# Why Did Jesus Come?
## Part 2 – God's Provision in Christ
Romans 3:19-26

> [19]Now we know that whatever the Law says, it speaks to those who are under the Law, that every mouth may be closed, and all the world may become accountable to God; [20] because by the works of the Law no flesh will be justified in His sight; for through the Law *comes* the knowledge of sin. [21]But now apart from the Law *the* righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, [22] even *the* righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; [23] for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, [24] being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; [25] whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was* to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; [26] for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

**Conclusion from last week**: Man without Christ is hopeless: He has been declared guilty and punishable by death; He is a bondslave and has no resources to purchase his freedom; and He is under the wrath of God and even his best efforts cannot win His favor.

## Justification

On your piece of paper under the heading List 1, write down the worst things you have done in your life.

OT – Sin was not forgiven, just rolled forward year after year. Those who died were waiting in anticipation for the solution to their sin.

Walk through the courtroom scene: God is the judge, you are the defendant. The charges against you are read – all punishable by death. No one else can take the punishment for you because they, too, are under the same indictment. You beg the mercy of the court, but God declares that He must punish sin.

When it looks as if you have no hope, God speaks from behind the bench and says, "You deserve death because of you sin, but I love you." Jesus leaves the bench and comes and takes your place. Because of His sinless life, He alone is qualified. God's judgment is declared – Jesus will pay the death penalty for you. Then He looks at you and says, "You are free to go. There is no sin on your record. You are righteous."

> Ro 3:26 …, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.
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> 2Co 5:19-21 namely, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and He has committed to us the word of reconciliation. [20]Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. [21]He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.
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> Col 2:13-15 And when you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions, [14]having canceled out the certificate of debt consisting of decrees against us *and* which was hostile to us; and He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross. [15]When He had disarmed the rulers and authorities, He made a public display of them, having triumphed over them through Him.

## Redemption

On your piece of paper under the heading List 2, write down your sinful habits and frequent sins.

Just as man without Christ is under the penalty of death, he is also sold into bondage to sin.

Explain what it takes to be set free from being a bondslave.

We discovered last week that in our sin, we are bondslaves, and we have no one to pay the price for our freedom. Once again, when we were without hope, Jesus did what we ourselves could not do:

ΚΑΤΑ ΙΩΑΝΝΗΝ ‹19:30› ὅτε οὖν ἔλαβεν τὸ ὄξος [ὁ] Ἰησοῦς εἶπεν, Τετέλεσται, καὶ κλίνας τὴν κεφαλὴν παρέδωκεν τὸ πνεῦμα.

When Jesus said, "It is finished," those who heard Him understood that He was saying that the price had been paid in full.

Mt 20:28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

Re 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood *men* from every tribe and tongue and people and nation."

## Propitiation

On your piece of paper under the heading List 3, write down the best things you have done attempting to win God's pleasure.

Last week we found that our sin has caused us to be under God's wrath and that there is nothing we can do that will earn his pleasure. We are again without hope, but Jesus took care of this, too.

Explain "propitiation" = appeasement, satisfaction

Col 1:19-22 For it was the *Father's* good pleasure for all the fulness to dwell in Him, [20]and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven. [21]And although you were formerly alienated and hostile in mind, *engaged* in evil deeds, [22]yet He has now reconciled you in His fleshly body through death, in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach--

## Conclusion:

Jesus did what we couldn't do.

Is. 53 – [1]Who has believed our message? And to whom has the arm of the LORD been revealed? [2]For He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, And like a root out of parched ground; He has no *stately* form or majesty That we should look upon Him, Nor appearance that we should be attracted to Him. [3]He was despised and forsaken of men, A man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; And like one from whom men hide their face, He was despised, and we did not esteem Him.

[4]Surely our griefs He Himself bore, And our sorrows He carried; Yet we ourselves esteemed Him stricken, Smitten of God, and afflicted. [5]But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; The chastening for our well-being *fell* upon Him, And by His scourging we are healed. [6]All of us like sheep have gone astray, Each of us has turned to his own way; But the LORD has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him. [7]He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth. [8]By oppression and judgment He was taken away; And as for His generation, who considered That He was cut off out of the land of the living, For the transgression of my people to whom the stroke *was due?* [9]His grave was assigned with wicked men, Yet He was with a rich man in His death, Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.

[10]But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting *Him* to grief; If He would render Himself *as* a guilt offering, He will see *His* offspring, He will prolong *His* days, And the good pleasure of the LORD will prosper in His hand. [11]As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see *it* and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities. [12]Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong; Because He poured out Himself to death, And was numbered with the transgressors; Yet He Himself bore the sin of many, And interceded for the transgressors.

Jesus suffered the death penalty for our forgiveness, paid the price for our redemption, and suffered the wrath of God for our reconciliation. So when God looks at us, He sees the perfect life of Jesus and counts us righteous; He sees the payment of Christ's life credited to our account and declares us free; and He remembers the punishment He inflicted on Christ and calls us friends.