

COMMUNION

**"CHRIST MADE SIN FOR SINNERS"**

**Introduction**

1. We refer to this as the Action Sermon
2. It should always be on the Cross
3. This text is centred on the Cross  
Outline: 4 divisions

**1. CHRIST WAS SINLESS**

- 1) "knew no sin": Christ, the Son of God
- 2) Christ knew no sin:
  - (i) at His birth: the Virgin-Birth necessary
  - (ii) in childhood: we see a perfect child
  - (iii) at ordination: "all righteousness..."
  - (iv) in ministry: "which of you...?"
  - (v) at end of life: "I have glorified thee"
- 3) Yet Christ exposed to all evil:
  - (i) devilish temptations
  - (ii) cruel men's provocations
  - (iii) "tempted in all points..."

**OBSERVE**: The ONLY SINLESS MAN (The Second Adam)

**2. CHRIST, THOUGH SINLESS, WAS MADE SIN**

- 1) Be clear of these things:
  - (i) He was made, not "a sinner", but "sin". Explain.
  - (ii) It was not men, nor any action of His own by Christ, but God who did this.
  - (iii) Not "sinful" – but "sin"
- 2) How God did this:
  - (i) by imputation

- (ii) a transfer of guilt + liability to punishment  
**OBSERVE**: all Christ's life He was under imputation

- 3) The immense implications of this:
  - (i) God was obliged to punish him
  - (ii) all the sins of all His people were on Him
  - (iii) Christ never "hated" Christ – but loved Him, even while smiting Him.

**APPLICATION**: He is our peace; we were His curse

**3. SINNERS ARE MADE RIGHTEOUS IN CHRIST**

- 1) Adam had "original righteousness". Lost.
- 2) We all, in Adam, lost it also.
- 3) The wondrous blessing to us in Christ
  - (i) we become "the righteousness of God"
  - (ii) by counter-imputation
- 4) What does this involve?
  - (i) He has borne the penalty of all sin
  - (ii) There is no sin can condemn believers  
Cp. chastisement is not penal
  - (iii) The whole righteousness of Christ is ours by imputation

**OBSERVE**: We are better off now than in Adam  
**APPLICATION**: To see this transaction is to have peace

**4. THIS DIVINE METHOD OF SALVATION TELLS US VERY MUCH ABOUT GOD**

- 1) It shows us how wise God is: "The foolishness of God..."
- 2) It shows us the justice of God: "He spare not his own Son"
- 3) It shows us the love of God: "Behold, what manner of love"  
**APPLICATION**
  - (i) Reflect much on what you deserve.
  - (ii) See what a price was paid for you

- (iii) Respect all your blood-bought brothers
- (iv) Look forward to the reward which Christ has purchased for you.

### **CONCLUSION**

**ILLUSTRATION**: Covenant: "My Elder Brother has died + I go to share the inheritance with my brothers + sisters"

#### **PSALM**

**69: 1 – 6a**

**69: 7 – 13**

**69: 14 – 19**