

## AM Sermon Notes

**Text:** 2 Corinthians 5:21

**Title:** *The Great Swap-Out !*

**Central Truth:** While on the cross Jesus was accredited our sin that we might be accredited His righteousness.

### I. v. 21a: Jesus: The Sinless One

The Apostle Paul clearly and emphatically states the sinlessness of Jesus. He is completely and totally pure and perfect! There are several New Testament references to Jesus' sinlessness: *Hebrews 4:15, 7:26; 1st Peter 2:22; 1st John 3:5; John's Gospel 8:46; Luke 23:4, 14, 22, 22, 41, 47*. There can be no compromise on this great truth. If Jesus had any trace of sin whatsoever, then He would not be qualified to be our Savior.

### II. v. 21b: Jesus: The Substituting One

KJV & NIV - **for us**, NASB - **on our behalf, for our sake** - There is a preposition used here (Greek-*hyper*) it means to be in the place of, to substitute for, on behalf of. Some how and some way - we can not fully understand it - but God the Father placed on Jesus the Son all the guilt and sin of all humanity! As Jesus hung on the cross He became the object of all of God's wrath on sin. Jesus suffered our hell for us.

### III. v. 21c: Jesus: The Saving One

Paul uses a little three letter word which indicates a purpose clause. It could be translated, **that, so that, for the purpose of**. Paul stresses that this is God's eternal plan and purpose! KJV - **be made**, literally - **become** - This speaks of one decisive act of justification. God accredits in Jesus' bank account all our sin while accrediting the righteousness of Christ in our account. Scholars call this the Doctrine of Justification by imputation.

*Three personal and practical applications:*

1. **Salvation:** \_\_\_\_\_
2. **Sanctification:** \_\_\_\_\_
3. **Service:** \_\_\_\_\_