



Justification and Propitiation

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TODAY'S READING: Romans 3

The law shows us that we cannot keep God's commandments and that we need a savior. The whole Old Testament points us to Christ. Romans 3:21 tells us that righteousness is not based on our obedience to the law. It also points out that the Old Testament prophesied that Christ would be the only way of salvation. We are only made righteous through faith in Christ. Paul is very clear that every human being has not measured up to God's standard of perfection. God can only view us as righteous through giving us Jesus' perfect record.

We are justified (declared not guilty) because Christ took our punishment for us. On the cross, our sin can be wiped away because of Jesus' propitiation. When God put Jesus forward as a propitiation, he also appeased the wrath of God. Only Jesus can be the perfect sacrifice because he is the only perfect human. Only Jesus can appease the wrath of God because he is fully God. We receive all of this by grace through faith. Justification and Propitiation are truths we should meditate on every day as Christ followers. I pray there is not a day that goes by where we are not in awe of what God has done for us through his beloved Son.

PRAYER: God, You and You alone are Creator and King. Thank you for giving me righteousness that is not my own. Help me never lose sight of the beauty of the gospel.

TOMORROW'S READING: Weekend is for catch-up and review.

MONDAY'S READING: Romans 4

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