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Did Jesus Become Sin?

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.” – 2 Corinthians 5:21, KJV

This text has a peculiar play on words when it tells us that “the one who knew not sin” God made “sin.” A lot of commentators take this to mean that Christ was transformed into sin or that in some inexplicable way Jesus became the embodiment of all sin. Gill writes that Christ was “treated by the justice of God as if he had been not only a sinner, but a mass of sin.” Martin Luther allegedly taught that Christ was the greatest sinner that ever lived, though He never sinned himself. However, this explanation creates far more questions than it answers. How does deity and sin find incarnation in the same person at the same time? How does a person die as the incarnation of sin (or worse, the “greatest sinner who ever lived”) and still enter paradise upon his death? If Christ became sin to atone for us, who atoned for Christ that he should not be eternally separated from the Father? I think this passage might have a simpler explanation. If you have an NIV, you may be one step ahead of me as it contains a footnote that reads, “Or be a sin offering.” The Greek term employed twice in this passage and translated “sin” (αμαρτιαν) has more than one meaning, and I don’t believe it to be a stretch to think that Paul is switching between the two meanings to make his point. The sentence is structured as a play on words, and Paul, a master student of the Old Testament and inspired in his word choice, may be making an Old Testament allusion. In the Septuagint (LXX) translation (the Hebrew Scriptures translated into Greek between the 3rd and 2nd century BC), the Jewish scholars often used this same term to translate the Hebrew term for “sin offering.” For example,

Exodus 29:36 (ESV) “and every day you shall offer a bull as a sin offering (αμαρτιαν) for atonement. Also you shall purify the altar, when you make atonement for it, and shall anoint it to consecrate it.”

This usage of this term occurs over ninety times in the Septuagint translation of the LXX. Certainly, Paul would have been aware of this frequent use of the term, and it is not a stretch to think that he might have employed that meaning in his play on the word in 2 Corinthians 5:21. If this is the case, it would simplify the passage, though ruining many a thrilling sermon in the process. Paul is telling us that the sinless Jesus became the sin offering for all mankind. Jesus was no more the incarnation of sin than the Old Testament lamb. Sinless blood was required and sinless blood was paid. Understanding Christ to be a lamb rather than a lamb-sin-incarnate is the simpler reading.

by Benjamin Williams

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SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
Evening Worship Assembly 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

Bible Bowl

Next

Sunday

At 3:00

BIBLE BOWL MEAL

There is a sign up sheet posted on the bulletin board if you would like to help supply items for the meal we will provide after the Bible Bowl.

JANITORIAL DUTIES

The church will be considering applicants for the janitorial duties for the building. If you are interested please turn in your interest in writing to Karen by Feb 24th. We will also be looking at quotes from different companies.

HOPE HARBOR PHONE CAMPAIGN

Once a year Hope Harbor holds a phone campaign to help raise money. Glenpool's night to call is Thursday, March 14th. A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board so we will know how many people we will have making phone calls this year. This is very easy, not complicated, a meal will be provided before the calling begins. If you have any questions see Chris or Leasa Mulkey.

EXPANSION UPDATE

This past Friday information was received from Vista Construction about the building expansion program. There will be a congregational meeting this evening to help keep us informed.

AFFIRMING THE FAITH SEMINAR

If anyone wishes to ride the van to the North McArthur congregation in OKC for the Affirming the Faith seminar on Saturday, Feb 23rd, see Ben.

