

# the **BLOOD** of **JESUS CHRIST**

## Sermon Notes

**The Atonement of the Blood**  
**Romans 3:21-25**  
**February 11, 2018**

**Focal Point: Before Jesus bore the penalty for sin and set us free, we were condemned criminals before the judgment seat of God.**

The word atonement has several meanings:

- ❖ An exchange or adjustment
- ❖ Restoration to divine favor
- ❖ Reconciliation
- ❖ "at-one-ment" – to be at one with God (Romans 5:10-11, 15-16)

1. Atonement and Justification.

- ❖ The term justification comes from a court of law.
- ❖ Justification is a legal declaration of righteousness. (Romans 5:18)
- ❖ *We have been justified by His blood* (Romans 5:9).
- ❖ *Justification: Just-As-If-I-Never-Sinned.*

2. Atonement and Redemption.

- ❖ The term redemption comes from the business community.
- ❖ Redemption is the procurement of a release through the payment of a price. (1 Corinthians 6:20).
- ❖ The word also represents the slave in the marketplace who was purchased and given his freedom.
- ❖ *In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace* (Ephesians 1:7).

3. Atonement and Propitiation.

- ❖ The term propitiation comes from the Temple.
- ❖ The sprinkling of the blood on the Mercy Seat served as a propitiation for sin.
- ❖ Propitiation refers to the turning away of anger. God's perfect justice has been satisfied, His righteous anger is quenched.
- ❖ Leviticus 16:6, 11-14, 17:11; Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 4:10

Summary:

As a result of Christ's finished work on the cross, believers have been:

- ❖ legally declared to be righteous.
- ❖ released from the penalty of sin (death).
- ❖ spared the wrath of God because Jesus satisfied the perfect justice of God.

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## Follow Up Guide

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**Memory Verse:**

*... for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God (Romans 3:23)*

**Prayer:**

Lord, thank you for providing us with Jesus who died for our sins, thus making an atonement for our sins so we can have an abundant life now and eternal life in the future. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**Reading Plan:**

Monday	Leviticus 16
Tuesday	Romans 3
Wednesday	Romans 5
Thursday	1 Corinthians 6
Friday	Ephesians 1
Saturday	Hebrews 2
Sunday	1 John 4

**Song:** *Down at the Cross*, Baptist Hymnal

**Consider:**

- ❖ There are three words in our passage that describe atonement more fully. They are justification, redemption, and propitiation. Can you define each of these terms?
- ❖ When Jesus died on the cross for sinful man He made it possible for believers to be *declared* righteous, not *made* righteous. What's the difference?
- ❖ Discuss this statement: "Justification has respect to the law, and to God's future dealings with the sinner. It is an act by which God determines to treat him hereafter as righteous—as if he had not sinned."
- ❖ When the New Testament talks about redemption, the emphasis almost always falls on the costliness of the price. In Romans 3 redemption is described as a gift, the price of that gift is paid in blood.
- ❖ Propitiation refers to the turning away of anger. God's perfect justice has been satisfied, His righteous anger is quenched. Propitiation explains what the atoning sacrifice accomplished with respect to God and His wrath.

**Application:**

Before Jesus bore the penalty for sin and set us free, we were condemned criminals before the judgment seat of God.

**Sermon for Next Week**  
**Christ's Cleansing Blood**  
**Hebrews 9:11-15**