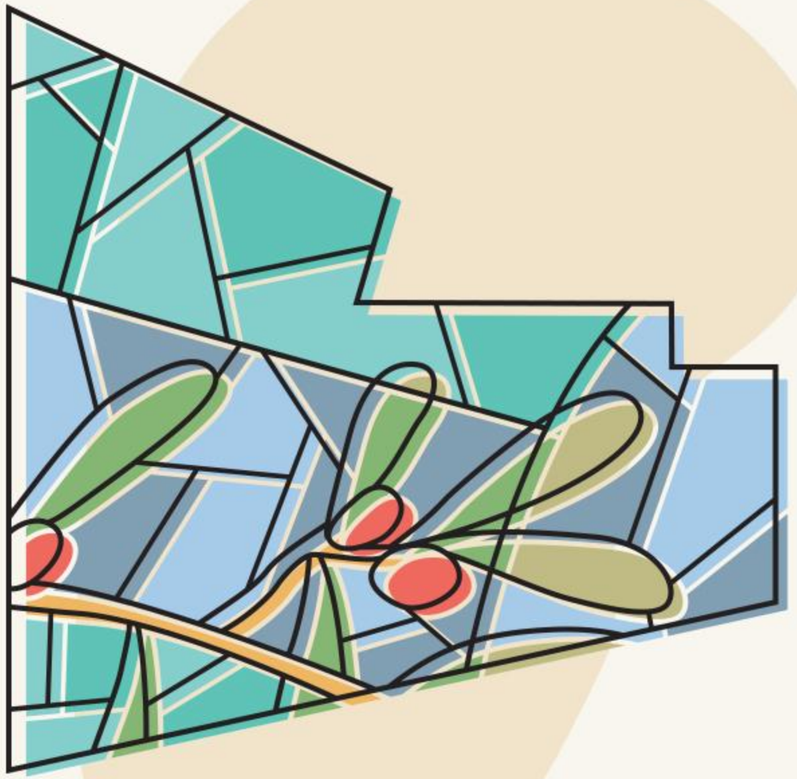

THEOLOGY

QUESTION:

How does God forgive sin?

Christ in the Atonement

ROMANS 3:21-26

But now apart from the law the righteousness of God has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify.

Romans 3:21 NIV

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Romans 3:22-24 NIV

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Romans 3:25-26 NIV

Atonement:

The work Christ did in his life and death to earn our salvation.

