

## **II Corinthians 5; Lord's Day 5**

### **DELIVERED FROM SIN HOW?**

#### I. By satisfaction? A must.

- A. To escape the punishment earned by our sins and to be received again into favor God's justice must be satisfied.
  - 1. God must punish every sin against His most high majesty.
  - 2. This He does with everlasting punishment.
- B. Given the nature of God, the only possibility for reconciliation is via the satisfaction of God's justice.
  - 1. The punishment of sin cannot be avoided because God is just.
  - 2. If man is to have God's favor, it can only be in accordance with God's perfect justice.

#### II. Can we ourselves make this satisfaction?

- A. We would like to think we can, but it is utterly hopeless for all we do is daily increase our debt to God.
  - 1. Our Arminian natures always want to earn God's favor by ourselves.
  - 2. All false religions and Roman Catholicism says we can.
  - 3. Scripture and the Reformed faith declares that man cannot deliver himself.
- B. We only increase our guilt, and do that daily - our list of debts grows longer every day.
  - 1. The so-called "good works" of sinful man are really not good (perfect love for that moment).
  - 2. It is not possible for us ever to make it right between God and us.
- C. Also we cannot find another to be a proper substitute for us.
- D. Nor can satisfaction be made for us by another creature.

#### III. A proper mediator and deliverer must be a real man who is perfectly righteous and very God.

- A. The gospel is the good news that there is full remission and perfect righteousness.
- B. God gave His own Son into our flesh to make the necessary satisfaction.
  - 1. He came into our flesh because man must bear the punishment for man's sins.
  - 2. He remains sinless, absolutely perfect, so He would not be punished for His own sins.
  - 3. And as the eternal Son of God, Christ could give infinite value to the work He performed.
- C. God took our transgressions and placed them on His own Son, and laid His own Son on the altar of His wrath.
- D. Believe God's Word that reconciliation is through the shedding of Christ's blood, and trust in nothing else.