

"CHRIST: THE WORLD'S PROPITIATION"**Introduction**

1. "Propitiation" is the correct term.
2. Various other terms suggested
3. Why this term is the proper one.
DOCTRINE: God was angry with Christ for our sakes.

1. THIS NEEDS TO BE UNDERSTOOD PROPERLY

- 1) Our sin imputed did not defile Christ
- 2) God was not angry with Him personally
- 3) God's anger was not hatred
- 4) Christ under wrath only until death:
ILLUSTRATION: "he descended into hell" (Explain)

2. CHRIST APPEASED GOD'S WRATH BY SUFFERING ALL THAT WAS DEMANDED BY GOD'S JUSTICE

- 1) Christ had **MENTAL** sufferings:
 - (i) the agony of facing the Cross: Gethsemane
 - (ii) the knowledge He had of God's wrath
 - (iii) that sin was to be reckoned to him
 - (iv) that the One to smite Him was the Father whom he loved.
APPLICATION: We know how worry can drain us.
- 2) Christ had **PHYSICAL** sufferings:
 - (i) no lessening of the sufferings because He was God's Son.
 - (ii) removal of Common Grace at the Cross
 - (iii) virtually every part of his BODY subjected to pain.
APPLICATION: Christ was a "burnt offering"
 - (iv) These sufferings not enough to appease God till He was brought to death.

- (v) Christ "tasted" of 2 forms of death
APPLICATION: It was all undergone with perfect love towards God and toward believers.

3. THE BLESSED EFFECTS OF CHRIST'S DEATH

- 1) God's justice and mercy "kiss" one another because God can be just and also justify.
- 2) All wrath removed – not a drop left in the cup for you + me to drink.
- 3) We are lifted higher than Adam.
- 4) We have a perfect righteousness which, will be ours in Christ forever.
- 5) This propitiation seals to believers all the heavenly glories promised in the eternal covenant: "I will that they also..."
- 6) It is for "the whole world" – so far as the preaching is concerned.

CONCLUSION

1. If you have not believed it, do so now.
2. It is offered to men as men, not to men as elect.
3. It is the gateway to all gospel privileges in earth and in heaven.

PSALM**22: 14 – 20****69: 12 – 16****22: 29 – 31**