

“Only Christ Can Bring Peace” (Part 5)
“Christ, The Propitiation For Our Sins”
2 Samuel 24:1-25; 1 Chronicles 21:1-30

*“My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the **propitiation** for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.” (1 John 2:1-2)*

*“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by His grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a **propitiation** by His blood, to be received by faith.” (Romans 3:23-25a)*

*What is **Propitiation**? It is an appeasement of the wrath of God leading to reconciliation with God.*

- The Census (2 Samuel 24:1-9)
 - *“Again the anger of the LORD was kindled against Israel, and He incited David against them....” (cf. 1 Chronicles 21:1)*
 - *“But why does my lord the king delight in this thing?” (cf. 1 Corinthians 10:13; 1 Chronicles 21:3-4,5-6)*
- God’s Wrath (2 Samuel 24:10-17)
 - *“And David said to the LORD, ‘I have sinned greatly in what I have done.’” (cf. 1 Chronicles 21:8)*
 - *“Go and say to David, ‘Thus says the LORD, Three things I offer you.’”*
 - *“Then David said to Gad, ‘I am in great distress. Let us fall into the hand of the LORD, **for His mercy is great**; but let me not fall into the hand of man.’”*
 - *“So the LORD sent a pestilence on Israel....” (cf. 1 Chronicles 21:14-15; Amos 3:6b: “Does disaster come to a city, unless the LORD has done it?”)*
 - *“The LORD is righteous in all His ways and kind in all His works.” (Psalm 145:17)*
 - *“Behold, I have sinned, and I have done wickedly. But these sheep, what have they done?”*
- God’s Mercy (2 Samuel 24:18-25)
 - *“Go up, raise an altar to the LORD on the threshing floor of Araunah the Jebusite.” (cf. 1 Chronicles 21:21-23)*
 - *“No, but I will buy it from you **for a price**. I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God **that cost me nothing**.”*

“Then Solomon began to build the house of the LORD in Jerusalem on Mount Moriah (Genesis 22:2), where the LORD had appeared to David his father, at the place that David had appointed, on the threshing floor of Ornan (Araunah) the Jebusite.” (2 Chronicles 3:1)

*“David’s two greatest sins led to the building of the Temple (Solomon and the Census), that pointed to Christ, who would be the **propitiation** for those sins.” (Warren Weirsbe)*

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of March we are collecting monetary donations for the Bobbs. They are a missionary family living and serving in Cambodia, spreading the gospel and meeting the physical needs of the people in their surrounding areas. For more information about the Bobbs and their work in Cambodia, please see the board at the back of the sanctuary. There is a container on the back table to collect your monetary donations. You can also give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Bobbs.

★**ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:** We will be celebrating our 7th anniversary as a church on Sunday, March 24th. This is a great opportunity to invite someone to join you for church that day, to hear the gospel and to celebrate with us!

★**EASTER SERVICE:** We will be having a Good Friday Service on Friday, March 29th, at 6:30pm. (There will be no Thursday service that week). Our Easter Service will be on Sunday, March 31st, at 10:30am. *There will be no childcare for the Easter Service.* These are both great opportunities to invite someone to hear the gospel as we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.