

Good Friday at Parkview
The Heart of the Gospel

We take time on Good Friday to remember the cross of Christ, to remember that it is central to all that matters. The cross stands at the heart of the gospel so much so that Paul would reference the entirety of the gospel by it. Without Christ's death, there would be no resurrection. Without the cross, there would be no empty tomb.

1. Propitiation is the work of God revealed.
2. Propitiation is the love of God demonstrated.
3. Propitiation is the peace of God offered.

As we conclude this season of Lent, we are reminded that the cross is the heart of the gospel and that propitiation is the heart of the cross. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says, "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." What an amazing act of love. At the cross, Christ exchanges our sin for His righteousness. May we never take the cross for granted. May we never dismiss the work that was done. May we never lose our awe and reverence for Christ our sacrifice, our scapegoat, our propitiation.

Reflection

Take some time to read back through the passages that mention propitiation and meditate on the wonder of the work that Christ was able to accomplish at the cross. Take some time to read through the account of the crucifixion from one or more of the gospels. Look up hymns that talk about the power of the cross and the work of Christ such as "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross," and meditate on the lyrics of those songs. Consider how that might impact your passion and emotion the next time you sing them in worship.