

He suffered and died in our room and honoured its penalty. He magnified the law and made it honourable. "God set him forth to be a propitiation, through faith in his blood for the remission of sins that are past. (sins pardoned prior to his advent), to declare, at this time, his righteousness that he might be just and the justifier of him who believeth in Jesus." (Rom. iii, 25, 26.) Angels are pleased with the atonement as a declaration of the righteousness of the King of the universe for the justification of the ungodly; for they eagerly contemplate the plan of salvation by Jesus Christ, and rejoice over sinners converted to God by faith in him.

The atonement then is a way, a glorious, God provided way, by which God can righteously extend salvation to sinners, and by which sinners may return to God from whom they have wandered. There is no barrier in the way of any sinner's salvation. God is propitiated. The sacrifice of Jesus has come up before him as a savour of sweet smell. Sinner, it is possible that you may be saved, because Jesus has atoned for your sins.

The atonement is an exhibition of the ineffable love of God to sinners. Not only is forgiveness God's gift; the atonement itself, on the ground on which forgiveness is extended to men, is God's gift. The measure and the expression of God's love to you, O sinner, is the preciousness of Christ, God's gift to your soul. Not only is it *possible* that you may be forgiven; God longs to pardon you, and fold you in his embrace as his returning child. Herein indeed is love.

The atonement of Christ has procured for men time for repentance. God is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance; and every man on earth is indebted to the atonement, whether he know it or not, for the space and opportunities of turning to God, which God graciously gives him. This is evidence of the world-wide extent of the propitiation. Ah! sinner, how precious is your time! It is blood-bought. And how wicked and infatuated you are to squander it so heedlessly—to use it so as to secure your damnation rather than your salvation.

Because of the atonement of Jesus the Holy Spirit has been bestowed on men. The Spirit is represented as having come from the Father and the Son. Because of the atonement—which the Father, as representing the Godhead, provided, which the Son executed by becoming incarnate and dying, and which the Father has accepted—the Spirit has been poured out on all flesh, and