

## THE DOCTRINE OF SUBSTITUTION

TEXT: (Genesis 3:21, NIV)

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## INTRODUCTION:

1. "When the woman saw that the fruit of the tree was good for food and pleasing to the eye, and also desirable for gaining wisdom, she took some and ate it. She also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made coverings for themselves" (Genesis 3:6-7, NIV).
2. "The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them" (Genesis 3:21, NIV).
3. "And the LORD God commanded the man, 'You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat from it you will certainly die'" (Genesis 2:16-17, NIV).
4. "The law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Hebrews 9:22, NIV).
5. "The fire and wood are here," Isaac said, "but where is the lamb for the burnt offering" (Genesis 22:7, NIV)?
6. "God himself will provide the lamb for the burnt offering, my son." And the two of them went on together" (Genesis 22:8, NIV).

## I. ABEL'S LAMB

1. "The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them" (Genesis 3:21, NIV).
2. "For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life" (Leviticus 17:11, NIV).

## A. Cain's Sacrifice

1. "Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD" (Genesis 4:3, NIV).

## B. Modern-day Cains

1. "Dear friends, although I was very eager to write to you about the salvation we share, I felt I had to write and urge you to contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints. For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord" (Jude 1:3-4, NIV).
2. "They have taken the way of Cain" (Jude 1:11, NIV).
3. "Then the LORD said to Cain, 'Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it.'  
Now Cain said to his brother Abel, 'Let's go out to the field.' And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him" (Genesis 4:6-8, NIV).

### C. Abel's Sacrifice

1. "Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering" (Genesis 4:4, NIV).
2. "By faith Abel offered God a better sacrifice than Cain did. By faith he was commended as a righteous man, when God spoke well of his offerings" (Hebrews 11:4, NIV).

## II. THE PASSOVER LAMB

1. "Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household" (Exodus 12:3, NIV).

### A. Saved from Death

1. "Then they are to take some of the blood and put it on the sides and tops of the doorframes of the houses where they eat the lambs" (Exodus 12:7, NIV).
2. "The blood will be a sign for you on the houses where you are; and when I see the blood, I will pass over you. No destructive plague will touch you when I strike Egypt" (Exodus 12:13, NIV).
3. "As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD" (Joshua 24:15, NIV).

### B. A Blood Covenant

1. "We are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory" (Romans 8:17, NIV).

### C. The Application of the Blood in Our Day

1. "Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him" (Hebrews 11:6, NIV).
2. "Then said he to the people that were come out to be baptized of him, O generations of vipers, who hath forewarned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bring forth therefore fruits worthy amendment of life" (Luke 3:7-8, GNV).
3. "After he drove the man out, he placed on the east side of the Garden of Eden cherubim and a flaming sword flashing back and forth to guard the way to the tree of life" (Genesis 3:24, NIV).
4. "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38, NIV).
5. "This is the one who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ. He did not come by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit who testifies, because the Spirit is the truth. For there are three that testify: the Spirit, the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement" (1 John 5:6-8, NIV).
6. "When the people heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the other apostles, "Brothers, what shall we do?"  
Peter replied, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:37-38).

## III. THE LAMB OF GOD

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

2. "The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world" (Revelation 13:8, KJV).

A. Jesus—God's Spotless Lamb

1. "He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth" (Isaiah 53:7, NIV).
2. "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth."  
...He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed" (I Peter 2:22, 24, NIV).
3. "Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But he 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" (Isaiah 53:4-5, KJV).
4. "For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect" (I Peter 1:18-19, NIV).

CONCLUSION:

1. "Peter replied, 'Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise is for you and your children and for all who are far off—for all whom the Lord our God will call'" (Acts 2:38-39, NIV).
2. "Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground" (Genesis 4:11, NIV)
3. "But he, being full of the Holy Ghost, looked up stedfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God. . . . And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep" (Acts 7:55, 60).