

**“The Great Exchange: Penal and Perfect Substitution”
The Heart of The Gospel by Phil Johnson**

**“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 Corinthians 5:21**

Back in 2010 I wrote an article entitled

**Those that deny ‘penal substitution’ are
“the enemies of the cross of Christ”
[Philippians 3:18]**

It can be accessed on

http://www.takeheed.net/Take_Heed_2010/Current_Concerns/Jan_2010/Enemies_of_The_Cross.htm

The main thrust of that article was to counteract the growing band of heretical self-professed ‘Christians’ who were denying the **‘Penal Substitution’** aspect of **Christ’s DEATH** on the Cross. However in the early part of the article I also quoted from my own personal testimony and highlighted the crucial role that the **‘Perfect Substitution’** aspect of **Christ’s LIFE** played in my understanding the evening I was converted.

In this short article I simply want to encourage you to listen to a sermon that was preached back on Sunday 21 October 2007 by Phil Johnson who is an elder in Grace Community Church where John MacArthur pastors. I was present in Springfield, Illinois when Phil preached this sermon. He and I in fact were guest speakers that Sunday morning at Southern View Chapel, the church pastored by Gary Gilley who himself had been my invited guest back in 2006.

This sermon is a wonderful exposition of **2 Corinthians 5:21** (quoted above) and brings out clearly the biblical truths concerning both the **‘Penal Substitution’** aspect of **Christ’s DEATH** and the **‘Perfect Substitution’** aspect of **Christ’s LIFE**.

This is a truly soul-enriching sermon that focuses on the **‘very heart of the gospel’** – the **‘very heart of the good news’** of **“Jesus Christ and him crucified”**.

Phil’s sermon can be listened to on this link

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4ZIEuwmeu4U>