

No Condemnation Part 2

In **No Condemnation Part 1**, I taught that Christ Himself became the propitiation of the world. This means God is no longer angry at sin today, whether you are a believer in Christ or a non-believer. As a believer in Christ, you have the full assurance that Christ propitiated for all the sins of your entire life at the cross.

Under the Old Covenant of Law, God had wrath and was really furious with men for their disobedience, and this is why He dealt with them based on His patience. Yet, sometimes we saw that He severely followed through whenever the Law was broken.

For example, in the Book of Numbers, a man was caught gathering sticks on the Sabbath. The penalty for violating the commandment of the Lord was given by the Lord Himself. He said, "The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp." The violator was stoned to death by the entire congregation as instructed by the Lord.

God was righteous to unleash wrath because as the giver of the Law, He Himself is bound by the Law. There is no doubt about that.

Romans 3:25, MSG

God sacrificed Jesus on the altar of the world to clear that world of sin. Having faith in him sets us in the clear. God decided on this course of action in full view of the public—to set the world in the clear with himself through the sacrifice of Jesus, finally taking care of the sins he had so patiently endured.

On the other hand, the New Testament clearly presents Jesus as the true heart of our Father welcoming the ungodly into His arms, since His heart is for none to perish. In all the gospels, before the relational Jesus is introduced, Jesus is presented by John the Baptist, since he was the only one to mention Jesus as the Lamb of God. Jesus became the Lamb of God at the cross because the cross was the beginning and end of our trial for ALL sins. Jesus, being the innocent lamb, took our penalty (even an exchange for Barabbas, which represents you and me).

All the penalty for our sins was unleashed upon Jesus at the cross. At the cross is where divine justice and mercy finally came together to harmonize.

A type that portrays the Lamb of God is seen in the Old Testament during the Feast of Unleavened Bread (Passover) as the High Priest interceded for all the people of Israel. The High Priest would provide for himself a lamb without blemish from an elite flock outside of Bethlehem. The lamb would be taken to the temple to prepare it for sacrifice and brought to the High Priest. The High Priest would lay hands on the animal to transfer all of Israel's sins to the animal. Then, the High Priest would proceed with the slaughtering of the innocent lamb.

The Father, typified as the High Priest, is the gracious giver of His Son and Christ, typified as the innocent lamb, is the ultimate offer-er for sin. During the darkness that came upon the land as the Savior hung on the cross, the Father laid His hands on the bosom of Jesus at the cross to transfer all the world's sin to Him – lash after lash of sin entered the body of Jesus.

Isaiah 53:10

Yet it pleased the Lord [the Father] to bruise Him [Jesus]; He has put Him [Jesus] to grief. When You make His soul an offering for sin....

Notice that it actually pleased the Father to bruise His Son. Was the Father being that murderous totalitarian person to murder His Son for our sake? Absolutely not! Is God unjust for unleashing His fury against sin at the cross? Again, absolutely not! If it were wrong for God to punish sin at the cross, how could He judge the world and still be righteous in justifying you? As the High Priest, the focus point was the jubilee and blessing to the people as a result of the sacrifice.

Isaiah 53:11

He [the Father] shall see the labor of His soul [Jesus], and be satisfied.

The slaying of Jesus, our Lamb, forever satisfied the Father. The Father's satisfaction was not for the cause of torturing the innocent Lamb but because the sacrifice met the demands of the Law towards ALL sin. In other words, He was satisfied knowing your salvation was complete.

About this, do you think God would unleash all penalty on Jesus and still be unsatisfied today on the subject of sin? If so, then that means Jesus perfect work wasn't so perfect after all, and it wasn't enough. But that's not the case, my friend. His sacrifice was good for all time.

Isaiah 53:5, NTL

But he was pierced for our rebellion, crushed for our sins. He was beaten so we could be whole. He was whipped so we could be healed.

At the cross, the Father regarded Jesus as a rebel as He interceded for you and I. Jesus was pierced, crushed, beaten, and whipped for you. This truth only exerts an aroma much more compelling because your heart will say, "He did all that for me?" A save is worth much more knowing how much your Savior went through to save you, averting the consequence due to you.

A great Bible teacher said it like this:

• "It is unjust to exact punishment from redeemed souls since Christ has been punished in their place. How shall the Lord punish twice for one offense?" - Charles Spurgeon

God the Father gave up His only begotten Son by sacrificing Him for you and Jesus gave up His only begotten Father by interceding for you. Everything was done with you in mind and completed for your salvation. Together, the Father was in the Son and the Son was in the Father (the opposite is also true), reconciling you to Himself.

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