

# *The Disaster of the Deception of the Sin Nature*

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## *'The Sin Nature Allures Believers by Means of False Teaching' Beware of False Teachers*

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### I. Warnings to Beware of False Teachers

[ Points A. and B. and all sub points see previous note sheets ]

#### C. Peter and Jude's Warnings Concerning False Teachers 2 Pet. 2:1-19; Jude 4-19

[ Points 1. through 4. and all sub points see previous note sheets ]

#### 5. False Teachers Will Reject and Repudiate:

##### a. The Redemptive Work of Jesus cf 2 Pet. 2:1

***"But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who secretly shall bring in destructive heresies even denying (rejecting, repudiating) the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction."***  
2 Pet. 2:1

: The Word '**Bought**' (ἀγοράζω) English Transliteration **agorazo**  
Literally '**Purchase**' cf Mt. 13:44, 46; 14:15; 21:12; 25:9, 10; 27:7  
Mk. 6:36, 37; 11:15; 15:46; 16:1; Lk. 9:13; 14:18, 19; 17:28 22:36  
Jn. 4:8; 6:5; 13:29; Regularly Used for the Buying of **Slaves** the Word  
(ἀγοράζω) English Transliteration **agorazo** Paints a Word Picture Of  
Jesus Purchasing Us from the **Slave** Market of **Sin** cf 1 Cor. 6:20; 7:23  
Rev. 5:9; 14:3, 4 and Is Related to **Redemption** Bringing to Light We  
Were Purchased for a Price – Among the Heresies of the False Teachers  
Will Be Denials of the Need for the **Substitutionary Atonement** of Christ  
for Redemption

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## **PROBLEMS WITH THIS SERMON** **(The Complete Unedited Sermon Verbatim)**

*"This year we celebrate the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Reformation. At the heart of the celebration is Luther's insistence that we are saved by grace through faith and not by good works. But how, exactly, does faith save us?*

*Some people think about it like this: God is angry because we're sinners and God is obligated to punish us with eternal death (aka hell). But because God also loves us and doesn't want to punish us he sent his son, Jesus, to die in our place.*

*And if we believe the right things about Jesus (think Apostle's Creed) then God will forgive us and give us eternal life (aka heaven). In this scenario "faith" is part of a transaction. Believe the right stuff and God will commute your death sentence.*

*The technical name for this theological notion is "penal substitutionary atonement theory", a phrase that is sure to make you the intellectual hit of your next dinner party. I used to think about faith in that way. I don't any longer.*

*Let me propose a different way to think about how faith saves us. Jesus did not come into this world to change God's mind about us, but to change our mind about God. Like Adam and Eve we live in the guilt and shame of our sin, hiding from God*

*and from one another. When I talk about being "dead in sin" that's what I mean. There is a "deadness" that happens when we live in guilt and shame. Jesus' life, death and resurrection reveal the depth of God's love for us and for all that God has created.*

*We are forgiven because God isn't keeping score. We don't need to be saved from a wrathful God; we need to be saved from our fear that we are unloved and unworthy (which drives much of our sinful behavior) and the deadness of our guilt and shame.*

*Faith is daring to believe that we are as loved and forgiven as Jesus proclaims. Faith is trusting that God is at work, making us whole and new. 'All people are saved' from God's perspective. A lack of faith leaves us doubting that we are loved and forgiven, leaving us dead in our sin.*

*Think about it this way. Imagine I wrote you a check for \$1 million. If you had faith that the check was real and that I had the money to back it, you would cash the check and enjoy the money. If you didn't have faith that the check was real*

*or that I had the money to back it, you wouldn't bother cashing it. You might just throw it away without ever enjoying the gift. The love and forgiveness that Jesus proclaims for all people is like that check. Whether you "cash in" on that promise or not depends upon whether you believe it to be true for you or not.*

*I don't have faith to ensure that God will love me. I have faith that God does love me. I don't want my neighbors to know Jesus so that God won't cast them into eternal death. I want my neighbors to know Jesus so that they know how loved and forgiven they are.*

*We are indeed saved by grace through faith. Thanks be to God!"*

# The Problems

## PROBLEM NUMBER 1

*"Penal Substitutionary Atonement Theory – Not a Theory but a Scriptural **Fact**"*

Rm. 3:25; 1 Jn. 2:2; 4:10

## PROBLEM NUMBER 2

Deadness

The Scripture Never Speaks of Sin Being a Deadness, but teaches human beings '**ARE DEAD**' in trespasses and sins' cf Eph. 2:1

## PROBLEM NUMBER THREE

*We don't need to be saved from a wrathful God - This is **NOT TRUE***

cf

Mt. 3:7; Mk. 3:5; Lk. 3:7; 21:23; Jn. 3:36; Rm. 1:18; 2:5; 3:5; 5:9; 9:22; 12:19; Eph. 2:3  
1 Thess. 1:10; 5:9; Heb. 3:11; 4:3; Rev. 6:16-17; 11:18; 14:10; 16:19; 19:15

## PROBLEM NUMBER FOUR

*"... we need to be saved from our fear we are unworthy" – WE ARE NOT UNLOVED BUT WE **ARE UNWORTHY***

Rm. 3:10-12, 23

## PROBLEM NUMBER FIVE

*"All people are saved from God's perspective" – **No their not!***

Jn. 3:18; Rev. 20:15