

**John # 20 “A Worthy Substitute” *John 1:29; Genesis 22:1-18; Exodus 12:3-17; Romans 5:12***

**Why did John baptize?**

**In God’s plan, Divine Good is the only acceptable production and God provides everything for it**

**by way of His deposits in our invisible spiritual savings account.**

***And how is Divine Good produced in us?***

- 1. We must be filled with the Holy Spirit***
- 2. We must understand biblical truth related to Divine Good***
- 3. We must consistently practice 1. and 2.***

**Spiritual skills must precede production skills.**

**The Lord Jesus Christ’s baptism does not represent salvation.**

**Question: What was John the Baptist saying?**

***Isaiah 53:10 Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer and though the Lord makes His life an offering for sin, He will see his offspring and prolong His days and the will of the Lord will prosper in His Hand.***

**In the Old Testament animal sacrifices, the animals paid with their physical deaths but the Lord Jesus paid for the sins of the world with His substitutionary spiritual death.**

**And so, spiritual death was passed down in the human race and that’s why unbelievers are dichotomous with body and soul only and why believers are trichotomous with body, soul and spirit.**

**Real spiritual death is perpetuated in the human race at physical birth because in every case, Adam’s original sin is credited to man’s genetically-reproduced sin nature.**

***So, there are two categories of spiritual death in human history; 1. The real spiritual death of Adam and the human race, a dichotomous separation from God in time.***

***2. The substitutionary spiritual death of Jesus Christ on the cross, a separation from God in a state of total perfection.***

**The only thing Adam’s real spiritual death in the Garden and our Lord’s substitutionary spiritual death on the cross have in common is separation from God the Father in a place of judgment.**

**Adam’s spiritual death was real and it continues to the entire human race through physical birth and our Lord’s spiritual death was substitutionary and it provides eternal salvation and reconciliation to God at regeneration.**

***The spiritual death of our Lord Jesus Christ was unique, because all the time that He was bearing our sins, He remained perfect, impeccable and trichotomous.***

**While Adam went from perfection to imperfection, Jesus Christ was perfect before the cross, during the cross and after the cross.**

**Therefore, Jesus Christ's was the only spiritual death in all of history in which the person involved remained perfect, impeccable and trichotomous.**