Wayne Grudem, *Systematic Theology*

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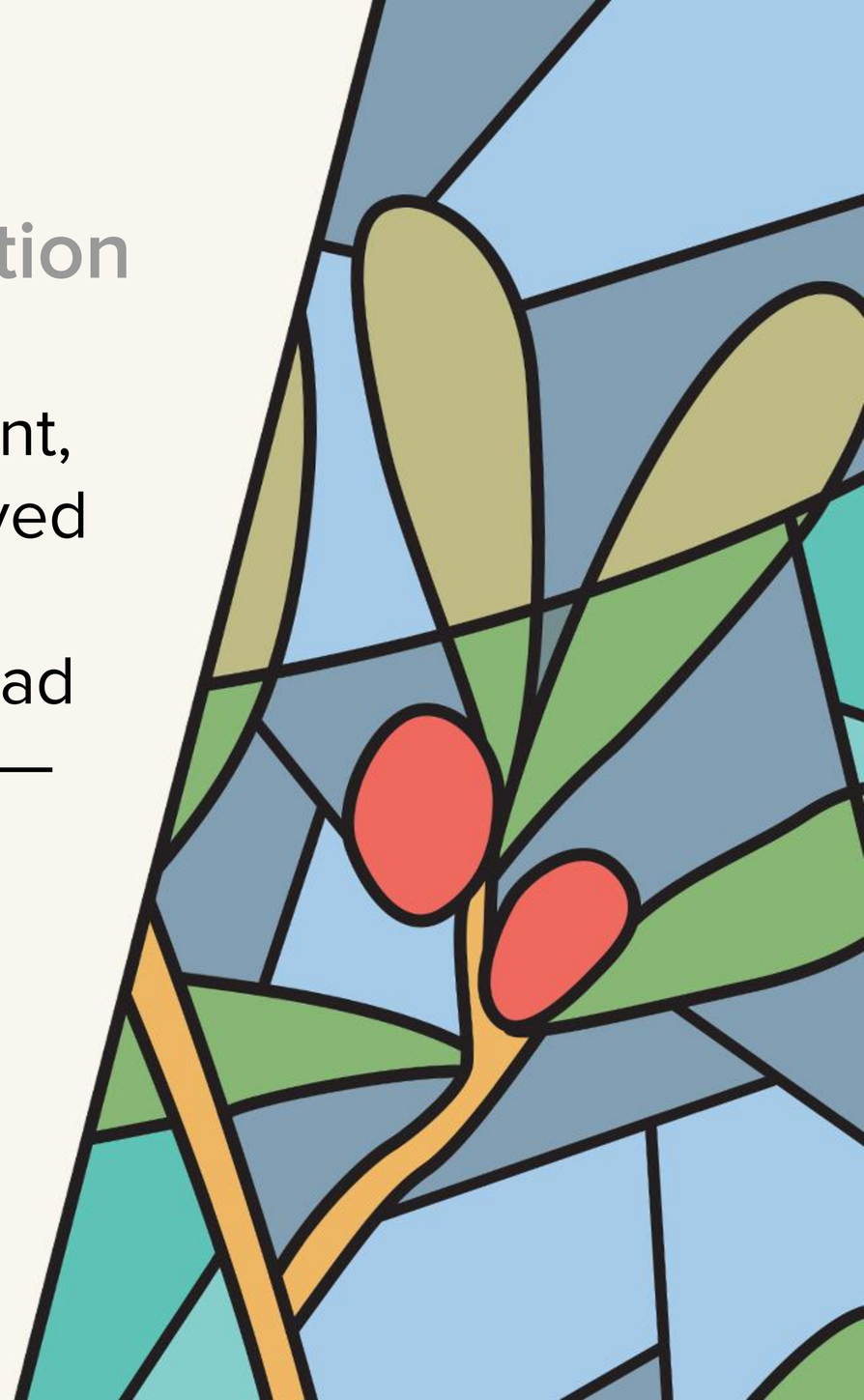

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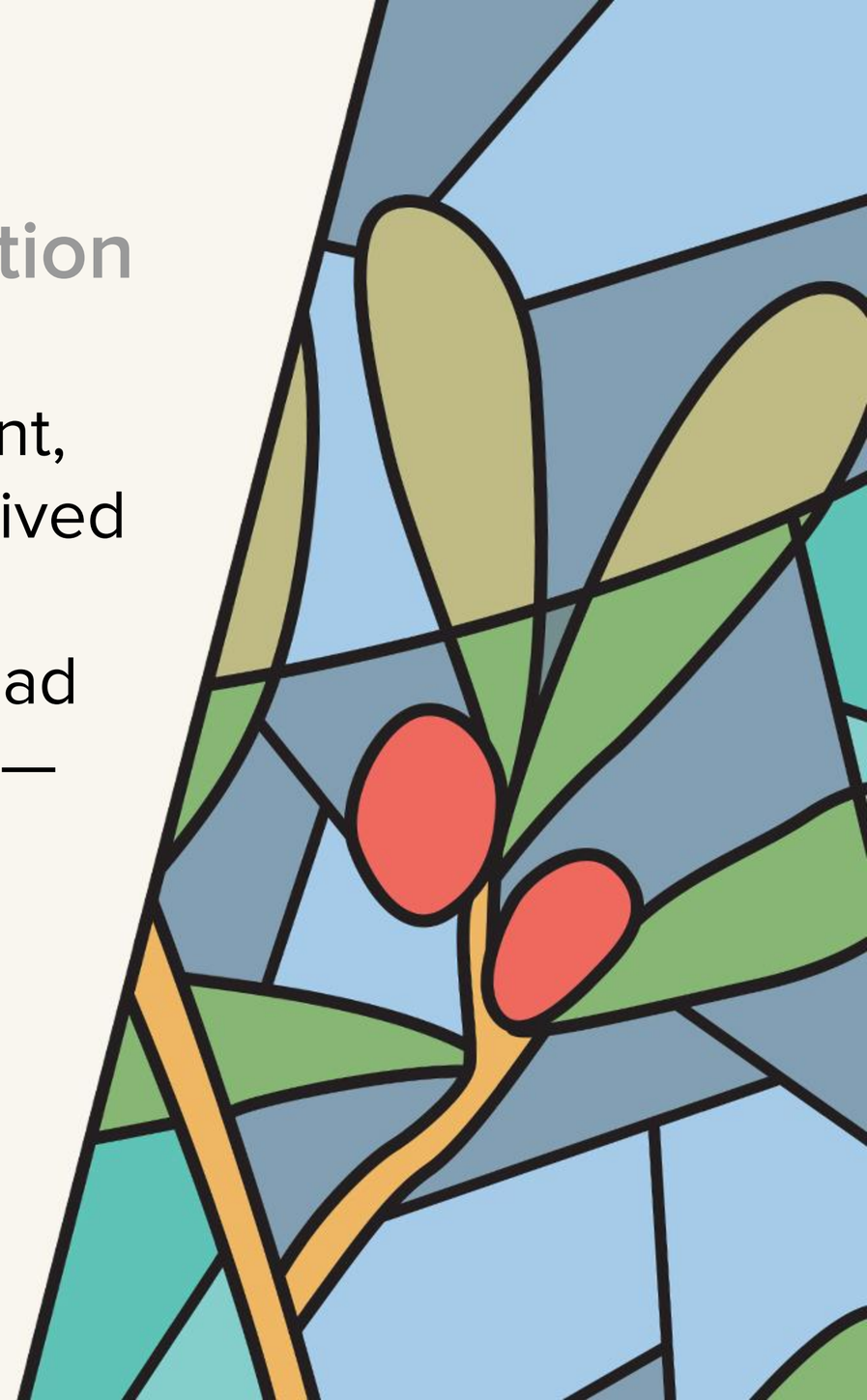

