

Christ Our Propitiation

Revelation 15:7-8

Big Idea

Jesus Christ as our propitiation is our only hope to enter heaven.

1.) The Meaning of PROPITIATION

- No one may enter heaven until the sins of the earth have been justly subjected to the wrath of God (Romans 3:23-25, 1 John 4:10).
- "To propitiate" = *hilaskomai* = "to appease, to placate, to avert, to or turn aside the wrath of an offended deity by means of a sacrifice."

2.) The Reality of WRATH

- John 3:36, Romans 1:18, Hebrews 10:30-31

3.) The HOLINESS of God

- The holiness of God might be the most underestimated reality in the universe (Exodus 15:11).
- Not to bring wrath against our wickedness would be to deny the limitless worth of God's holiness.

4.) The NEED for Propitiation

- We have an infinitely big problem because we have violated the infinite holiness of God (Romans 3:25-26).
- We can be saved from the consequences of our sins only because Christ bore our **PUNISHMENT** in His body on the cross (1 John 2:2).

5.) Propitiation in the LORD'S SUPPER

- The word "Gethsemane" literally means "olive press," and in His prayer there, we see Jesus preparing to be pressed beneath God's wrath (Luke 22:40-44).
- Christ has taken our place in the wine press of God's wrath (Revelation 14:19-20, Isaiah 53:3-5).
- **There are only two cups of final JUDGEMENT and everyone must drink one or the other.**
 - a.) The Cup of God's Wrath (Revelation 14:9-10)
 - b.) The Cup of Salvation Symbolically Filled with the Propitiatory Blood of Christ (Mark 14:23-24, Psalm 116:12-14)
- Without the broken body of Christ, it would be we who must be broken. Without the New Covenant in his blood, it would be we who must be crushed and our blood that must be spilled.