

JUSTICE IS SATISFIED IN REDEMPTION WITHOUT CHANGING GOD'S MIND

Biblical propitiation (place of mercy) means setting justice and righteousness right for those who have faith in Jesus.

The sinless death of Jesus Christ makes way for the setting right of justice and righteousness for any person in the whole world who believes in Christ. Christ died for the whole world and all of creation.

Jesus is the propitiation (place of mercy) which brings about sin removal and righteous produced living in the believer.

This propitiation (place of mercy) of Jesus is established by His condemnation of sin through His death. His triumph over sin, death, and Satan, gives Him authority to ultimately remove sin from all Creation as the Second Adam and this right is given to Him by the Father. John 5:22 Romans 8:3

New birth of the believer instigates sin removal through sanctification and ultimate removal of the sin nature. Since sin is ultimately removed from the born again believer, justice is satisfied. Justice is satisfied by changing the believer, and not by changing God.

God is just when He declares those righteous who have faith in Jesus Christ. In Christ, the justified believer does acts of righteousness in the power of the Holy Spirit. The entrance into Christ's presence finds the believer sinless and even depleted of his previous tendency toward sin and totally righteous having been clothed in the acts of righteousness produced by the Spirit. Since justice and righteousness will be satisfied in the born again believer, God is truly free to credit the believer with righteousness.

Romans 3:24-26 Being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

God is able to express His love, His righteousness, and His justice toward man all at the same time. Through Christ, God makes believing sinners into new creations crediting them with perfect righteousness which He sees in them in His Eternal Now. Justice is satisfied and there is no condemnation for the righteous.

Romans 8:1-4

Love is the reason God allowed sin, death, and Satan. We would not know love without having suffered.

The righteousness which comes to the one who believes in Jesus is born of true humility and a true desire to turn from sin, especially the sin of choosing to live out from under the authority of God. The truly redeemed person is born of the Spirit and alive to a new relationship to Jesus, the Second Adam. The truly "saved" person is in a new position of being declared righteous. God credits the truly "born again" person with righteousness because God sees the completed work of Christ in

which ultimately all sin is removed from the believer including his nature to sin and only righteous acts are remaining. Sanctification begins at new birth and culminates at physical death and glorification. Evidence that God has saved a person is participation of that person in Holy Spirit led ongoing sin removal and Holy Spirit led ongoing acts of righteousness. Life reflecting fruits of the Spirit and gifts of the Spirit are evidence of true salvation.

In the Biblical view of salvation, the believer participates in Christ's cosmic victory over sin, death, and all powers of darkness. The believer will be increasingly characterized by the ability and willingness to overcome evil in imitation of the life of Christ. "Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave Himself for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God." Ephesians 5:1,2

In the Biblical view of salvation, God is justified in saving the believer because Christ completes His work in the believer through sanctification and glorification. The entrance into Christ's presence finds the believer sinless, removed from his nature to sin, and having a righteousness produced by the Spirit during sanctification. God, in His "Eternal Now", sees this completed work of Christ thus taking the believer out from under the wrath of God at the moment of regeneration (rebirth). The believer is removed from the wrath of God rather than God removing His wrath from the believer.

Justice is satisfied in redemption without God changing His mind, without God removing His wrath from the believer. Justice is satisfied by changing the believer. The believer is made righteous and is thus moved out from under the wrath of God.