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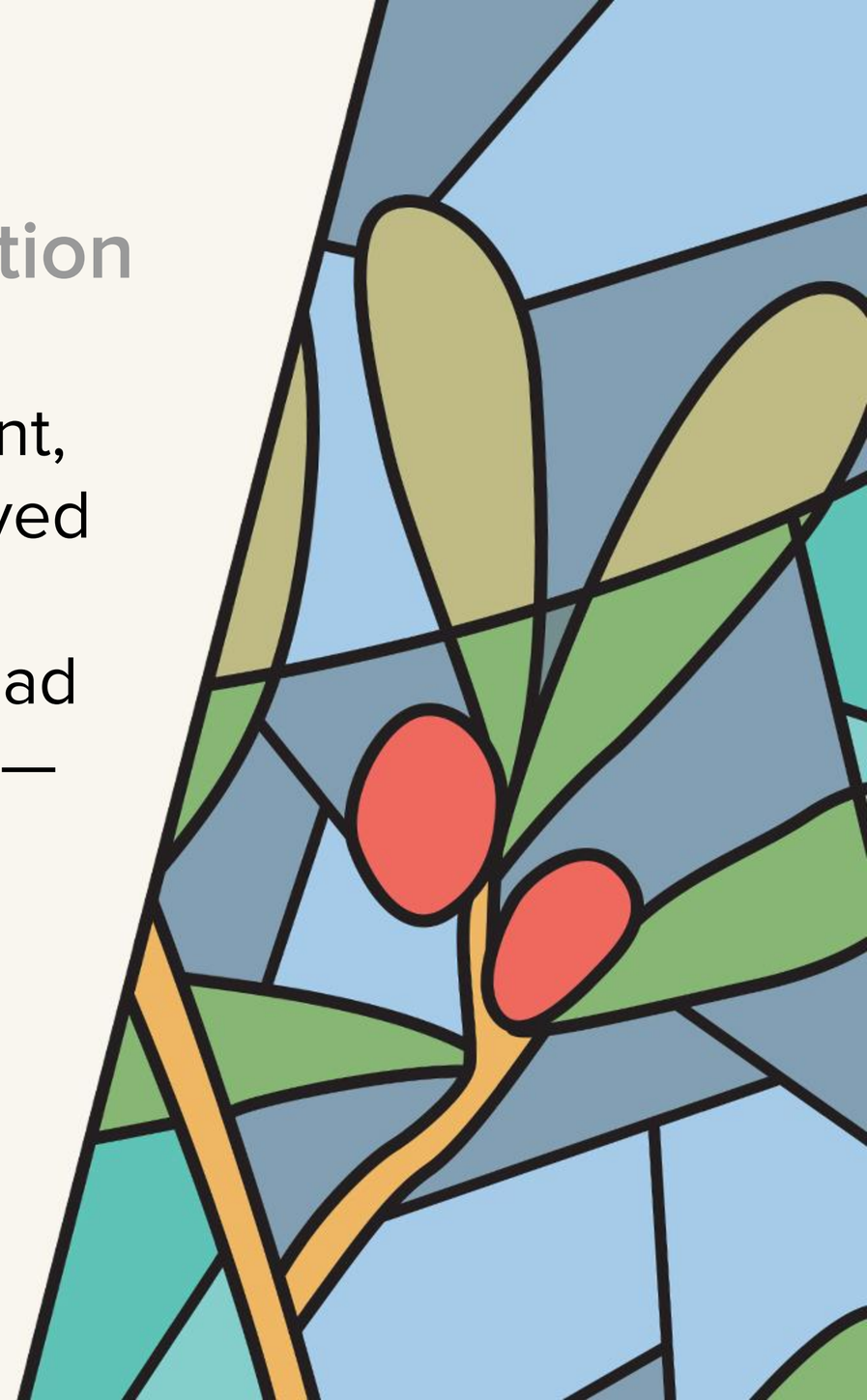

