

Propitiation

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"My little children, these things I write unto you, so that you will not sin. And if any man sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the Righteous-One. And He is the **Propitiation** for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world." (1John 2:1-2)

"Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God, and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; **for God is Love**. In this-way was the love of God was manifested towards us, in that God sent His Only Begotten Son into the world, so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us, and sent His Son (Jesus): the Propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (1John 4:7-11)

Propitiation: from the Greek word *hilasmos* which means: a propitiation, an atoning sacrifice; an offering to appease, or to satisfy, the just requirements of someone who has been offended.

Propitiate: to win or regain the favor, of someone, by doing something that pleases or satisfies them. You can propitiate a superior or someone who has the power to punish or injure you by allaying or forestalling their anger by providing an appropriate compensation. In the Old Covenant, God required sacrifices, from transgressors, to propitiate (compensate or atone) for their sins, in order for the people to regain a right standing, of peace and favor with God.

In God's New Covenant with all of mankind, Jesus is the Propitiation (the atoning sacrifice) who has sacrificed His Life by being crucified on the Cross, for the forgiveness of our sins, and thereby making propitiation (regaining favor) for us with God.

Consider these words of truth from Gods Word:

"Then when He (Jesus) said , 'Lo, I come to do Your will, O God.' He takes away the first (Covenant), so that He may establish the second (Covenant). By which we will be sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands daily ministering and offering many times the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But this Man (Jesus), after He had offered one sacrifice (one Propitiation: He-Himself) for sins forever, He sat down on the Right Hand of God; waiting from that time forward until His enemies be made His footstool. For by **One Offering (one Propitiation - Himself) He has perfected forever those who are sanctified.**" (Hebrews 10:9-14)

"But God demonstrates His love toward us, in that, while we were still sinners, **Christ died for us (He became the Propitiation for our sins).** How much more then, being now justified by His blood, shall we be saved from the wrath (of God) through Him. For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God **by the death of His Son,** even much more so, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His Life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the atonement. (Romans 5:8-11)

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And again:

“By grace we are saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God; and not by works, lest any man should boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has ordained beforehand that we should walk in them. Therefore remember, that you being in times past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by those who are called the Circumcision, performed in the flesh by hands; that at that time you were without Christ, being aliens from the Commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the Covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the Blood of Christ. For **He is Our Peace**, who has made us both one, and has broken down the middle wall of partition between us; having abolished in His flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; so as to make in Himself the two (of us) into one new man, and so making peace; and that He **might reconcile** (make propitiation for) both unto God in one body (one Propitiation - Himself) through the cross, having thus slain the enmity. And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off, and to those who were near. **For through Him (Jesus) we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father.**”
(Ephesians 2:8-18)

And again:

“And (Abraham) being fully persuaded that, what He (God) had promised, He (God) was also able to perform. Therefore it was imputed to him as righteousness. Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was imputed to him; but for us also, to whom it shall be imputed, if we believe on Him (the Father) who raised up Jesus our Lord from the dead; **who was delivered for our offenses** (made propitiation on our behalf), and was raised again for our justification!! Therefore being justified by faith, **we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ**; through whom we also have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”
(Romans 4:21-25 to 5:1-2)

JESUS is...

a Propitiation

Our substitute Propitiation!

...the once and for-all-time atoning Sacrifice...

...who restores our relationship with our Father in Heaven!

He regains for us the peace and favor with our Father...

...that was, and is lost due to our transgressions!

**“In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us,
and sent His Son Jesus - the Propitiation for our sins.**

Forever Jesus, forever I thank You!

Forever we thank you!

Always and always - Amen!