Sunday, Feb 17th

Elder's and Deacon's meeting at 3:00

Sunday, Feb 24th

Bible Bowl, group Burrus

Monday, March 4th

Ladies meeting at 6:30

Saturday, March 9th

Time changes—move clocks forward

March 8th-10th

Spring meeting with Jim Baird

Thursday, March 14th

Hope Harbor phone campaign

Sunday—Wednesday, April 7th-10th

Meeting at Cleveland church of Christ

Sunday—Saturday, June 9th-15th

Frog Road camp session

upcoming
work dinners
events
fellowship meetings
retreats picnics games parties



IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Beverly Wooley is in St Francis hospital room 6128. She has been dealing with a swollen foot. She might have gone home yesterday.
- Sheryl Burris, daughter of Sonny and Marilyn Pulliam, is home and doing much better. The family really appreciates all the prayers.
- Frank Williams, Ben's father, had his heart procedure last Tuesday. After putting in the stint he went from 90% blockage to almost zero.
- Bert Shelby continues to have health problems.
- Nancy Riggs's mother is still in ICU at St Johns hospital. She might be a little better, but continues to be on the ventilator.
- Update on Colton Treat: If you will recall Colton had knee surgery 3-4 months ago, he recently had a follow-up appointment- the following is from Jerrad Treat "He's grown quite a bit and the spot where his infection was is growing away from the growth plate... which is exactly what we were hoping for!" Always glad to report good news.
- Update on Coleman Pyles the son of Tim Pyles the minister at Broken Arrow: Coleman has a cyst on or near his brain stem, it is benign and he will not need surgery.
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Suzanne Stamps; Kylie Aaron (cystic fibrosis); Leola Harmon (stroke); Robert Johnson (liver transplant); Rob Swaim (head injury); many others.
- **Service men and women:** Brian and Amber Hunt; Cameron Hill (son of Robert & Marcia).

MEETING

Elder's and Deacon's meeting today at **3:00** pm.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Riley McCafferty, Feb 19	Jerry & Nola Buller, Mar 4	Mary Causby, Mar 8
Chente Marquez, Feb 20	Jack & Karen Myrick, Mar 4	Bruce & Lilia Rothell, Mar 12
Bill & Lenora Hamrick, Feb 22	Marcia Riggs, Mar 5	Shirley Hood, Mar 15
Pauline Stone, Feb 22	Barbara Vaughan, Mar 6	Melinda & Steven Jones, Mar 16
Jim Yeager, Mar 1	Robert & Marcia Hill, Mar 7	

BIBLE BOWL

Bible Bowl Practice at 4:00

Continue reading Proverbs chapters 1—8.

STARS

⇒ **Collin Aycox** can say the names of Jacob and his twelve sons.

Good work Collin!

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to two families:

- Steve Aycox in the passing of his grandmother
- Barbara Girod in the passing of her brother, JC Ward. His services were yesterday in Colgate, OK

HELP NEEDED

Debbie Whitchurch needs a teacher for the little kids (ages 3-5 years) on Wednesday nights. Please see Debbie if you are able to help.

NEED A RIDE?

The idea is being explored to begin a van route on Sunday mornings and evenings. If you are interested in being a driver for the van (on a rotation) or if you would like a ride see Carl Burrus or Bobby Hill.

EMAIL ADDRESS

Please removed the email address you have for Lonnie and Donna White. They will be getting a new one once they are settled and we will try and pass it on to you. Thanks.

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Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes	116
Sunday AM Worship	153
Sunday PM Worship	77
Wednesday Bible Classes	88

Contribution

Sunday Contribution	\$3,813.95
Budget	\$4,041.00
Over Budget	\$312.29
Building Fund	\$350,164.01

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Steve Estep
Opening Prayer	Lonnie White
Closing Prayer	Topper Causby
Scripture Reading	Dennis Robinson
Lord's Table	Darrell Burcham
	Bruce Rothell
	Larry Potter
	Johnny Riggs

Ushers

Steve Rucquoy
Lonnie White

Lock Building

Jack Myrick; Bruce Rothell

Sunday Evening

Song Leader	Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer	Jim Yeager
Closing Prayer	Randy Crawford
Scripture Reading	Ian Hill

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer	Darrell Burcham
Closing Prayer	Randy Crawford
Song Leader	Matt Caldwell
Invitation	Jerry Buller

Communion Preparation

2/3	Susie O'Neal
2/10	Autumn Caldwell
2/17	Tonya Davidson
2/24	Causby Ladies
3/3	Marcia Riggs
3/10	Shirley Hood
3/17	Earline Lierly
3/24	Cathy Burcham
3/31	Rita Risley

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Monday, March 4th
6:30 PM

EAT THIS BOOK READINGS

2/17	Ex 39-40; Ps 44; Lk 8
2/18	Lev 1; Ps 45; Lk 9
2/19	Lev 2-4; Ps 46; Lk 10
2/20	Lev 5-6; Ps 47; Lk 11
2/21	Lev 7; Ps 48; Lk 12
2/22	Lev 8-9; Ps 49; Lk 13
2/23	Lev 10-11; Ps 50; Lk 14



IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

*These were more noble... they searched the scriptures daily... (Acts 17:11)

Search Programs:

Feb 17—Our Love For God
Feb 24—Loving Others

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

Sunday Morning Sermon

Jesus, the Forsaken
Mark 14:27-31

Sunday Evening Sermon

My Soul Thirsts
Psalm 42:1-4