

Does God say that two wrongs make right? At first glance, it seems so.



Our rebellion against our gracious God is wrong. Our hostility against him is wrong. Our mission to put ourselves on the throne instead of him is wrong. We have all sinned—and it's wrong.

Is it a second wrong that will make it right? Christ's death on the cross appears wrong. He was the only innocent one who hadn't broken God's law. He was the only righteous one who had fulfilled God's law. But his blood was poured out for sinners.

Colossians 1:20 says that God, through Christ, "[reconciled] himself to all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross."

It looks wrong. But from another perspective, what could be more right than the Icon of God dying for us? Isn't our God gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love?

If Christ is the invisible heart of God made visible, what could be more right than him giving himself up for us? Isn't this somehow the exact thing the embodiment of our God would do?

Response:

Today as a response, let's absorb the reality of the mercy of God, who gave himself to save us. And let's look for one opportunity to show that same mercy to others.

Prayer:

Father God, thank you that Christ reveals your deepest heart. Thank you that you did not leave us in our sin and enmity against you. Thank you for reconciling me to yourself—even at the cost of your own Son! Help me today to show this mercy to others. I pray in Jesus' name, amen.