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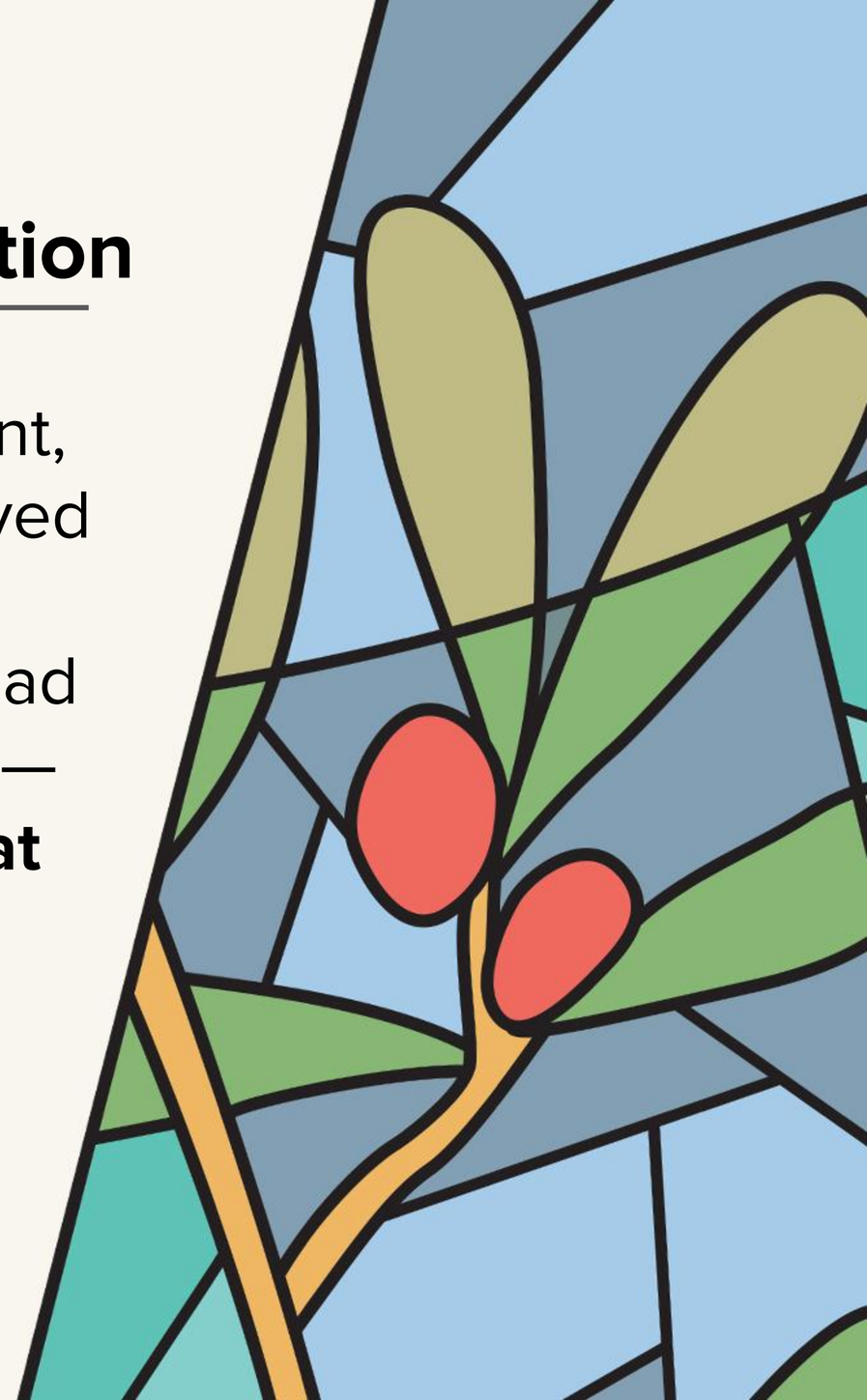


