

“HOW IMPORTANT IS THE BLOOD?”
PALM SUNDAY
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THE BARRIERS TO MAN’S APPROACH TO GOD.

- A. Barrier one: The offended character of God.
 - 1. God is righteous: He is the standard of all that is right.
 - 2. God is just: All that does not measure up to His standard must be judged and separated from a relationship with Him.
- B. Barrier two: The problem of sin.
 - 1. The debt of Adam’s sin: Rom. 5:12
 - 2. Slavery to the sin nature: Rom. 6:16-17
 - 3. Personal acts of sin in submission to Satan’s spiritual oversight: Eph. 2:2-3 (see also 1 John 5:19; John 12:31)
- C. Barrier three: Spiritual death: Eph. 2:1; Col. 2:13
- D. Barrier four: Personal hostility toward God: Col. 1:21-22; Rom. 5:10

THE WORK OF CHRIST THAT ELIMINATES ALL BARRIERS.

- A. Propitiation: This means “to turn away wrath” by the satisfaction of violated justice.
 - 1. Rom. 3:25: “whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation IN HIS BLOOD...”
 - 2. Propitiation brings man out from under the wrath of God through satisfying His righteousness and justice.
- B. Redemption: This has two meanings: one, to “free” from a debt and two, to “purchase out of” the slave market.
 - 1. Eph. 1:7: “In Him we have redemption THROUGH HIS BLOOD, the forgiveness of our trespasses.”
 - 2. Redemption brings man out from under the enslavement of the sin nature and of Satan through the payment of a ransom.
- C. Substitution: This means “to take the place of” in spiritual and physical death.
 - 1. Luke 22:19-20: “...This is my body which is given for you” (i.e. in the place of you) “...This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant IN MY BLOOD.”
 - 2. Substitutionary death brings man out from under the penalty of death through the death of Christ in our place.
- D. Reconciliation: This means “to be placed in a position” in which a relationship can be reestablished.
 - 1. Col. 1:20: “and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace THROUGH THE BLOOD of His cross...”
 - 2. Reconciliation brings man out from under his mental attitude of alienation from God.

YOUR RESPONSE TO THE WORK OF CHRIST

- A. Faith: The only response that rests upon the merit of what Christ has accomplished is personal faith!
- B. Eph. 2:8: “For by grace you have been saved THROUGH FAITH...”