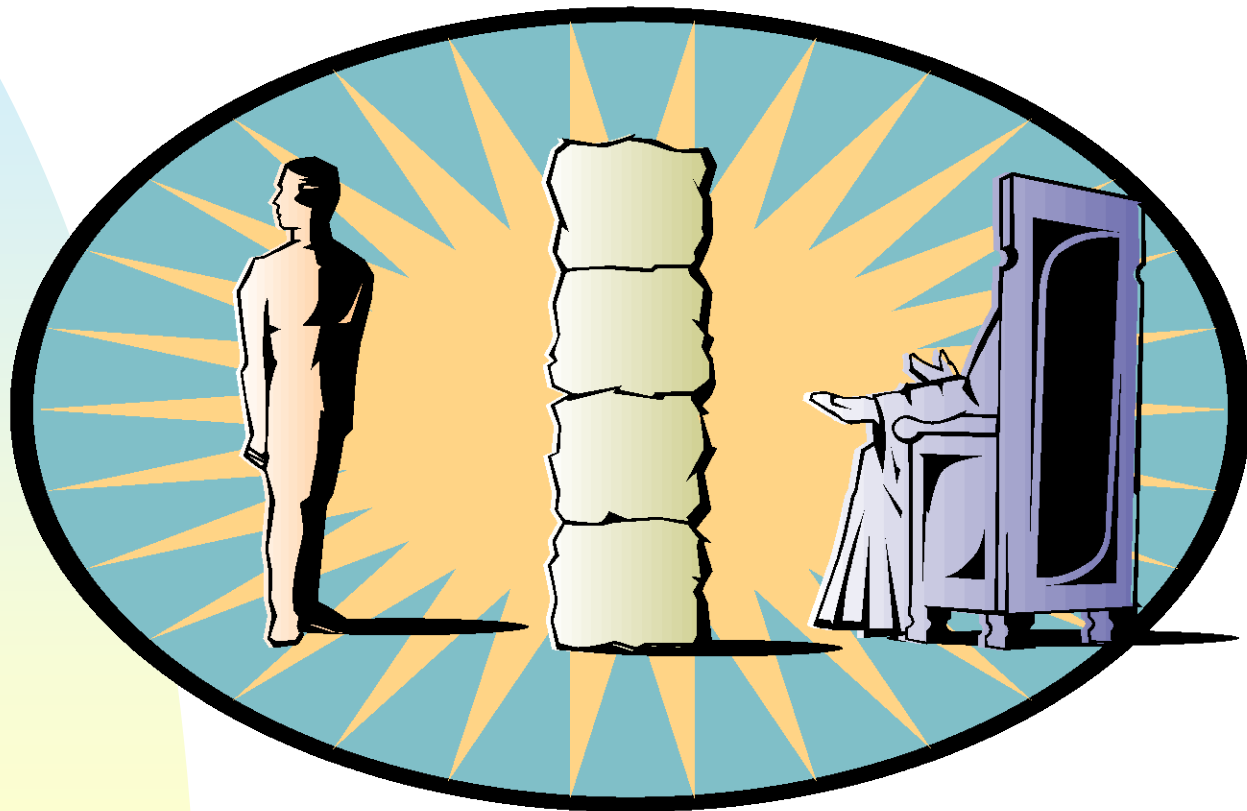
