

To establish this point *clear* beyond misapprehension, we may consider sin as a *debt*, Matt. vi. 12. in order to a discharge from which, proper payment must be made to the law; and satisfaction given to the justice of the Judge: Accordingly our surety has given himself a *price*, an *infinitely precious price*, a *ransoming price*, to pay our debt, Matt. xx. 28. 1 Pet. i. 18. 19.—We may also consider sin as a *real enmity* against God, Rom. viii. 7: for which *proper satisfaction*, must make reconciliation for us. Consequently our surety in the divine law, takes away this enmity by the *reconciling sacrifice* of himself, Col. i. 20. 21. 2 Cor. v. 19. 21.—Sin may be further considered as a *crime*, which makes us guilty before God our Judge, and for which, a full satisfaction must be given to the law, in order to expiate our guilt. That the Son of God might effectually accomplish this; he as our surety, placed himself in our stead, took on him our sin, and by offering up himself a sacrifice to divine justice, has borne a *satisfactory and meritorious* punishment for our guilt, Gal. iii. 13. 1 Pet. ii. 24. Dan. ix. 24. Thus he has taken on him, and by his blood has removed our violations of the divine law, which is the foundation of God's displeasure.

What can be clearer from scripture, than that our sins were the meritorious cause of his sufferings? And if so, then our guilt must have been charged on him, and punished in him. *For he has delivered us from the curse of the law*, how? *by being made a curse for us*. Do not these words plainly imply a translation of punishment? Not *we*, who were guilty, but he, who was innocent, suffered the penalty, which the law denounced on us, in consequence of disobedience. The law denounceth, *Cursed is every one, that continueth not in all things written in the book of the law to do them*. To this curse Christ, as our substitute, submitted. He endured that very curse, which we deserved. And if this be not suffering in our stead, nothing can be called by that name.

That Christ fulfilled the condition, and suffered the penalty

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