

Words That Matter!
Propitiation: The Sacrifice That Satisfies
Selected Scripture

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Propitiation defined:

1. To appease and render favorable; to conciliate and reconcile or an atoning sacrifice (Gen 32)
 2. To turn away wrath by the satisfaction of violated justice (Heb 2:17; 9:5; Rom 3:25; 1 John 2:2; 4:10)
- Propitiation removed God's wrath against the sins of mankind.

Five aspects of propitiation to consider:

- The significance of propitiation...it is the satisfaction of God's holy character (1 John 2:2; Hebrews 2:17; Lev 17:11; John 3:36; Rom 2:5; Eph 2:1-3; 5:6; Col 3:6)
- The need for propitiation....our sins (1 John 4:10; Ezek 18:4; Rom 1: 18; 3:23; 6:23)
- The agent of propitiation....Jesus Christ, the Righteous One (1 John 2:2; Rom 3:23-26; 5:9; 1 Thess1:10; 5:9; Heb 2:17; Isa 53:5-10; Jer 31:31-34)

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- The motive for propitiation...the love of God
(1 John 4:10; Rom 5:8; John 3:16-17)
- The extent of propitiation...the whole world
(1 John 2:2; John 1:29; 3:16-17; 2 Cor 5:14-15)

The result:

- Christ's act of propitiation has removed the barrier of God's offended character.

Propitiation illustrated:

- We see it foreshadowed in the OT sacrificial system and particularly the Day of Atonement
(Lev 4:1-7; 16:1-34; 17:11; Heb 2:17; 10:1-18)

Summarizing the effects of propitiation:

- Because He (Jesus Christ) bore the compounded fury of God's just wrath against mankind's sins,...God's justice is satisfied because all sin was dealt with and paid for at the Cross.
- Because Jesus Christ died to bear our sin, God's wrath has been turned away because the price for sin has been paid.

- Propitiation is the satisfaction of God's justice and judgment against sinners so that He is free to express mercy and forgiveness without compromising His holy character.

Make it personal:

As a follower of Jesus, which aspect, or aspects, of propitiation we considered the morning has impacted my understanding of my salvation the most? Why? This week, tell someone about that.

If you have never trusted Christ, please know that your eternal future will be dealt with in one of two ways:

- (1) you will stand before God condemned by your sin and face His judgment or
- (2) you will stand before God forgiven by the One who died to take away your sin and satisfy God's justice.

Please consider what Jesus has done for you....
it is a decision that carries eternal implications.