

WEST SUFFOLK BAPTIST CHURCH

28 March 2021

Welcome & Announcements

Invocation

Hymn #128 “Hallelujah! What a Savior!”

OT Scripture Psalm 32

Hymn #141 “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed?”

NT Scripture Luke 19:29-48

Hymn #147 “O Christ, What Burdens Bowed Thy Head”

Message: **“Delivered Up for Our Trespasses”**
Romans 4:25

Hymn #154 “He Died for Me”

Benediction

This Evening: “Learning to Trust God”
Exodus 12:37-14:30

Wed Evening: “The Coming Kingdom”
Isaiah 19—20

Next Lord’s Day: “Raised for Our Justification”
Romans 4:25

A note for parents of small children: Our church encourages its members and our visitors to include their children in our worship services. We understand that this practice will result in some distractions from time to time, and that forbearance and patience are required by all. Our foyer and all classrooms are equipped with speakers in order to serve as worship service behavior training areas or as cry rooms, as necessary. Please be mindful of others who may be being distracted from worship and avail yourselves of them.

J. I. Packer on the Cross-work of Christ

How does the cross actually redeem us, through Jesus’ death? By *reconciling* us to God, ending the alienation and estrangement that were previously there, linking God and us together in new harmony, replacing enmity between us with friendship and peace, by means of the putting away of our sins. (Rom 5:11; Col 1:19-22)

How did the cross actually reconcile us to God, and God to us? By the death of Christ being a *propitiation*, satisfying God’s judicial wrath against us. (Rom 3:23-25a)

How does the cross actually propitiate God? By being an event of *substitution*, whereby at the Father’s will, the sinless Son of God bore the retribution due to us guilty ones. (2 Cor 5:21; Gal 3:13; Col 2:14)

A reflection on how faith in Christ, our penal substitute, should be shaping our lives.

1. God condones nothing, but judges all sin, as it deserves, which Scripture affirms, and my conscience confirms, to be right.
2. My sins merit ultimate penal suffering and rejection from God’s presence (my conscience also confirms this) and nothing I do can blot them out.
3. The penalty due to me for my sins, whatever it was, was paid for me, by Jesus Christ, the Son of God, in His death on the cross.
4. Because this is so, I, through faith in Him, am made “the righteousness of God in Him.” (i.e., I am justified; pardon, acceptance, and sonship (to God) become mine).
5. Christ’s death for me is my sole ground of hope before God. “If he fulfilled not justice, I must; if he underwent not wrath, I must, to eternity” — John Owen
6. My faith in Christ is God’s own gift to me, given in virtue of Christ’s death for me; i.e., the cross procured it.
7. Christ’s death for me guarantees my preservation to glory.
8. Christ’s death for me is the measure and pledge of the love of the Father and the Son to me.
9. Christ’s death for me calls and constrains me to trust, to worship, to love, and to serve.

(Only where these nine truths have taken root and grow in the heart will anyone be fully alive to God.)

*Bearing shame and scoffing rude,
in my place condemned he stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood
Hallelujah! What a Savior!*