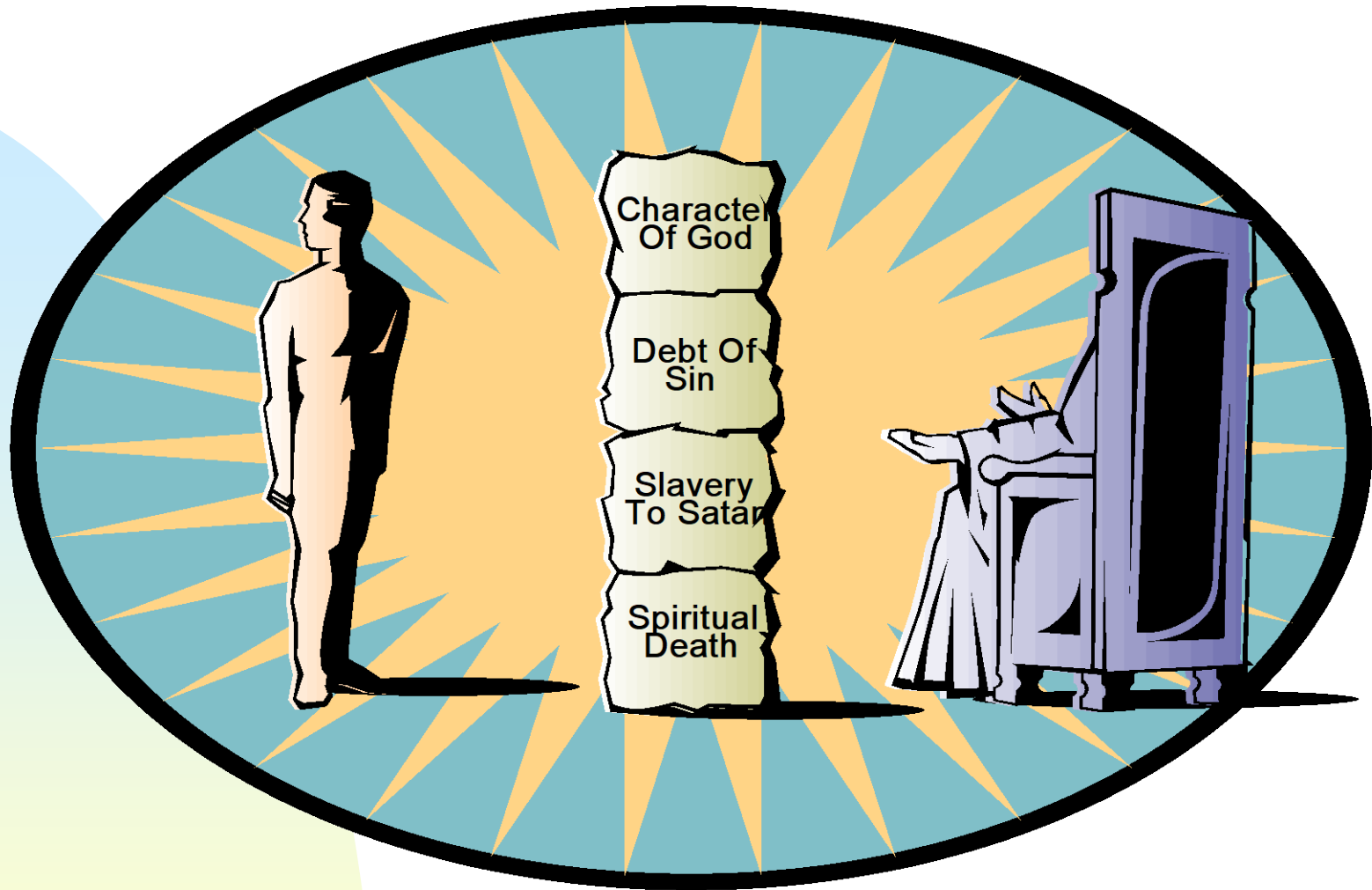


