Yes, the word "vicar" does mean substitute or replacement. It comes from the Latin word "vicarius," which means "substitute" or "acting in place of". In religious contexts, a vicar is often an ordained leader who acts on behalf of another, such as a bishop or the Pope. [1, 2]

Here's a more detailed explanation:

- Latin Origin: The word "vicar" is derived from the Latin "vicarius," which is related to the word "vice," meaning "INSTEAD OF". [1, 3]
- **General Meaning:** In its broadest sense, a vicar is someone who acts as a representative or SUBSTITUTE for another person in a position of authority or responsibility. [1, 4]
- **Religious Context:** In religious contexts, particularly within Christianity, a vicar is often a priest or minister who holds a position of authority or responsibility in a church or parish, acting on behalf of a higher-ranking official like a bishop or even the Pope, who is sometimes referred to as the Vicar of Christ. [1, 2, 5, 6]
- **Examples:** In the Anglican Communion, a vicar is a type of parish priest, often distinguished from a rector by their financial and administrative responsibilities. In the Roman Catholic Church, the Pope is sometimes referred to as the Vicar of Christ, symbolizing his role as the earthly representative of Christ. [2, 5, 7]

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2 Thessalonians 2:1-12 KJV

[1] Now we beseech you, brethren, by the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by our gathering together unto him, [2] that ye be not soon shaken in mind, or be troubled, neither by spirit, nor by word, nor by letter as from us, as that the day of Christ is at hand. [3] Let no man deceive you by any means: for that day shall not come, except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition; [4] who opposeth and exalteth himself above all that is called God, or that is worshipped; so that he as God sitteth in the temple of God, shewing himself that he is God. [5] Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? [6] And now ye know what withholdeth that he might be revealed in his time. [7] For the mystery of iniquity doth already work: only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. [8] And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming: [9] even him, whose coming is after the working of Satan with all power and signs and lying wonders, [10] and with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. [11] And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: [12] that they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.



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