

### 39. Reconciliation and Atonement

Faithful to the task that He had received from the Father, Christ voluntarily shed His blood and gave His life for our redemption. When Christ, faultless, suffered on the cross, He bore the guilt and punishment which we have merited by our sins and thus reconciled God's anger. He overcame the power of sin, death, and the devil. Christ's suffering and death are the reconciliation of our sins.

"I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do." (John 17:4)

"No man taketh it [life] from me, but I lay it down of myself." (John 10:18)

"He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed." (Isa. 53:5)

"When we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly." (Rom 5:6)

"God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself." (2 Cor. 5:19)

"And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it." (Col. 2:15)

"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

"Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world." (John 1:29)