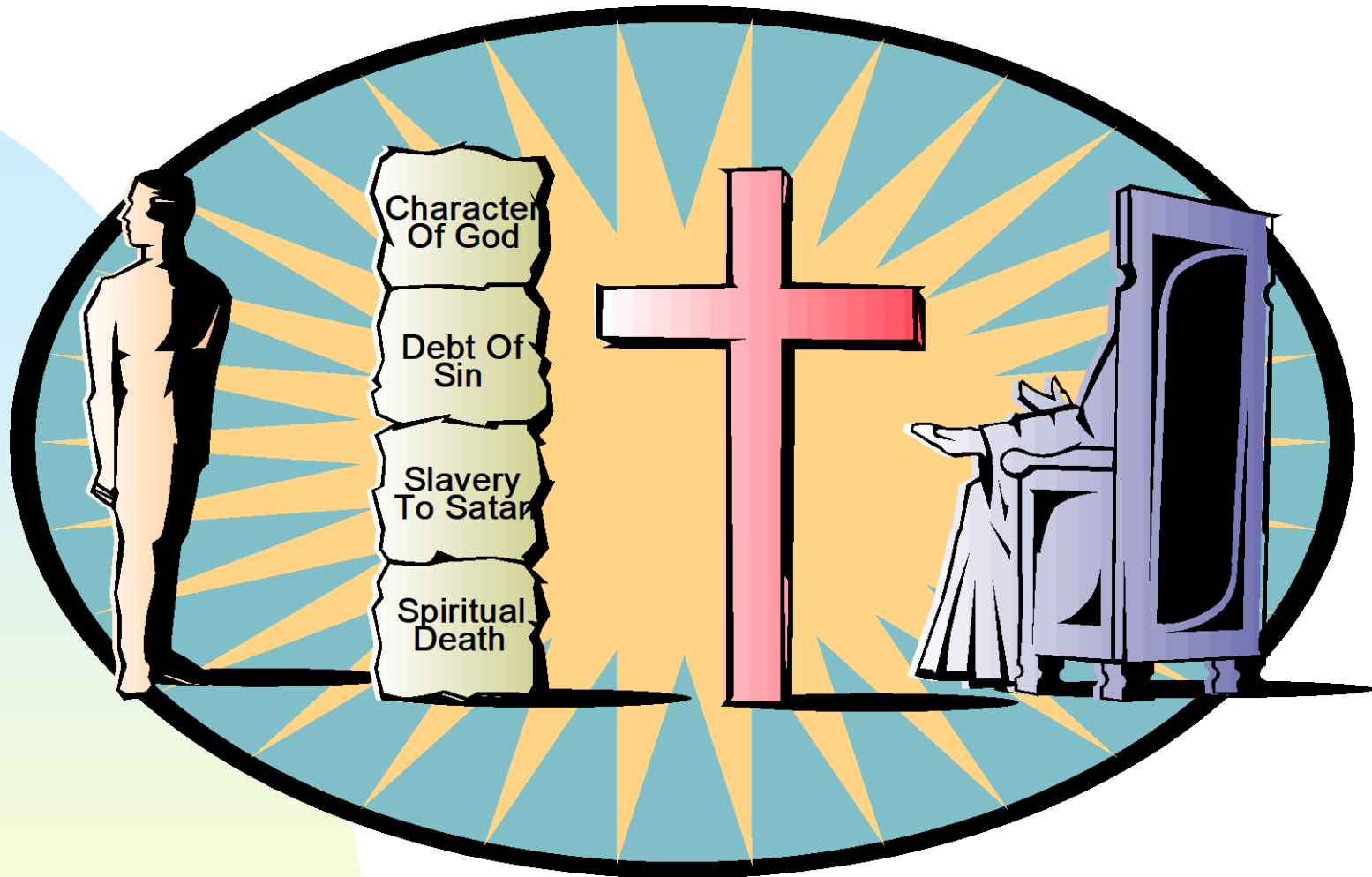
Understanding the Christian Faith



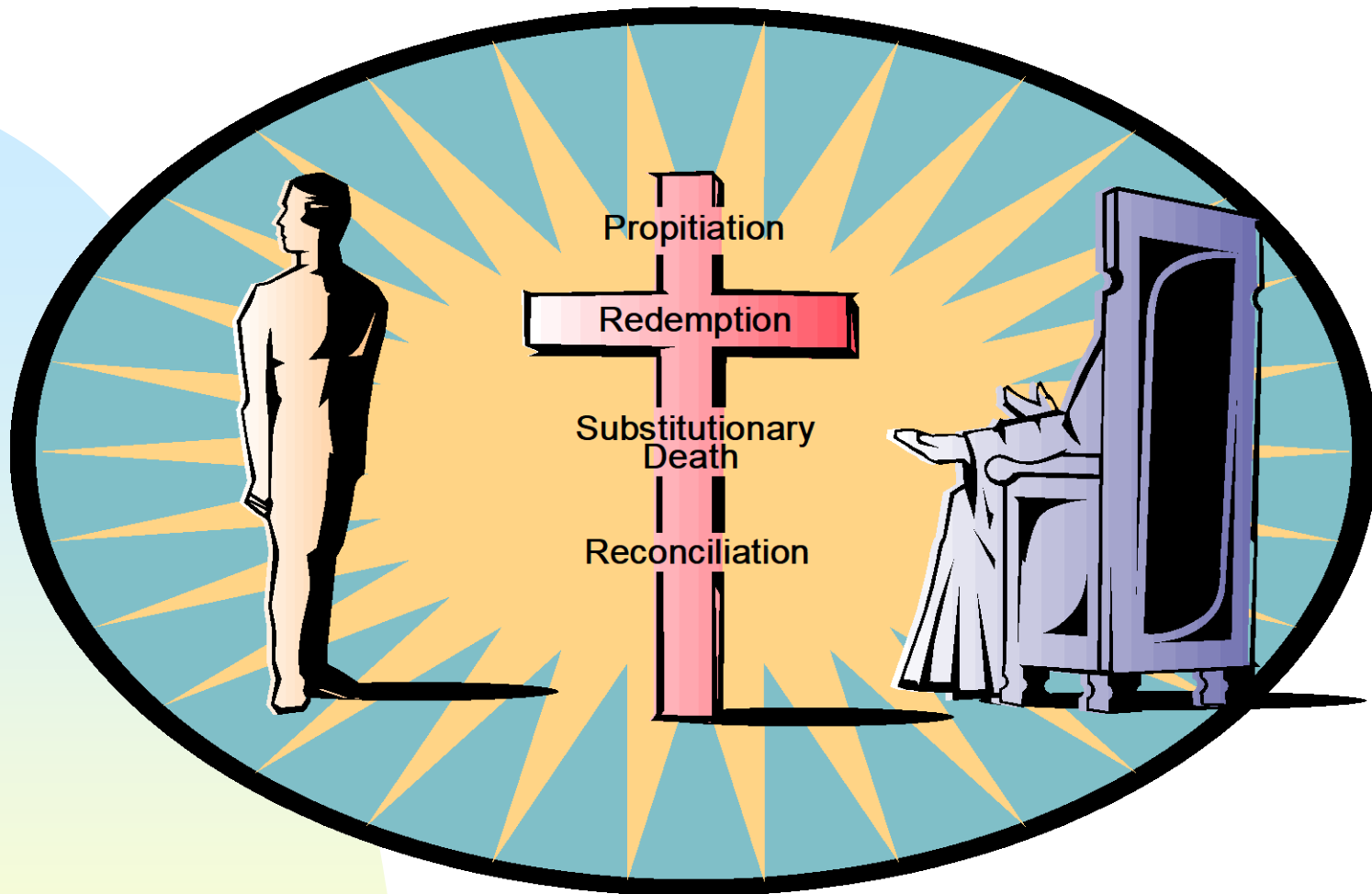
There is a Barrier between God and Man.



- 1. We just don't measure up to the flawless character of God, we miss the mark.**
- 2. A Certificate of Debt separates us from Freedom.**
- 3. Adam's sellout placed man in Slavery to Sin and Satan.**
- 4. Death was the consequence of Adam's sin, spiritual, physical and eternal death.**

