

LOVE CRUCIFIED

April 13, 2014 1 John 4:9-10 by Bob Branch
Preparing Ourselves for Easter, Part 2 of 3

MAIN IDEA: We must anchor ourselves into what Jesus did for us, why he did it, and how it is the continuing change-agent in our lives. Preach Gospel to ourselves.

“This is how God showed his love among us: He sent his one and only Son into the world that we might live through him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice (propitiation) for our sins. **1 John 4:9-10** (Rom. 3:24-25; 1 Jn. 2:2)

1. God’s love is **DEMONSTRATIVE**.
2. Real love and real life came to us **IN PERSON** in Jesus.
3. God **DEFINES** love (we do not).
4. God’s love **SACRIFICES**.

Propitiation: the removal of wrath by the offering of a gift.

OFFENSE —WRATH—JUSTICE—GIFT—PEACE

OFFENSE: Our sins **offended him & separated us.**

“But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.” **Isaiah 59:2** (Rom. 3:10-18, 23; 1:18f)

Separated... Alienated from God... Because of our sins, offenses, transgressions, iniquities, rebellion, wickedness, waywardness

PERSONAL REACTION: Our offenses provoke a response from a just & holy God: **Wrath & anger.** (Rom. 2:8)

“you have burdened me with your sins and wearied me with your offenses.” **Isaiah 43:24** (Zech. 8:14; Ex 32:10; 1 Kgs 8:46; Ps. 7:11)

“Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of such things God’s wrath comes on those who are disobedient.” **Ephesians 5:6** (Rom. 2:8; Col. 3:5-6)

JUSTICE: Justice must be done.

“The one who sins is the one who will die.” **Ezekiel 18:20** (Gen. 2:17)

“For the wages of sin is death” **Romans 6:23**

GIFT: A substitute... paid by innocent One.

For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ. **2 Corinthians 5:21** NLT (Is. 53:5; Heb. 9:26; 1 Pet. 1:18-19)

PEACE: A way for peace with God, **reconciliation** has been made by Jesus.

He was handed over to die because of our sins, and he was raised to life to make us right with God. Therefore, since we have been made right in God’s sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. **Romans 4:25–5:1** NLT

To love others the way we have been loved!

To let this love take hold, root, in our hearts.

To walk into and out from a reconciled love-relationship with Jesus.