

## **THE JUSTICE OF GOD IS SATISFIED**

**The justice of God was satisfied against sin at the cross because sin was condemned for killing the sinless Son of God (Romans 8:3). Jesus was not being punished for our sin by God. Jesus was not paying the penalty for our sin for God. Jesus was gaining the right as a Man to take away the sin of the world. The cross was an act of provisional reconciliation. God was in Christ, provisionally reconciling the world to Himself, not counting sin against us. God holds no one back from receiving the resurrected life of Jesus making a person born again of the Spirit. The new creation believer is saved by His life. Salvation is a judicial reconciliation produced by the infusion of the spiritual blood of Christ into the believer. The word atonement is not in the New Testament originally. You may ask, "Was the death of Jesus a real atonement?" No, the death of sinless Jesus was a provisional reconciliation. The word atonement is not a word found in the New Testament. The Old Testament word atonement means "to cover." Jesus did not cover up our sin. Jesus came to "die for our sin" meaning to "take away the sin of the world." We can only be truly reconciled to God by being changed into a new creation. Regeneration requires the infusion of His resurrection life into us. Rom. 5:10**

**When we sing the word atonement concerning the death of Christ, we should be defining the word as provisional reconciliation. Christ was not becoming sin in our place. He was the sin offering. Christ was not dying to pay for our sin. Christ was not dying as a substitute to pay our penalty. The death of Jesus saved no one (in itself). We are saved by receiving His resurrection life. To receive eternal life we must cooperate with Holy Spirit conviction and believe in Jesus for our sin removal and our restoration to righteousness. Salvation includes justification, sanctification, and glorification.**

So, how was the justice of God satisfied at the Cross of Jesus? God is shown to be just in condemning sin and ultimately taking it away from creation. Romans 8:3  
How is sin condemned at the Cross of Jesus? Sin killed the sinless Son of God.

So, how was the justice of God satisfied in reclaiming a sinful man unto Himself? God is shown to be just in saving sinful man by making the sinful man a new creation in Christ. In completing His work, God makes the new creation totally sinless and totally righteous in his glorified new body. God is just in saving the believer because the believer is made totally sinless, blameless, and righteous. There is no condemnation, no penalty, and no punishment for being totally sinless and totally righteous. Justice is served. The justice of God is satisfied. Romans 8:1-3 Philippians 1:6 Ephesians 1:4

God's perfect justice has no need to punish anyone, especially His Son in our place. Sin has its own punishment. If we neglect so great a salvation, we are punishing ourselves eternally with separation from a loving, life-giving God. We are to blame if we reject God's love. We will perish because of our own neglect. We do not perish to satisfy God's justice. We perish in spite of God's love because we don't believe.

Romans 3:21-26

The righteousness of God is revealed in the offering of His Son to condemn sin.  
The righteousness of God comes to the believer through faith in Jesus to all who believe. God is just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.