“God’s divine dilemma was how to satisfy His own righteousness and its demands against sinful people, and at the same time how to demonstrate His grace, love, and mercy to restore rebellious, alienated creatures to Himself.”

John A. Witmer

Our sin is forgiven by the atoning sacrifice of Christ.

Imputation

Penal substitution

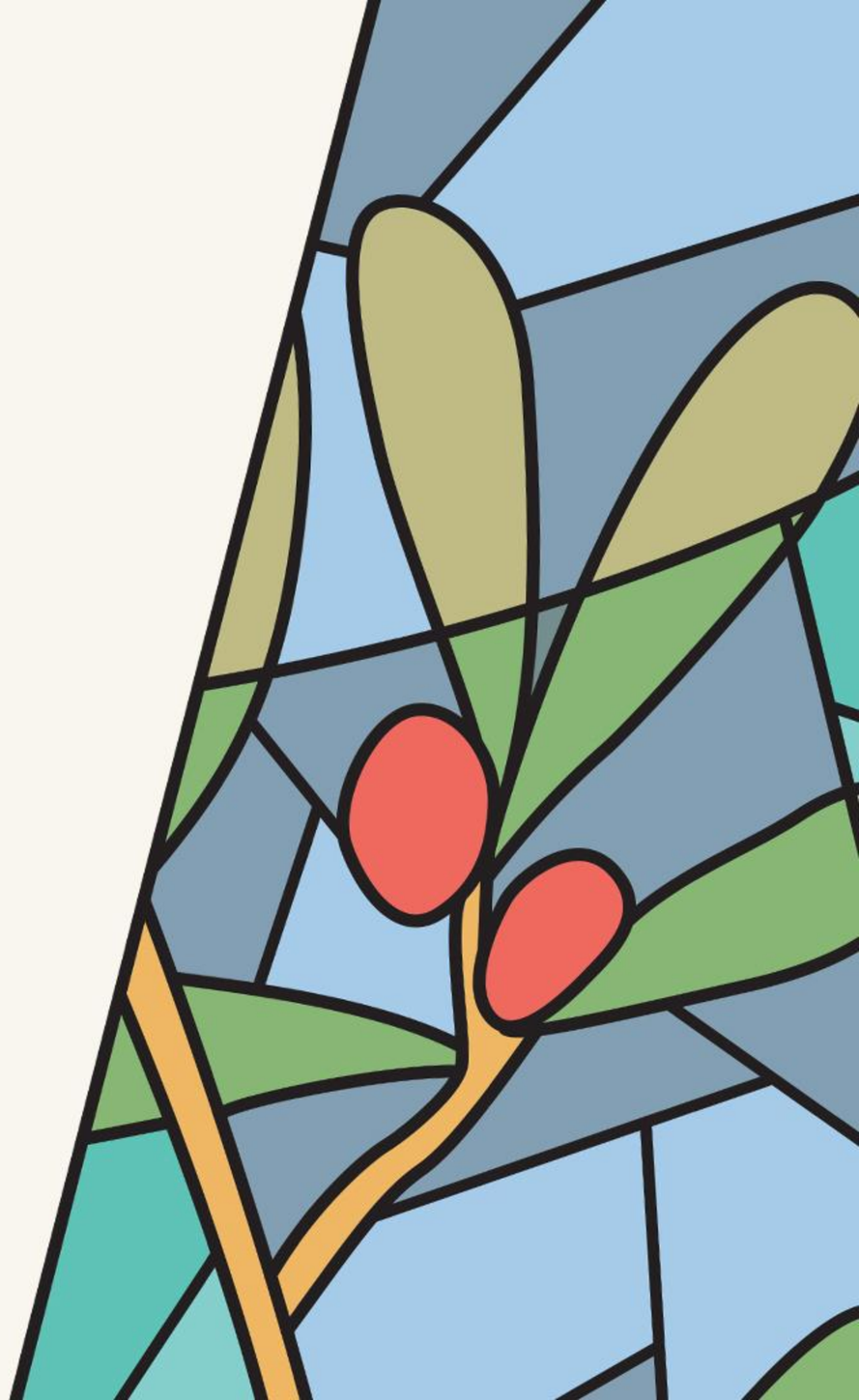
Propitiation

Reconciliation

