

# God the Father did not say, “send Jesus; I don’t want to die *Myself*”

I want to make sure that nobody thinks that God the Father said, "*Someone* has to die to pay people’s death penalty for their sin, and *I* don't want to die *Myself*, so I'll send my Son and sacrifice Him instead."

That would be Jesus substitutionally dying on behalf of the Father; when in reality, Jesus substitutionally died on behalf of *us*. Quite the opposite!

As Dr David Wells puts it, “If God is not Trinity, the crucifixion is God punishing someone else for your sins who should not be so punished.”<sup>1</sup> But God is a Trinity so that is *not* what happened.

Rather, the triune God said, "*I'll* go. I'll do it *Myself*. *I'll* be the self-sacrifice that will pay their penalty,"<sup>2</sup> whereupon He came in the form of God the Son, God incarnate, Jesus the Messiah, the Christ. He came so that He could go to the cross to pay our just and correct death penalty for our self-centered sin of going our own way and rebelling against God.

This is what He had planned from before the beginning of Creation because He knew it would be necessary and knew it was the only way. It was “Plan A” from the beginning.

There is no “Plan B”. There’s no need for one.

-- See also:

[\*Jesus Saves ... but How?\*](#) available from Amazon.com;  
see also <https://kspubs.com/welcome/books/>

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<sup>1</sup> **Salvation requires a Trinity.** Dr David Wells, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, Theology 1.06.

<sup>2</sup> **God paid our death penalty through Jesus.** [Romans 6:23](#) – For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

[John 3:16](#) – For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that everyone who believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

[Galatians 2:20](#) – I have been crucified with Christ, and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.