

1. *By so much was Jesus made a surety of a better testament* (Hebrews 7:22).

The Business Dictionary defines 'surety' as "Person or firm (such as a bank, bonding company, insurance company) that agrees to be primarily liable for the conduct, obligation, or performance of another."

While on the cross Jesus discharged our sin debt owed the Father by undergoing the punishment due us.

But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed....and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.....(Isaiah 53:6-6).

Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree (Galatians 3:13).

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him (2 Cor 5:21).

As our surety Christ made complete satisfaction to God's justice.

Christ's blood set us free from the sin debt we owed God, as well as our bondage to sin (1 Peter 1:18-19; John 8:36).

Those who are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus (Romans 3:24) can no longer be charged with guilt (Romans 8:33).

Those for whom Christ died are called the Elect because they were chosen by God in eternity and were given to Christ in eternity (Eph. 1:4).

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies (Romans 8:33 ESV).

Those for whom Christ died are those for whom He makes intercession:

Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died--more than that, who was raised to life--is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us (Romans 8:34 NIV).

Furthermore, those for whom Christ died can never be condemned.

CONCLUSION: Those for whom Christ died are those same Elect given Him by the Father (John 17).

They alone will never be condemned (Romans 8:34).

They are the same Elect for whom Christ makes intercession (John 17).

They are the same Elect whose sin debt Christ paid in full (John 17).

These Elect are vessels of mercy, to the praise of His glorious grace.

Those who are condemned at the Last Day were never given

to Christ, who never died on their behalf, and for whom He never made satisfaction or intercession.

It was never the eternal intention or immutable eternal purpose of the Father to give Christ as Mediator to the non-elect.

It *was* His eternal intention and immutable purpose to judge them for their sins, to the praise of His glorious justice.

It is impossible Christ discharged the sin debt of all mankind, for then all would be redeemed by His blood.

For Christ's blood is effectual in cleansing all sins, including the sin of unbelief.

And the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

NEXT: Christ the King