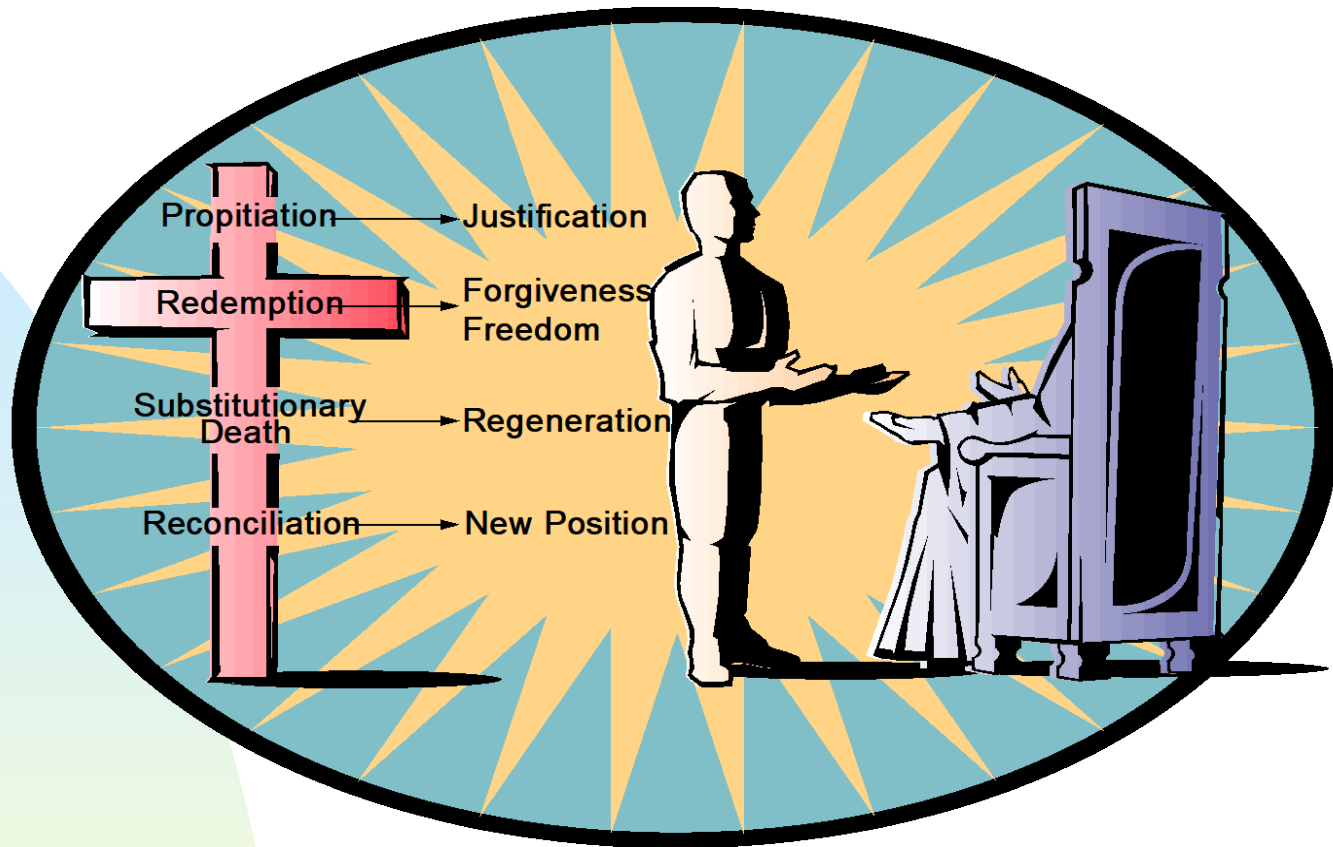


Christ work on the cross broke down the barrier that separated man from God.

