

For God's Purpose

John 11:45-47

Introduction:

1. Jesus would die - Acts 2:22-24; 4:11-13

Precept: Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:15-22) Substitutionary Atonement.

Penal Substitutionary Atonement: Meeting four needs of sinners

First, we deserve to die as the penalty for our sin. (Hebrews 9:26) **Sacrifice**

Second, we deserve the wrath of God against our sin. (1 John 4:10) - **Propitiation**

Third, we are separated from God by our sin. (2 Corinthians 5:18-19) **Reconciliation**

Fourth, we are in bondage to sin and to the kingdom of Satan. (Mark 10:45; Hebrews 2:15) **Redemption**

Precept: Jesus is our substitute. This is the heart of the good news; (Isaiah 53:4-6, 12)

2. The children of God will be gathered

Precept: This means two things. First, God's family comes from the nations (Revelation 5:9-10) Second, the Church is multi-ethnic; multi-lingual; multi-national children of God; the future family that will join him in the new Jerusalem.

3. God's purposes will be fulfilled - John 11:4

Conclusion: Three Great comforts in these verses:

First, God's purposes; include all intentions; God's purposes reveal his plans; God's plans are always for His glory and our good. I am confident.

Second, Jesus, my substitute, is the good news. I am happy to take up my cross and daily follow him in this place.

Third, God loved Israel especially (Deuteronomy 7:6-9); but God has opened the door and enlarged the family of God to the ends of the earth. This body is now the alien and the refugee, who longs for a place; for a kingdom that is eternal in the heavens.