

sermon notes

Pastor Tony Caffey, Verse By Verse Fellowship | Christ Supreme in All Things
March 12, 2023 | “Substitutionary Atonement” | **Hebrews 9:15-28**

In order for redemption to take place, there must be...

- 1) Substitutionary _____ (9:15)
- 2) Substitutionary _____ (9:16-22)
- 3) Substitutionary _____ (9:23-26)
- 4) Substitutionary _____ (9:27-28)

Questions for Further Application of God’s Word:

GO DEEPER

Read Hebrews 9:15. What does it mean for Christ to be our mediator? Why do we need a mediator? Why was it necessary for Jesus to be born as a man and die for our sins? What is our “promised eternal inheritance”? Where else does the Bible speak about our future inheritance?

Read Hebrews 9:16-28. How was death and blood essential to OT worship? Why is blood necessary for redemption of both OT and NT believers? If we don’t have redemption through Christ’s blood, what is our eternal destiny?

GET PERSONAL

Do you find the discussion about blood and death in this passage macabre? Why do we remember Christ’s blood during communion? Is this a time of soberness and reflection or celebration? What does communion teach us about the costliness of our salvation? What does it teach about God’s love for us?

Are you someone who is “eagerly waiting” for Christ’s return (9:28)? Why or why not? Are there things you want to accomplish before Christ appears a second time? Do you feel a sense of urgency to accomplish things for Christ before his return? Should we have a sense of urgency?

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE

Find a version of the hymn “There is a Fountain Filled with Blood” by William Cowper. Print out the lyrics and sing it out loud. Here are some good renditions of that song online:

- 1) “Norton Hall Band”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8qGKuDw3YQQ&t=1s>
- 2) “Shane and Shane”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gXx558v5eik&t=1s>
- 3) “The Citizens”: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=c6BqYzPxy-s>

Listen to the following biographical teaching on William Cowper’s life by John Piper:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/messages/insanity-and-spiritual-songs-in-the-soul-of-a-saint>

How does Cowper’s life exemplify the message of the gospel? Are you surprised that someone like Cowper (who wrote many great hymns) struggled in the way that he did?

ADVANCED QUESTION

Read the following essay on “Substitutionary Atonement” by Tom Schreiner:
<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/essay/substitutionary-atonement/>

Explain the terms “penal,” “substitutionary,” and “atonement.” What are the different theories regarding the atonement? Explain the flawed reasoning in some of those flawed theories.