

Palm Sunday Morning, April 14, 2019
The Cross and Propitiation
Hebrews 2:17, 1 John 4:10

- I. What Was Our *Need* for Propitiation?
Heb. 2:17; 1 Jn. 4:10; Eph. 2:3; Rom. 5:10; Rev. 6:16; Rom. 5:10, 8:7

- II. What Is God's *Solution* of Propitiation?
 - A. Propitiation Is Fuller than Ransom
Mark 10:45; 1 Tim. 2:6; 1 Cor. 6:19, 20; Acts 20:28; Rev. 5:9

 - B. Propitiation Is Fuller than Sacrifice
Heb. 9:26, 28; Heb. 9:22 cf Isa. 53:12; Jn. 1:29; Heb. 9:11–14; Rev. 5:12;
Rev. 19:13; 1 Pet. 1:18

 - C. Propitiation Is Fuller than Expiation
1 Pet. 2:24; 1 Cor. 5:21; 1 Jn. 1:9; Heb. 9:26; Rom. 8:1

 - D. Propitiation Is Also Reconciliation
Rom. 5:10; Heb. 10:19,20; Matt. 27:51; 1 Pet. 3:18; Col. 1:20; Jn. 3:16

- III. What Is the *Picture* of Propitiation?
 - A. The Ceremony for Propitiation—the Annual Day of Atonement

 - B. The Reality of Propitiation—Christ's Propitiation Is Continual Forever
Heb. 2:17; Heb. 5:3; 7:27; Lev. 16:22; Heb. 9:12, 9:26; Heb. 10:19–23;
1 Jn. 2:1, 2

Quotes:

“In all the creatures, indeed, both high and low, the glory of God shines, but nowhere has it shone more brightly than in the cross, in which there has been an astonishing change of things, the condemnation of all men has been manifested, sin has been blotted out, salvation has been restored to men; and, in short, the whole world has been renewed, and every thing restored to good order.” (John Calvin)

“He placed himself in our room, and thus became a sinner, and subject to the curse, not in himself indeed, but in us, yet in such a manner, that it became necessary for him to occupy our place. He could not cease to be the object of his Father’s love, and yet he endured his wrath. For how could he reconcile the Father to us, if he had incurred his hatred and displeasure? . . . Again, how would he have freed us from the wrath of God, if he had not transferred it from us to himself? Thus, ‘he was wounded for our transgressions.’ (Isa. 53:5) and had to deal with God as an angry judge. This is the foolishness of the cross, (1 Cor. 1:18) and the admiration of angels, (1 Pet. 1:12) which not only exceeds, but swallows up, all the wisdom of this world.” (John Calvin)

“The whole New Testament teaching must be cast aside unless the work of Christ be in some sense or other regarded as a sacrifice.” (B. B. Warfield)

The work of Christ “will not be focused properly till it is recognized that God’s redemptive love must not be conceived—misconceived, rather—as somehow trumping and displacing God’s retributive justice, as if the Creator-Judge simply decided to let bygones be bygones.” (J I Packer)

“As I grow old I want to tell everyone who will listen: ‘I am so thankful for the penal substitutionary death of Christ. No hope without it.’” (J I Packer)

“The guilt that held us liable for punishment has been transferred to the head of the Son of God. We must, above all, remember this substitution, lest we tremble and remain anxious throughout life.” (John Calvin)

“The salvation of the church, and even the order of the entire universe, depends on the sinless life of Jesus.” (Mark Jones)

[payment for our sin] “It could not have been done unless man paid what was owing to God for sin. But the debt was great that, while man alone owed it, only God could pay it, so that the same person must be both man and God. Thus it was necessary for God to take manhood into the unity of his person, so that he who in his own nature ought to pay and could not should be in a person who could.” (Anselm of Canterbury)