

1 Peter Series

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**CHRIST'S EXAMPLE OF
UNJUST SUFFERING**
SUBSTITUTIONARY ATONEMENT

1 PETER 3:18

A photograph of a church steeple silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky with orange and yellow clouds. The steeple is the central focus, rising above a line of trees. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative.

1ST PETER

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1 Pet. 2:21, “For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:”

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πάσχω *paschō*

aor act indic 3 sing

used 11 times in

1 Peter;

**to suffer; to endure
suffering**

ἔπαθεν, *epathen* “suffered”

ἀπέθανεν, *apethanēn* or “died”

Matt. 16:21, “From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.”

πάσχω paschō

to suffer; to endure suffering

Matt. 17:12, “But I say to you that Elijah has come already, and they did not know him but did to him whatever they wished. Likewise the Son of Man is also about to suffer at their hands.”

cf., Mark 8:31, 9:12; Luke 9:22, 17:25, 22:15, 24:26, 46; Acts 1:3, 17:3

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Used repeatedly for sin offerings in the OT.

Heb. 5:3, “Because of this he is required as for the people, so also for himself, to offer sacrifices for sins.”

Heb. 10:26, “For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,”

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**אָשָׁם *ʾasham* masc sing constr
guilt offering**

**חַטָּאת *chattaʿt* fem sing abs
sin, sin offering**

**כָּפַר *kafar* piel perf 3 masc sing consec
*to cover, make atonement***

Ex. 30:10, “And Aaron shall make atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD.”

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Lev. 4:20, “And he shall do with the bull as he did with the bull as a sin offering; thus he shall do with it. So the priest shall make atonement for [‘a/] them, and it shall be forgiven them.”

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What The Bible Teaches About Substitutionary Atonement





AS LEON UNFURLED THE PIECE OF PAPER HE KNEW HE WOULD NEVER AGAIN PLAY CHARADES WITH MINISTERS

Two words, we will take “substitutionary” first, then “atonement.”

- 1. *Substitutionary* in theology refers to Christ dying *in our place, replacing us* so that He paid our penalty. (10 points to follow, *a–j.*)**

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Hab. 1:13, "You are of purer eyes than to behold evil, and cannot look on wickedness."

b. All human beings have sinned and are thus under the judgment of God.

Rom. 3:23, “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,”

c. The only way we can stand before God is if we possess His perfect righteousness.

d. This demands a *cleansing* or *purification* from sin which is provided through a perfect substitute.

e. The Old Testament illustrates this through a series of sacrifices which are substitutionary in nature.

Lev. 1:3, “If his offering is a burnt sacrifice of the herd, let him offer a male without blemish; he shall offer it of his own free will at the door of the tabernacle of meeting before the LORD.

Lev. 1:4, “Then he shall put his hand on the head of the burnt offering, and it will be accepted on his behalf to make atonement for him.”

The Septuagint (LXX) prefers to translate these various prepositions with the Greek *peri*.

περὶ ἁμαρτιῶν

peri hamartion

for, concerning, with reference to sins (plural)

“to denote the object or person to which (whom) an activity or especially inward process refers or relates, about, concerning.” BDAG

In a number of contexts with verbs such as prayer it takes the place of the Greek preposition *huper* with the genitive a preposition of substitution.

BDAG: “when used with ἁμαρτία the word ‘for’ has the sense to take away, to atone for περὶ ἁμαρτίας” (Num. 8:8) Rom. 8:3.

Lev. 5:5, “And it shall be, when he is guilty in any of these matters, that he shall confess that he has sinned in that thing;

Lev. 5:6, “and he shall bring his trespass offering to the LORD for his sin which he has committed, a female from the flock, a lamb or a kid of the goats as a sin offering. So the priest shall make atonement for him concerning his sin.”

f. Isa. 53:5–6 clearly indicates substitution.

Isa. 53:5, “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.

מִן *min* prep *from, separation from*

Isa. 53:6, “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.”

עַל־2 *al-2* prep *upon, over, above*

Luke 22:37, “For I say to you that this which is written must still be accomplished in Me: ‘And He was numbered with the transgressors.’ For the things concerning Me have an end.”

g. The Passover lamb imagery shows the lamb died in place of the first born. Jesus is our Passover lamb.

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John 1:29, “The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, ‘Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’ ”

h. Christ presents Himself to serve God and mankind by giving His life as a payment price.

Mark 10:45, “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

**λύτρον *lutron* acc neut sing
ransom**

**ἀντί *anti* Preposition (+gen) (+gen)
for, in place of, instead of**

“there is the notion of exchange also in the use of *anti*.”

“those who refuse to admit that Jesus held this notion of a substitutionary death ... [take] an easy way to get rid of passages that contradict one’s theological opinions” (*WPNT*, 1.163)

~Greek scholar A. T. Robertson (1863–1934)

i. The preposition *huper* with the genitive.

Luke 22:19, “And He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to them, saying, ‘This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ ”

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Rom. 5:8, “But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”

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2 Cor. 5:21, “For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”

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j. **1 John 2:2 relates this substitution to the idea of propitiation.**

1 John 2:2, “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.”

περὶ

peri

**for, concerning, with reference to
sins (plural)**

2. Defining *atonement*.

כפר *kaphar*

***to cover, make atonement,
to cleanse, wipe clean, with
the idea of forgiveness***