



**THE RIGHTEOUS  
FOR THE UNRIGHTEOUS**

WE NEED HELP because of the nature of sin's penalty!

- a **DEBT** I cannot pay
- a **GUILT** I cannot escape
- a **DEATH** I cannot survive

# THE POWER OF A SUBSTITUTE

1. Our ability to substitute for one another has no limits
  2. A substitute must meet all qualifications and be able to withstand all conditions
  3. In the substitution of Christ for me ... The **POWER** of sin was broken.
- There is nothing left to be used against me.

# OBLIGATION > PAID

LOAN: ✓ life                      ✓ love                      ✓ provision

DEBT: ✓ gratitude    ✓ allegiance    ✓ obedience

Jesus lived an earthly life of perfect allegiance and obedience to God!

Sin/Sinfulness creates an **unpayable** debt.

Jesus paid our debt not as a **loan** to us but as a **substitute** for us!

**WEIGHT > REMOVED (guilt)**

Present **victories** or future **intentions**  
do not erase past **failures.**



**SUBSTITUTION.** Because Christ **became** our sin, he bore the weight of its guilt.

✓ My sin is no longer an issue with God!

✓ I am released from God's condemnation!

**WRATH > ABSORBED**

The death sentence represents the ultimate barrier for substitution yet the ultimate need for substitution.

The physical death of Jesus illustrated the **spiritual separation** from God which he experienced.

For Christ died for our sins once for all, the righteous FOR [in place of] the unrighteous to bring you to God. (*1 Peter 3:18*)