God's command and brought Isaac to Mt. Moriah, bound him with ropes, and then placed him on the altar. Then, raising his knife in readiness to slay his only son of promise, Abraham was halted by a call from Heaven.



Abraham was now drawn to look behind him to behold a ram caught in the thicket by its horns. He offered up the ram in the stead of his son.

**Isaac is a type of the Lord Jesus, in that he was miraculously born contrary to the laws of nature,**

**just as Christ was.** He was an obedient son, as was Christ, to his father's will. He was made a sacrifice by Abraham willingly, as did God freely offer up His Only Begotten Son for us.

**Hebrews 10:3-10:**

**<sup>3</sup> But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins**

every year.

***4 For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.***

***5 Wherefore when He [The Lord Jesus] cometh into the world, He saith, sacrifice and offering Thou wouldest not, but a Body hast Thou prepared Me [the Man Jesus]:***

***6 In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin Thou [Lord God] hast had no pleasure.***

***7 Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the Book it is written of Me,) to do Thy Will, O God.***

***8 Above when He said, sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and offering for sin Thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein; which are offered by the Law;***



***9 Then said He, Lo, I come to do Thy Will, O God. He taketh away the First [Old Covenant], that He may establish the second [New Covenant – Completed when Jesus went to the Cross].***

***10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the Body of Jesus Christ once for all.***

Caiaphas, the high priest, surely had an insight into Christ's substitutionary work when he said that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

***John 18:14: Now Caiaphas was he, which gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.***

***John 11:49-52:***

***49 And one of them, named Caiaphas, being the high priest that same year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all,***

***50 Nor consider that it is expedient for us, that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not.***

***51 And this spake he not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus should die for***



***that nation;***

***<sup>52</sup> And not for that nation only, but that also He should gather together in one the children of God that were scattered abroad.***

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***Ephesians 2:3: Among whom also we all had our conversation in times past in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind; and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others.***

***Romans 9:22: What if God, willing to show His wrath, and to make His power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction.***

***John 3:18: He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him.***



***Matthew 3:7: But when He saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees come to His Baptism, He said unto them, O generation of vipers, who hath warned you to flee from the wrath to come?***

***Ephesians 5:5-6:***

***<sup>5</sup> For this ye know, that no whoremonger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the Kingdom of Christ and of God.***

***<sup>6</sup> Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the Wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.***

***Colossians 3:5-6:***

***<sup>5</sup> Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence [shameful lustful desires], and covetousness, which is idolatry:***

***6 For which things' sake the Wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience:***

## **TYPOLOGY**

***Leviticus 14:4-7:***

***4 Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two birds alive and clean, and cedar wood, and scarlet, and hyssop:***

***5 And the priest shall command that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel over running water:***

***6 As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water:***

***7 And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field.***

***Leviticus 16:21-30:***

***21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands upon the head of the live goat, and confess over him all the iniquities of the Children of Israel, and all their transgressions in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a fit man into the wilderness:***



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***22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.***

***23 And Aaron shall come into the Tabernacle of the congregation, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the Holy Place, and shall leave***

***them there:***

***24 And he shall wash his flesh with water in the holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt offering, and the burnt offering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people.***

**25 And the fat of the sin offering shall he burn upon the altar.**

**26 And he that let go the goat for the scapegoat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward come into the camp.**



**27 And the bullock for the sin offering, and the goat for the sin offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the Holy Place, shall one carry forth without the camp; and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung.**

**28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.**

**29 And this shall be a statute for ever unto you: that in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and do no work at all, whether it be one of your own country, or a stranger that sojourneth among you:**

**30 For on that day shall the priest make an atonement for you, to cleanse you, that ye may be clean from all your sins before the LORD.**

**Matthew 26:28: (Jesus speaking) For this is My Blood of the New Testament [New Covenant], which is SHED FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.**

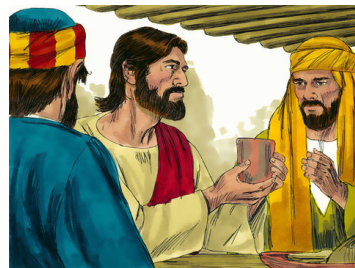
As well as:

**Mark 14:24: Jesus speaking And He [Jesus] said unto them, This is My Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many.**

**Luke 22:19-20: The Lord's Supper**

**19 And He took bread, and gave thanks, and broke it, and gave unto them, saying, This is My Body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of Me.**

**20 Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the New Testament in My Blood, which is shed for you.**



**Romans 4:24-25:**

**24 But for us also, to whom it [Jesus' Righteousness] shall be imputed, if we believe on Him Who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead;**

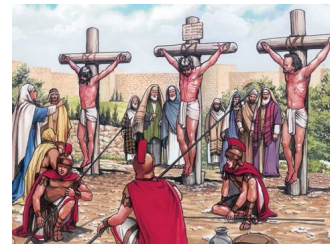
**25 Who was delivered for our offences, and was raised again for our justification.**

**Romans 5:8: But God commandeth His Love towards us, in that, while we were yet sinners, CHRIST DIED FOR US.**

**1 Corinthians 5:7b: For even Christ our Passover [Lamb] is sacrificed FOR US.**

**1 Corinthians 15:3: For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how Christ died for our sins according to the [prophetic] Scriptures.**

**Galatians 2:20: I [Paul] am crucified [spiritually speaking] 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.**



**Galatians 3:13: Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being MADE A CURSE FOR US: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.**

**Hebrews 2:9: But we see Jesus, Who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the Grace of God should taste death FOR EVERY MAN. To make reconciliation for the sins of the people.**

**1 Peter 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.**

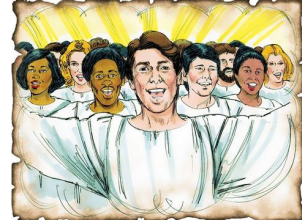
**1 Peter 3:18: For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, THE JUST FOR THE UNJUST, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.**

**1 Peter 4:1: Forasmuch then as Christ hath suffered FOR US in the**



***flesh, arm yourselves likewise with the same mind: for he that hath suffered in the flesh hath ceased from sin:***

On that day when we close our eyes for the last time, take our last breath, and find ourselves standing before for the Judgment Seat, we will be eternally grateful that we accepted the atoning sacrifice of Christ. He paid for our sins on the Cross — for no one is without sin — so that we can be free from the wrath of God that will come upon those whose sins have not been atoned for and still remain on their account.



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