

**John # 26 “A Worthy Substitute” Part 7**

***John 1:29; Romans 5:8-10; 8:31-32; Hebrews 12:1-3; Jeremiah 17:5-8***

**For example: If the omnipotence of God the Father accomplished the most difficult thing in crediting our sins to the humanity of His perfect Son and judged them in Him; it stands to reason that the omnipotence of God can accomplish the less difficult thing which is what the omnipotence of God the Father and the Holy Spirit are doing for us right here and now.** Once we believe in Jesus Christ, there’s no way we can be involved in the Last Judgment which condemns unbelievers to the Lake of Fire.

***Because it’s easier for the omnipotence of God the Father to deliver the believer from the Last Judgment than for the omnipotence of God the Father to credit our sins to His Son on the cross and judge them.***

**The most difficult thing the Father ever did was to use His power; His divine omnipotence and His justice to credit and to judge our sins in His precious Son, Jesus Christ.**

**We are delivered by Jesus Christ’s life through the continuation of the Church Age spiritual life He pioneered.**

**Our invisible spiritual bank accounts were easy for God the Father to provide and they’re just as certain as the fact that Jesus Christ died for our sins.**

***It was much more difficult for the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit to empower and sustain the humanity of Christ inside His experiential pioneer plan of God so that He endured on the cross than it is for the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit to empower and sustain us inside the operational-type plan of God for us.***

**The most difficult ministry of the Holy Spirit occurred during the Incarnation of our Worthy Substitute.**

**It is much easier for the omnipotence of God the Father to provide an invisible spiritual bank account for every Church Age believer to draw upon in times of need than for Him to credit our sins to the perfect humanity of our Worthy Substitute Jesus Christ on the cross and then judge them.**

**And it is much easier for the Holy Spirit to empower and sustain Church Age believers in the plan of God than it was for Him to empower and sustain the humanity of Jesus Christ inside His very own experiential plan of God.**

***If the omnipotence of God can accomplish the most difficult, it’s only reasonable to conclude that the omnipotence of God can accomplish the least difficult things.***

**Adam’s real spiritual death was separation from God in total depravity; a state in which he was hopeless and helpless in himself to do anything about his condition.**

**Our Lord’s substitutionary spiritual death was separation from God in total perfection.**

*Adam was the instigator of spiritual death and Jesus Christ was the Substitute for spiritual death through His completely effective, unlimited atoning work on the cross.*

And so, there are two categories of spiritual death in history:

The real spiritual death of the human race which is separation from God in a state of total depravity and the substitutionary spiritual death of Jesus Christ, our Worthy Substitute, which is separation from God in a state of total perfection, unique to our Lord and Savior.

**God has provided more for us in the Church Age than has ever existed for believers before or will exist after this Age.**

And so, if the greatest benefit was given to us when Jesus Christ was judged for our sins on the cross, then it obviously stands to reason that God can surely provide anything else we need.

*We in the Church Age are required to have perseverance or endurance more than in any other dispensation because when the power of God was displayed in Jesus Christ's life and reached its peak at the cross, our Lord had incredible endurance.*

And the basis of His endurance was the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit; the same omnipotence of the Holy Spirit we have readily available to us right now!

And this endurance comes from the enabling power of the Holy Spirit inside both the prototype experiential plan of God for our Lord and the operational-type experiential plan of God for us.

**No One has ever endured more pain, been more unjustly treated, had more abuse and then to top it off, received the judgment of the sins of the world!**

The humanity of Jesus Christ had advanced in the plan of God in His human life to spiritual maturity and had passed extreme momentum testing, where He had maximum use of this fantastic problem-solving mechanism of sharing God's absolute perfect happiness.

*Even while being judged for our sins, our Lord did not have any self-pity, bitterness or vindictiveness; instead, He was able to remain on that cross by the omnipotence of the Holy Spirit and the sharing of God's absolute happiness while receiving the judgment for all sins.*

We quickly become exhausted when we use human power instead of the inexhaustible power of God.

**So, now we should have quite a bit more understanding as to John's statement here in John1:29 "The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" and as to Who the Lamb of God, our Worthy Substitute is and what He's done for us.**

And this is just another building block in our souls to cause us to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and become winners in the Christian life.

*Our success begins when we make our #1 priority biblical truth with an emphasis on Church*

*Age mystery doctrine and the uniqueness of our Age with its fantastic privileges and its all-inclusive problem-solving mechanisms that can meet any situation in life.*

**When biblical truth is our #1 priority, then we concentrate on that #1 priority and as we hear the Word taught, we listen and concentrate and under the ministry of God the Holy Spirit, we learn, apply and then advance in post-salvation biblical rehabilitation.**

**The ultimate in Christian service is related to our invisible impact which depends entirely upon our steady spiritual growth.**

**The greatest service we offer to our Lord is our invisible service which depends upon us being filled with the Holy Spirit which allows us to learn and apply biblical truth which leads to our reciprocal love for God as our motivation.**

*The most important part of Christian service is consistent post-salvation biblical rehabilitation, which is simply learning and applying the Word of God.*

**When we listen to the teaching of the Word, we are preparing for the most important Christian service we can offer as believers in Jesus Christ.**