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This is part 4 of a refutation of the PSA doctrine and its requirement for judgement from an angry god.

Penal Substitutionary Atonement (PSA)

"A theory of the atonement within Protestant Christian theology, which declares that Christ, voluntarily submitting to God the Father's plan, was punished in the place of sinners, thus satisfying the demands of justice so God can justly forgive sins making us at one with God."

There are various religious understandings of atonement – PSA being just one.

PSA has it's roots in pagan blood lust and child sacrifice (e.g. Moloch/Baal)



All the pagan religions had blood sacrifices, including the Greeks and Romans of the 1st century, who greatly influenced the Christian religion which morphed in the 2nd century.

Judaism had blood sacrifice and a wrathful 'god' who needed appeasing, so bringing the OT into the New Covenant spawned PSA in the primitive Christian religion.

As love is <u>not</u> offended and <u>doesn't</u> hold a record of wrongs against anybody, why would Father need to pour out his wrath on anyone, let alone on Jesus his son?

It doesn't make sense, does it?

But we've accepted those things as absolutes, when really they just don't add up.

What happened with the Cross was Father reconciling the whole cosmos with himself, through Jesus' actions.

The wrath of humanity was poured out on Jesus and his response was to reveal the true nature of Father, which is forgiveness.

The Cross removed the shame that we feel because we were separated from Father through our lost identity and our misunderstanding of his character.

In his life, Jesus showed how Father really feels about us – one of compassion and unconditional love.

The only substitution that took place was Jesus taking on the form of a human (a man).

Jesus didn't lose his identity because Father connected with him right from conception.

He lived and operated out of his identity, as The Son (his spirit), representing 'the Son of Man' (humanity).

We weren't able to save ourselves from the mess we created from living out of our lost identity, which came about as a consequence of The Fall. Our thoughts are based on independence, so our mind wasn't able to fathom a way back to Father.

Humanism was never the answer to our dilemma.

Here's why we couldn't do that



Our soul imprisons us to protect us from the harsh realities of life.

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We weren't able to uncover the truth so we could live as Father's sons again.

We weren't able to reverse 'death', an outcome of The Fall.

Jesus brought about our restoration and the end of death because he followed Father's way of reversing The Fall.

Jesus was the victor

He didn't undertake PSA for us



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