



Come To the Cross

John 12:32 KJV

And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me.

1 Corinthians 1:18,22-24 KJV

For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God. [22] For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: [23] But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness; [24] But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Colossians 2:13-14 KJV

And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with him, having forgiven you all trespasses; [14] Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

Ephesians 2:16 AMPC

And [He designed] to reconcile to God both [Jew and Gentile, united] in a single body by means of His cross, thereby killing the mutual enmity and bringing the feud to an end.

Philippians 2:8-11 KJV

And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. [9] Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: [10] That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; [11] And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

THE CROSS: THE CENTER OF IT ALL

At the cross of Jesus Christ:

- Sin was paid for
- Grace was released
- Access was granted
- Love was proven

The visibility of grace is the cross.”

Everything necessary for redemption was finished there

To say that Jesus atoned for our sins means that through His death and resurrection, He dealt fully with the problem of sin that separated humanity from God.

The word atonement can be understood as “at-one-ment”—bringing us back into right relationship with God.



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Sin created:

- Separation
- Guilt
- Judgment

Jesus came to remove all three.

The cross provided forgiveness...but it did not eliminate the need for repentance.

An Anchoring Truth:

You are not called to:

- carry what the cross already carried
- absorb what grace never assigned to you
- or remain in cycles that truth is trying to expose

Our full deliverance happened at the cross.

But the evidence that it happened is that something in our lives is still changing because of it.

The heart of the gospel in its deepest language aligns the Cross as Substitutionary Propitiation.

At the cross of **Jesus Christ**, two powerful realities happened at the same time:

1. Substitutionary — He took our place

Jesus did not just die for us—He died as us.

He became what we were... so we could become what He is.

II Corinthians 5:21:

He made Him to be sin for us, who knew no sin..."

- The guilty goes free
- The innocent takes the penalty
- Our place on the cross becomes His

The cross is where the exchange took place—
my sin for His righteousness."

2. Propitiation — He satisfied divine justice

God's wrath against sin was not ignored—it was fully satisfied.



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Through *Romans: 3:25*:

Whom God set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood..."

- Justice was not compromised
- Holiness was not lowered
- Wrath was not dismissed

It was taken out of the way!!

Colossians 2:14 KJV

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross;

God did not overlook sin—He poured out judgment... on His own Son."

Putting it together

Substitution answers: Who took my place?

→ Jesus did.

Propitiation answers: What happened to the wrath?

→ It was satisfied.

A Powerful Combined Declaration

At the cross, Jesus stood in my place
and took what was meant for me,
and in doing so, satisfied what was required of God."

Why this matters (personally, not just theologically)

Because of substitutionary propitiation:

- You are not partially forgiven → you are fully justified
- God is not quietly disappointed → He is fully satisfied
- You are not trying to earn peace → peace was established

Justified - Declared righteous by God—just as if you had never sinned.

Romans: 5:1:

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God..."

Use a courtroom analogy:



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You are standing before God as Judge.

- The evidence is real
- The guilt is undeniable

But then, through Jesus Christ:

- Your record is cleared
- His righteousness is credited to you
- The verdict is "Not guilty"

Not because you were innocent...But because He took your place

What justification is NOT

- Not God pretending you didn't sin
- Not God lowering His standards
- Not you becoming perfect overnight

What justification IS:

- A legal declaration
- A finished verdict
- A once-and-for-all decision

God is not "working on your case"—He has already ruled.

Substitution → Jesus took your place

Propitiation → God's wrath was satisfied

Justification → Now God declares you righteous

Justified means "I stand before God as if sin never had the final word over me."

Prophetic Release

- "The cross did not negotiate with sin—it judged it."
- "The cross did not manage wrath—it satisfied it."
- "And because it is satisfied, I will not live as though something is still owed."

Anchoring Truth

You are not standing before a God who is still deciding about you.

You are standing before a God who has already been satisfied—through the cross.



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