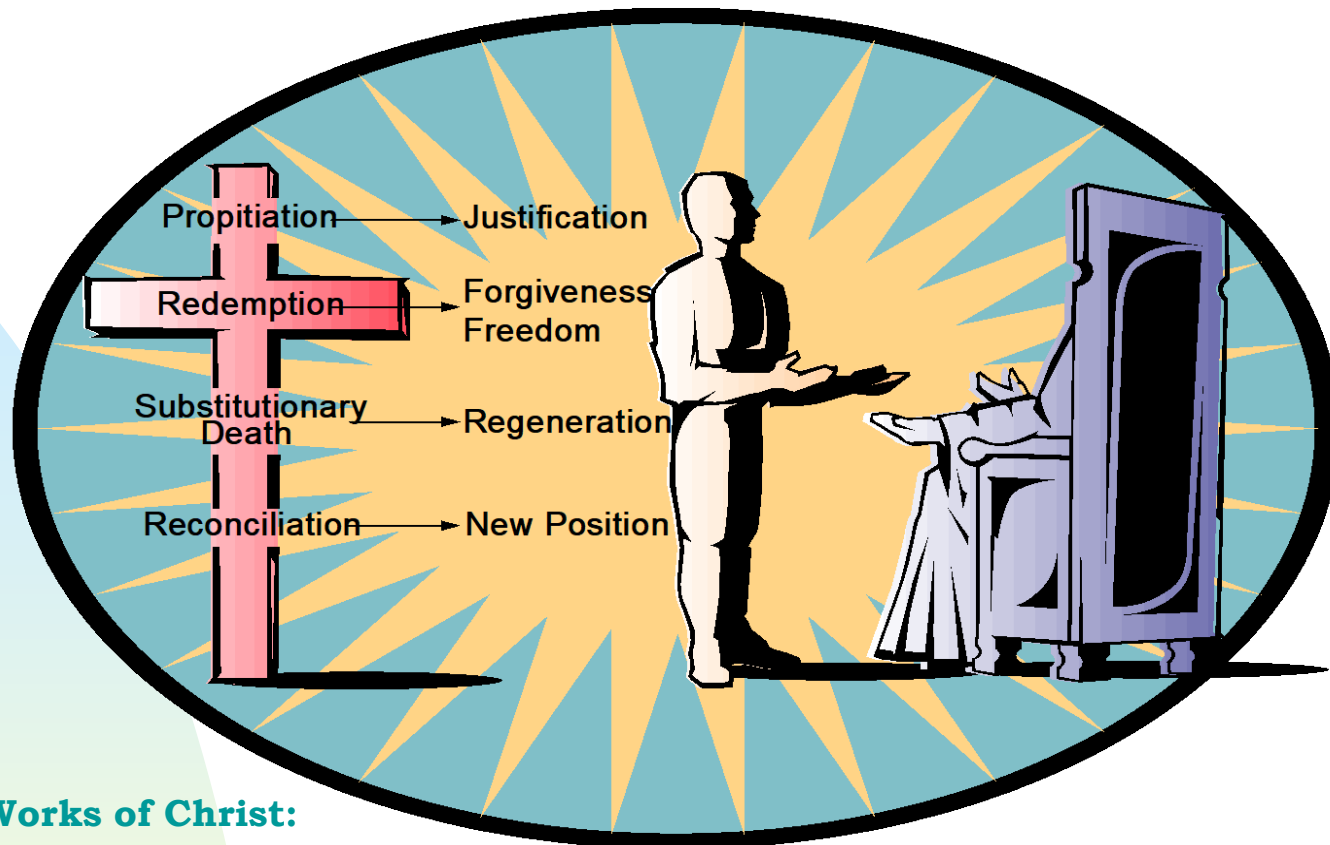


The 3 works of Christ on the cross make possible the resulting Reconciliation

- 1. God's wrath was turned away by the satisfaction of the violated Righteousness and Justice of God.**
- 2. The Certificate of Debt was "paid in full" and we were released from Slavery to Sin and Satan when Christ cried out "It is finished!"**
- 3. Christ was the Lamb that died for us. "No greater love has a man than to lay down his life for another (Jn 15:13)"**



1. **The process of Justification is more than the subtraction our sins it is the addition of Christ's Righteousness.**
2. **Christ's redemption made it possible for God to totally forgive us of our sins. Then He purchased us out of the slave market of sin and gave us true freedom.**
3. **The moment that we trust in Christ's substitutionary death on the cross, the Holy Spirit of God impregnates our dead human spirit with eternal life and we are born again.**
4. **Being reconciled to God, places us in a new position "in Christ" and that gives us total identification with Jesus in God's eyes. We are in Him and He is in us.**



Additional Works of Christ:

- **Christos Victor – Christ conquered Satan, Demons and Death**
- **Christ was the New Covenant Sacrifice**
- **Christ cleanses us from the stain of sin even the sin done unto us. This is Christ's work of Expiation.**
- **Christ gave himself as a ransom for us and is our only mediator, between God and man.**
- **Christ is our example He suffered pain, death and hardship.**
- **Therefore, in Christ we see the Perfect Revelation of God when we look at the cross.**

10 Aspects of the Cross

1. **Substitutionary Atonement** - On this all of the others rest: He was wounded for our transgressions. Is 53:5
2. **Victor** – *Christos Victor: Jesus Christ conquered Satan, Demons and cancelled our debt, hid our sin. Col 2:13-15*
3. **Redeemer** – *Christ gave himself to be our redeemer. Titus 2:13- 14*
4. **New Covenant Sacrifice** – *We were not redeemed by silver/gold but by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. 1 Pet 1:17-19*
5. **Justifier** – *By faith in Christ we are justified before God, Gal 2:16 Luther: the Great Exchange Our sin for His Righteousness.*
6. **Propitiation** – *We deserve wrath: But God in His love sent His son to be the propitiation for our sins. 1 John 4:10*
7. **Expiation** – *In propitiation God diverted His wrath from us, in expiation we are cleansed from the stain of sin. 1 Jn 1:7-9*
8. **Ransom** – *Jesus Christ is one God, one Mediator between God and men, who gave himself a ransom for all. 1Tim 2:5-6*
9. **Example** – *Christ was fully God and fully Man and suffered hardship/ pain and death as an example for us. 1 Pet 2:21*
10. **Reconciliation** – *Sin destroys relationships and separates people, Let all... forgive others as Christ forgave you. Eph 4:30-35*

10 Aspects of the Cross Summary

Therefore, we see the perfect revelation of God when we look at the cross. It is all about the cross and the crucified life of the believer, the follower of Christ....He is our example...Praise His Holy Name!!