

Mark 15:33-37 — “The Violence of Calvary: Cursed & Forsaken by God!”

Not all the vials of judgment that have or shall be poured out upon the wicked world, nor the flaming furnace of a sinner's conscience, nor the irreversible sentence pronounced against the rebellious demons, nor the groans of the damned creatures – give such a demonstration of God's hatred of sin – as the wrath of God let loose upon His Son! Never did divine holiness appear more beautiful and lovely than at the time our Savior's countenance was most marred in the midst of His dying groans – when God had turned His smiling face from Him, and thrust His sharp knife into His heart, which forced that terrible cry from Him, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me!” (Stephen Charnock)

Christ exhausted the cup of God's wrath. For all who trust in Him there is nothing more in the cup. It is empty. (Jerry Bridges)

The word “propitiation” means this: Jesus fully satisfied the just anger of God for people like you by dying in your place, taking on himself all the wrath you deserve. We learn about this in Romans 3:24-25 and Hebrews 2:17. God's just fury, indignation and anger for sins were poured out on Christ for every sinful person who will come to him by faith. (Jim Elliff)

GOD is VIOLENTLY opposed to sin!

GOD is VORACIOUSLY committed to his Elect!

GOD is PASSIONATELY consumed with His glory!

GOD is UNSWERVINGLY devoted to His redemptive plan!

Background to Mark 15:

- v.25 = it is the 3rd hour when they crucified him (9AM roman time)
- v.33 = when the 6th hour came (12Noon) darkness came over the land
- v.34 = at the 9th hour (3pm) Jesus cried out: “my God my God...”
- v.42 = when evening had come = Joseph of Arimathea came to get the body (4-5pm)

THESIS — in Mark 15, we learn what God did for your salvation! What God did to the Son was violent.

1. **PRESENCE OF GOD** in judgment = for your salvation! God is present!
2. **PROPITIATION OF CHRIST** = for your salvation! sin is dealt with!
3. **PRONOUNCEMENT OF VICTORY** = for your salvation! God's justice is met! The Debt is paid!

I. THE PRESENCE OF GOD in judgment (for your salvation) (33)

- A. divine darkness / supernatural darkness. = divine judgment
- B. Joel 2:2; Amos 5:20; Zephaniah 1:15; Psalm 18.9 (cf. Exodus 10:21-29; Rev 16:10-11)

II. THE PROPITIATION OF CHRIST (for your salvation) (34-36)

- Your Christ was FORSAKEN [meditating on Psalms; what carried him thru? Praying, meditating, reflecting on Psalm 22]

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- Your Christ was CURSED [became the curse for us; Gal 3.13]
- Your Christ was SIN-BEARING [bore our sin in his body, 1 Pet 2.24]
- Your Christ was WRATH-ABSORBING [he made him ... to be sin; 2 Cor 5.21]
- Your Christ was ENDURING [he endured the cross; Heb 12.2]

Consider Hell’s Torments and Think of What Christ Endured For Your Salvation...

What we need is GOD to save us from GOD! Christ did it!

III. THE PRONOUNCEMENT OF VICTORY (for your salvation) (37)

The **Strength** —

The **Statement** — *Tetelestai* (John 19.30 — it is finished)

The **Sovereignty** —

Some very pointed & necessary applications for you

★ **Courage in Affliction** –

★ **Hope in Discouragement** –

★ **Assurance of Salvation** – You have a Savior who has done all, paid all, accomplished all, and performed all that is necessary for our salvation (JC Ryle)

★ **Fearfulness of Sin** –

★ **Love of God** –

Conclusion:

“At the cross, Christ extinguished the wrath of God toward believing sinners by his own bloody death, thereby paying the full legal debt due by sinners. The result: With the penalty paid, the justice of God was forever satisfied, and sinners united to Christ have been justly forgiven (declared not guilty), and justified (declared righteous).”

(Jerry Bridges)

The Power of the Cross:

This, the pow’r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.

This, the pow’r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us.
What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

The Nicene Creed:

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

**Catholic — meaning universal, worldwide*

The Westminster Confession of Faith — On Christ the Mediator.

The Lord Jesus undertook this office completely voluntarily. In order to discharge it, he was made under and perfectly fulfilled the law. He endured extremely severe torment in his soul and extremely painful suffering in his body. He was crucified and died. He was buried and remained under the power of death, but his body did not decay. On the third day he arose from the dead with the same body in which he suffered and with which he also ascended into heaven. There he sits at the right hand of his Father, interceding for believers. He will return to judge men and angels at the end of the world.

By his perfect obedience and sacrifice, offered up to God once and for all through the eternal Spirit, the Lord Jesus has completely satisfied the justice of his Father and purchased not only reconciliation but also an everlasting inheritance in the kingdom of heaven for everyone whom the Father has given to him.

Christ ensures with absolute certainty that everyone for whom he purchased redemption actually accepts and receives it. He makes intercession for them, reveals the mysteries of salvation to them in and by the word, and effectively persuades them to believe and obey by his Spirit. He governs their hearts by his word and Spirit and overcomes all their enemies by his almighty power and wisdom in such ways as are most in agreement with his wonderful and unknowable administration of things.

AH! HOLY JESUS

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
That man to judge thee, hath in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
Oh, most afflicted.

Who was the guilty, who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus hath undone thee.
'Twas I Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee,
I crucified thee.

Lo, the good Shepherd, for the sheep is offered,
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered,
For man's atonement, while he nothing heeded,
God interceded

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,
Thy death of anguish, and thy bitter passion,
For my salvation.

Therefore kind Jesus since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee.
Think on thy pity, and thy love unswerving,
Not my deserving.

I WILL GLORY IN MY REDEEMER

I will glory in my Redeemer
Whose priceless blood has ransomed me
Mine was the sin that drove the bitter nails
And hung Him on that judgment tree
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who crushed the power of sin and death
My only Savior before the holy Judge
The Lamb who is my righteousness
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I will glory in my Redeemer
My life He bought, my love He owns
I have no longings for another
I'm satisfied in Him alone
I will glory in my Redeemer

His faithfulness my standing place
Though foes are mighty and rush upon me
My feet are firm, held by His grace
My feet are firm, held by His grace

I will glory in my Redeemer
Who carries me on eagles' wings
He crowns my life with lovingkindness
His triumph song I'll ever sing
I will glory in my Redeemer
Who waits for me at gates of gold
And when He calls me, it will be paradise
His face forever to behold
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