

Evangelism Seminar 4 - God Sends Jesus to Die For us

So far in our gospel framework, we have discussed:

- God as the Creator that we should live under, give thanks for, and live for
- That we have all done the opposite with God, and told Him to shove off - we want the blessings of God without God - the de-godding of God
- The result: that God says have it your way, and experience separation from Me - death and eternal destruction

But thankfully, that's not the end of the story. It could be - God would be just to leave that as the end of the story. But the Bible is rich with God . . . Being rich in mercy . . .

He did this in a concrete, visible way: He sent His Son. Isaiah 53:6 puts it this way:

*Isaiah 53:6 (ESV): All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned—every one—to his own way;
and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.*

God does this, because He loves the world. Not that the world is inherently lovely, but He loves the world because does . . . And He does not wish to see us suffer the consequences of our sins.

So He sent His own Son into the world, to die for our sins, in our place.

Jesus never sinned, but he did die FOR sin - for OUR sins - our misdeeds, our failures.

He died as a SUBSTITUTE for us.

You see, God wished to be merciful and forgive, and yet, God must also be just. He will not go against His own nature. God does not play favorites. So Jesus took upon himself the judgment and punishment that we deserved, by dying on the cross in our place.

For us personally, and as our new covenantal head. This may not be helpful for everyone, but it is important to note that Jesus died as our *individual* substitute, and he died as our covenantal head. That is, from Adam's death, we acquired curse and death ourselves. But then Jesus died, for us, which means that he

- Succeeded where Adam failed
- He became the curse FOR us
- He received the resulting death FOR us

So now, there is no more curse, no more judgment, no more resulting eternal separation from God - because Jesus took all those on himself, in our place.

Summarize:

1. Because of His love, God sent His Son into the world, the man Jesus Christ.
2. Jesus always lived under God's rule. (Why is this important?)
3. But Jesus took our punishment by dying in our place.

But that is not all that Jesus did . . .

Now, let's watch another video, and tell me what's different about box 4 in the video, from what I just taught . . .