

THE BALANCED NATURE OF RECONCILIATION!

{TWO SIDES OF THE SAME CROSS}

(Both God's Love And Wrath Are Seen In The Cross)

Romans 11:22; 3:24-25; 1 Jn. 4:10

I. REDEMPTION (the payment of a price in order to release someone).

- A. If you could meet the price you could redeem an animal (Ex. 13:11ff)
- B. If you could meet the price you could redeem a human being with 2½ oz. silver (Num. 18:15-16).
- C. Jesus gave His life (not in just the way He lived but more in the way he died) to free us from the terrible consequences of sin. **Matthew 20:28** just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many." (NASB) This is certainly a demonstration of God's love.
- D. The payment to God Himself, not Satan, was the highest ever.

1 Peter 1:18-19 knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, [the blood] of Christ.

Ephesians 1:7 In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

Acts 20:28 "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood. (NASB)

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood [men] from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. (NASB)

- E. Christ redeemed us from the penalty of sin. **Matthew 18:25** "But since he did not have [the means] to repay, his lord commanded him to be sold, along with his wife and children and all that he had, and repayment to be made. See also Matt. 6:12 "And forgive us our debts..."
- F. **Galatians 3:13** Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law, having become a curse for us-- for it is written, "Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree"-- (NASB)

II. PROPITIATION (an offering that turns away wrath).

- A. This is not to be confused with "expiation" which removes or covers sin itself.
- B. This wrath (**is the natural and inevitable and eternal recoil of the all-holy God against all that is unholy.**) is revealed from heaven.
Romans 1:18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, (NASB)
- C. Man's basic problem is that sin has made us the object of Divine wrath (retribution for sin).
- D. Christ on the cross turns God's wrath away from us. **1 John 2:2** and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for [those of] the whole world.
1 John 1:7 but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin. (NASB)
- E. This horrendous deed was performed publicly. **Romans 3:25** whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.
 - 1. We must have faith in the atoning blood.
- F. Jesus allowed our sins to be counted as His own and bore the guilt and penalty of them (1 Pet. 2:24).
 - 1. He satisfied the requirement for us (Romans 8:3-4).

1 Peter 2:24 and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed. (NASB)

Romans 8:3-4 For what the Law could not do, weak as it was through the flesh, God [did:] sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and [as an offering] for sin, He condemned sin in the flesh, 4 in order that the requirement of the Law might be fulfilled in us, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit. (NASB)

2. He is truly THE sin-bearer (Isa. 53:4-12; 2 Cor. 5:21; 1 Cor. 5:7).

Isaiah 53:4-12 Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted.

5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being [fell] upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed.

6 All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

7 He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

8 By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living, For the transgression of my people to whom the stroke [was due?]

9 His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

10 But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting [Him] to grief; If He would render Himself [as] a guilt offering, He will see [His] offspring, He will prolong [His] days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand.

11 As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see [it] and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.

12 Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors. (NASB)

2 Corinthians 5:21 He made Him who knew no sin [to be] sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. (NASB)

1 Corinthians 5:7 Clean out the old leaven, that you may be a new lump, just as you are [in fact] unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. (NASB)

G. Notice the Divine love and wrath of God in. **1 John 4:10** In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son [to be] the propitiation for our sins. (NASB)

H. His soul was not toughened and scared like ours; it was tender and felt the piercing wrath of God.

1. He suffered infinitely for the elect and those who would reject His offer for salvation.

John 1:29 ..."Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

2. He also suffered infinitely for those bought by His blood and would be lost.

2 Peter 2:1 ...even denying the Master who bought them...