The Heidelberg Catechism

40. Why was it necessary for Christ to suffer "death?"

Because the justice and truth ¹ of God required that satisfaction for our sins could be made in no other way than by the death of the Son of God.²

¹ Gen 2:17; ² Rom 6:23, 8:3; Php 2:8; Heb 2:9, 14-15