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Reading 1 Peter 3:18

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The meaning and blessings of Salvation! #1

An introduction: Substitution and Redemption

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Sending prayer

Mar 17, game night

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Good Friday Service at GBF with UBC here

You may notice we don't pass an offering plate

We invite you to participate in the ministry, and the offering box in the foyer is for your gifts and offerings for the Lord's work.

- 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, Galatians 6:6 -

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- Teaching -

Eric Peterman

The meaning and blessings of Salvation! #1

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- March 12th, 2023 -

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The doctrine of our salvation by God is both simple and complex. The gnawing problem of one's sin before our holy God, God's just wrath toward one's sin and oneself, and the love of God expressed to us in sending us His Son to die in our place and to pay for our sins on the cross, and we being granted as a free gift, the benefit of eternal life, is so straight forward even a child can grasp both the problem and God's solution. Most of us can quote John 3:16 or Paul's response to the Philippian jailer's question about how to be saved in Acts 16:31.

On the other hand, who can understand and explain the astounding mystery of how a holy God/Man both would and could become sin itself and die for the sake and benefit of wicked, sinful, rebellious creatures like you and I? We can maybe apprehend the beginning of the thing, but I think it will take eons upon eons for us to begin to really comprehensively get the arms of our minds and hearts around the totality of it all.

Coming to terms with our natural estate, without salvation!

See Revelation 20:11-15.

Romans 6:23a

Matt. 10:28

But our problem begins in the here and now:

First, sin alienates us from God. Eph. 2:12

Second, those who are controlled by or under Sin as their reigning master cannot please God. Rom. 8:5-8

Third, God is perfectly and infinitely holy: 1John 1:5

Fourth, God being holy and loving His holiness in highest esteem, He must mete out wrath in judgment on sinners! Rom 2:5-6

Fifth, the presence of power of sin renders us morally helpless in our sins and not only unable but quite unwilling to remedy them:

Rom. 3:10-12

The solution: Romans 5:8 *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Penal Substitutionary Atonement.

Substitution:

Matt. 20:28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." The Greek preposition *anti* is here translated "for" and it means: *in the place of, or in substitution for*, and the *many* are the sinners.

There is another preposition, *huper* also used in the NT and it has two complementary meanings: Sometimes it means, *for the benefit of* and sometimes it means, *in the place of (or as a substitute – one for the other).*

The death of Christ on the Roman cross was, of course, both *for our benefit* and *in our place, as our substitute.* *Huper* is used both ways in these verses:

2Cor. 5:21 *He made Him who knew no sin to be sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.*

1Pet. 3:18 For Christ also died for sins once for all, *the just for the unjust*, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit;

In the above verses we see both aspects of *huper* in action: The perfect, sinless, just One died

- 1) For the benefit of (*on our behalf*), and
- 2) In the place of, or in substitution for, we the unjust.

The next Jewel is Redemption, redemption from the Reign of Sin

-Agorazo, 2 Cor 6:9

-Exagorazo, Gal. 3:13

-Lutrow, 1Pet. 1:18