The assignment of our sin and guilt to Christ and His righteousness to us.

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us,
so that in him we might become the
righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21 NIV



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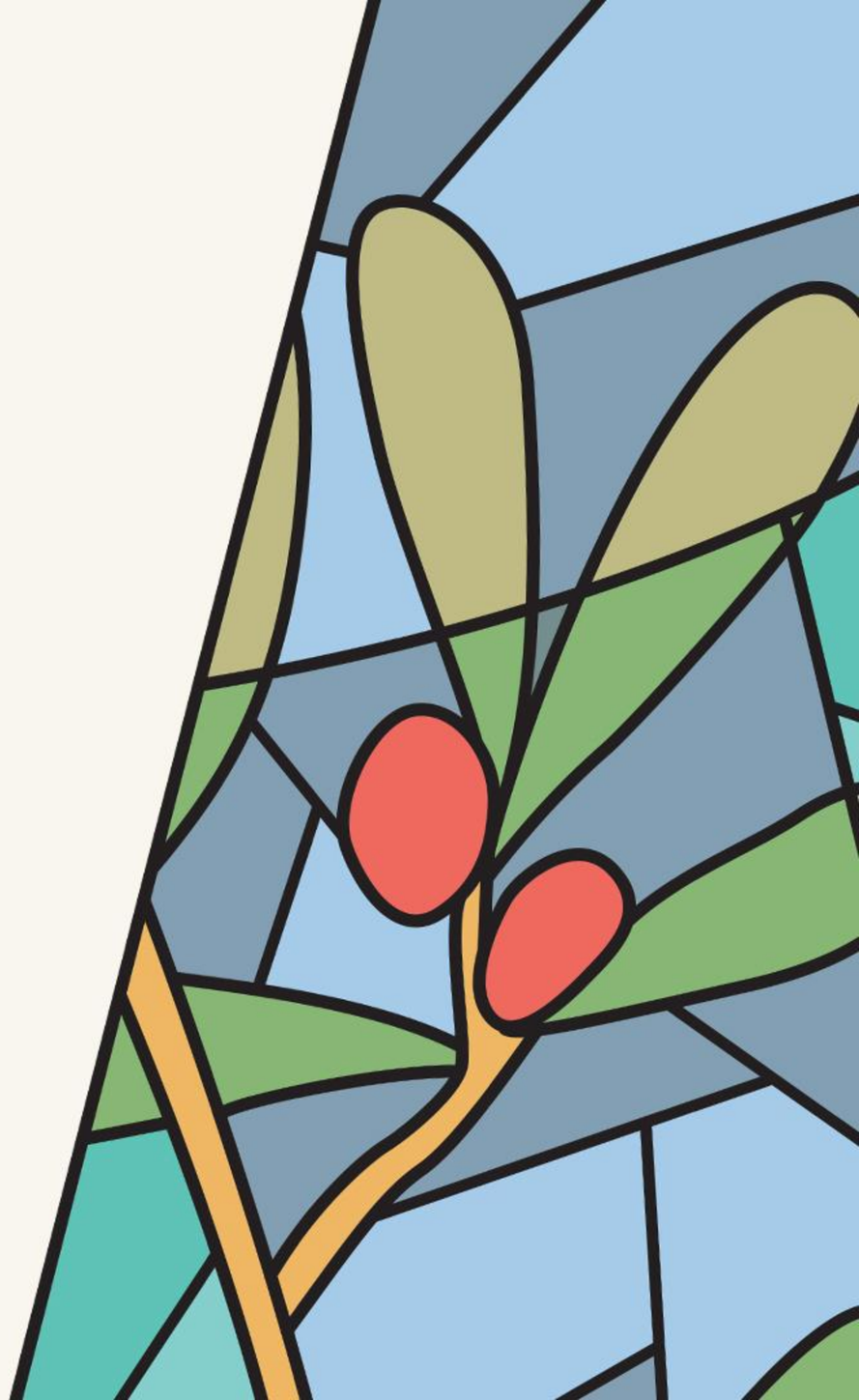
Christ bore the penalty for our sin and died as our substitute.

The punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:5b NIV



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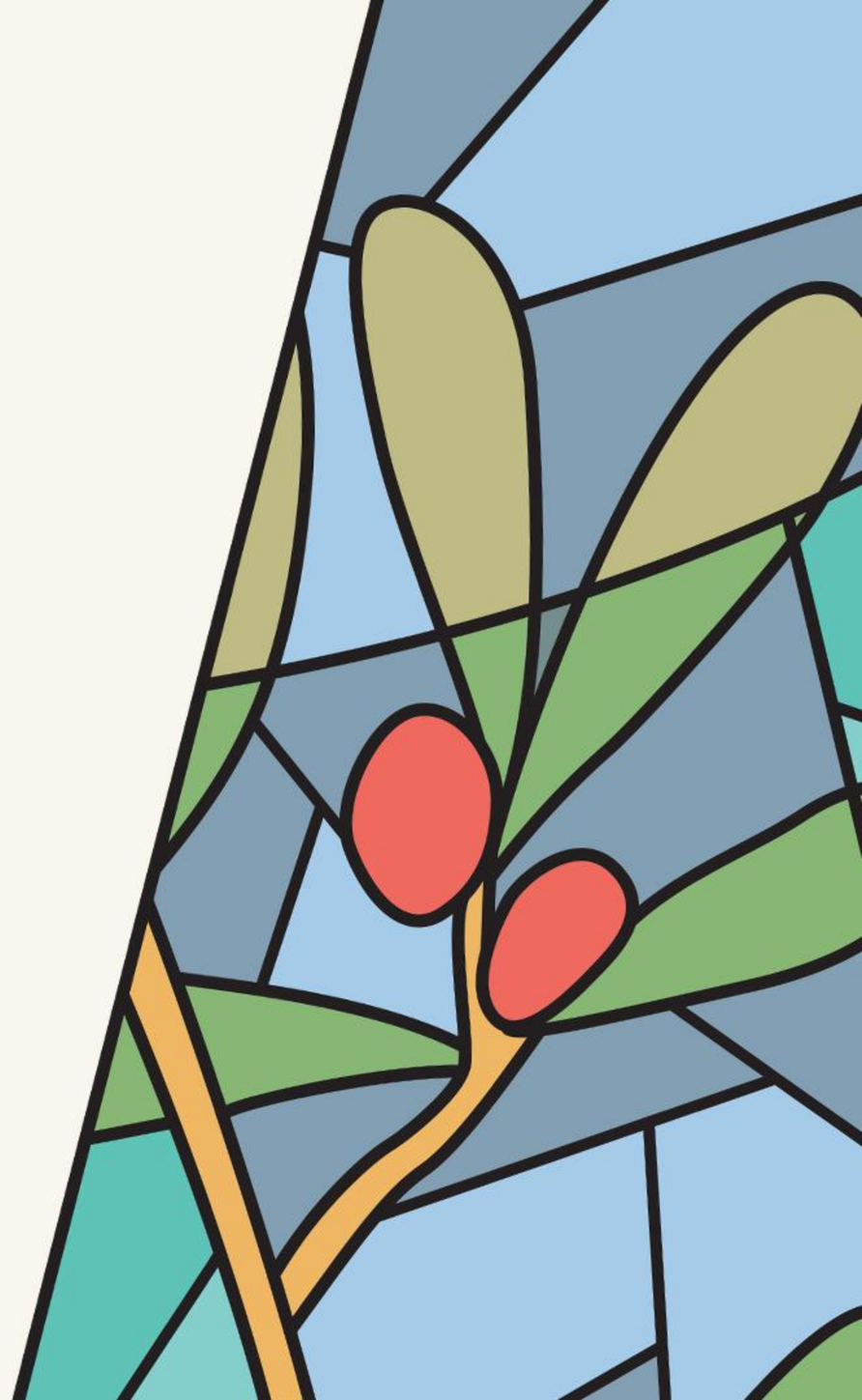
The satisfaction of God’s wrath through the sacrifice of Christ.

Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God’s wrath through him!

Romans 5:9 NIV



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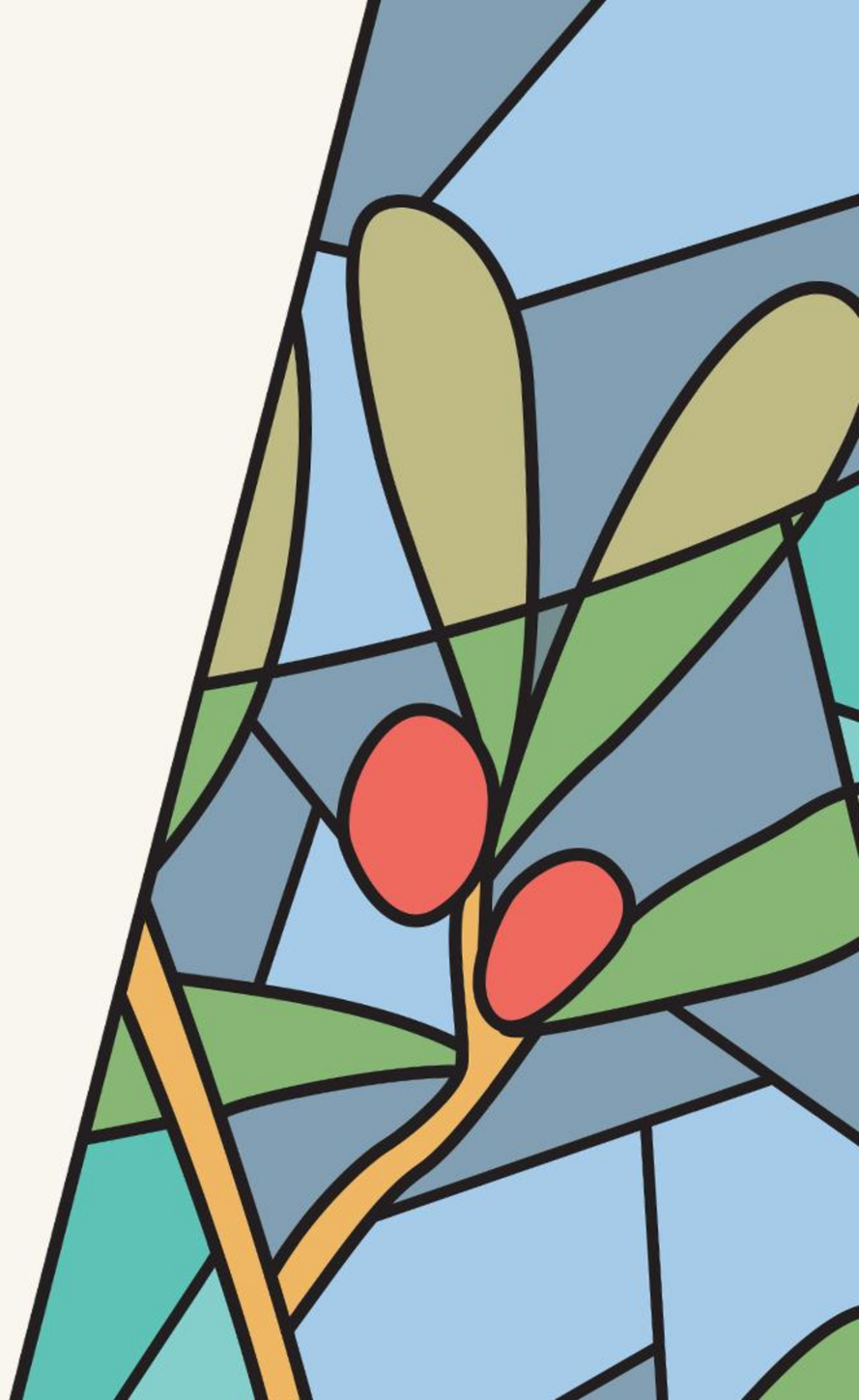
Overcoming separation from God and being restored to harmony with Him.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behavior. 22 But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.

Colossians 1:21-22 NIV



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