

1 Peter 2:22

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

Analysis

Peter emphasizes Christ's sinlessness as qualifying Him for substitutionary atonement. "Who did no sin" (hos hamartian ouk epoiēsen) echoes Isaiah 53:9. Christ committed no actual sin in deed. "Neither was guile found in his mouth" (oude heurethē dolos en tō stomati autou) extends sinlessness to speech—no deceit, cunning, or falsehood. Jesus was internally pure (no sinful nature) and externally blameless (no sinful actions or words). This qualified Him as perfect sacrifice (2:24) and exemplary model (2:21). Only the sinless One could bear others' sins; only the perfect life provides pattern for imitation.

Historical Context

Peter likely witnessed Jesus's trial and crucifixion. He personally observed Jesus's sinless conduct under extreme provocation—no retaliation, no cursing, no lies even when tortured. The quotation of Isaiah 53 shows early church's understanding that Messiah must be sinless to atone for sin. This distinguished Christianity from pagan hero-gods who shared human vices. Christ's absolute perfection—internal and external, thought and deed, word and action—qualified Him uniquely as Savior. Early church creeds emphasized Christ's sinlessness as essential doctrine (2 Corinthians 5:21, Hebrews 4:15, 1 John 3:5).

Related Passages

Romans 1:17 — The righteous shall live by faith

James 2:17 — Faith and works

Study Questions

1. How does Christ's complete sinlessness (in deed and word) qualify Him both as perfect sacrifice and perfect example?
2. What encouragement does Christ's sinless perfection provide when you fail morally?

Interlinear Text

ὃς	ἁμαρτίαν	οὐκ	ἐποίησεν	οὐδὲ	εὐρέθη	δόλος	ἐν	τῷ
Who	sin	no	did	neither	found	was guile	in	G3588
G3739	G266	G3756	G4160	G3761	G2147	G1388	G1722	
στόματι αὐτοῦ								
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Additional Cross-References

Isaiah 53:9 (Parallel theme): And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

Hebrews 4:15 (Sin): For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin.

1 John 3:5 (Sin): And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin.

2 Corinthians 5:21 (Sin): 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.

Revelation 14:5 (Parallel theme): And in their mouth was found no guile: for they are without fault before the throne of God.

1 John 2:1 (Sin): My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:

Hebrews 9:28 (Sin): So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

Luke 23:41 (Parallel theme): And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss.

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