

VIII. Propitiation

A. Definition:

[Lecture 18:27:20]

To Appease or Satisfy someone.

To make amends with someone for wrongs committed.

It speaks of how God is completely satisfied with Jesus Christ's Atonement.

Found 3 times

(Rom 3:24-26) Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: 25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; 26 To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.

God sent Jesus for a Propitiation.

Propitiation is the means in which God's Justice is Satisfied.

The means with God's Wrath is averted

Mercy can be shown on the basis of an acceptable sacrifice.

(1 John 2:2) And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

Christ's work is Sufficient for the whole world.

But it is only effective for those who put their trust in Him.

(1 John 4:10) Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

God's love was manifest in that He sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

(Luke 18:10-13) *13

God be merciful to me a sinner.

“God be Propitiation to me the sinner”

God show Mercy, & not pay the penalty of his aggravated guilt.

OT word for Propitiation = Mercy Seat

Mercy Seat = The lid of the Ark

On the Day of Atonement, The High priest would sprinkle blood of a sacrificial victim on the Mercy Seat to cover their sin.

When Christ made Propitiation for our sins, He went further! He didn't just cover them, but did away with them completely.

(Rom 3:25) Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Christ, himself, is the Object of our faith.

Faith in Christ is condition in which we avail ourselves of the propitiation.

We are told to put our faith in His blood.

His blood is the price that was paid.

The Finished work of Christ declares God's righteousness for the remission of sins that are past.

This refers to sins committed before the Death of Christ, From Adam to Christ, saved those who put their faith in

Christ according to whatever revelation they had been given them.

(Rom 4:3b) Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.

How could God do this?

Christ had not been slain yet?

The blood of a perfect sacrifice had not been offered.

The debt had not been paid.

God's righteous claims had not been met?

How could God save Believing sinners in the OT?

Even though Christ had not died, God knew that He would die.

And He saved men on the still future work of Christ.

Even though they did not know about Calvary, God knew about it.

God put all the value of Christ's work to their account when they believed.

In a very Real Sense, The OT believers were saved on Credit.

Illus: *The same way a Credit Card works.*

(1 Jn 2:2) And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.

By dying for our sin, He freed us from the guilt of our sins and restored us to God by providing the needed Satisfaction and by removing every barrier to fellowship.

God can show mercy to us because Christ satisfied the claims of Justice.

It is not normal that the Lawyer pays for the crimes of his client. But Christ did.

Most remarkable is He paid the price by sacrificing himself.

Not for our sins only, but the whole world.

Not that the whole world is Saved, but the work of the Lord Jesus is sufficient to save the whole world.

It can save all people.

It is only efficacious to those that believe.

The Superscription above Jesus at the Crucifixion was written in the 3 main languages of the time, so all would know.

Hebrew - God's chosen

Greek & Latin - the principle languages of the known world.

(1 John 4:10) Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

We did not love Him 1st, we were His enemies.

How did He prove his love to us, He sent His son to be the suitable sacrifice to cover the Sin of all man kind.

B. The scope of propitiation

The basis in which God saves the sinner is the propitiatory sacrifice of Jesus Christ.

God, through Jesus Christ, appeased His own wrath against the sinner by paying the penalty His justice demanded by paying the penalty Himself.

As a result, God can Justify the believer w/o compromising His own Righteousness.

He can accept the believer into His own family w/o accepting the believer's sin.

The OT sacrifices were a shadow of Christ's coming atonement: (Heb 10)

To receive remission of sins in the OT, the person had to apply the blood of bulls & Lambs to the Mercy Seat in the Tabernacle/Temple.

The Mercy Seat, the place of Atonement.
where sins are forgiven and God's wrath appeased.
(Lev 1-16)

They could not actually TAKE AWAY sins, but Cover them.
(Heb 9-10)
They had to be offered continually, b/c there was no sacrifice to take them away .

God had no pleasure in the animal sacrifices.
The Law was established to show us that we are sinners.
That Sin requires a Payment. (Death)
This Payment could be made by a substitute.
These sacrifices were offered for centuries, yet the 1000's
could not permanently satisfy God's Wrath.
They were to prepare Mankind to the one who Could!

(Heb 10:5-10)

Vs 5,7 He is quoting (Ps 40:6-7) Re: Christ's Incarnation.
Vs 6,8: God's dissatisfaction with the OT Animal Sacrifices.
OT people thought that they were acceptable by just offering the animals.

They were offering it w/o repentance or faith.

Vs 9-10: God, prepared a body for His Son, which is an integral part of His Human life and nature.

The Incarnation (John 1:14) *the word was made flesh.*
(Ps 40:6) *Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required.*

The Open Ear refers to the messiah's willingness to hear & Obey.

Burnt Offerings were types and shadows. in them selves, they were valueless.

(Heb 10:8-10)

Signaling the demise of the Old sacrificial system and the Inauguration of the One perfect/Complete offering of Jesus Christ.

The Scope of Propitiation:

God had no pleasure in the Animal Sacrifices.

God established them to show Man that he is a sinner.

That Sin Requires a Payment: Death

The Payment could be paid by a Substitute.

The 1000's of animal sacrifices could never satisfy God's wrath.

They were to prepare mankind for the One that Could.

(Rom 3:20) Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

These Sacrifices could not Satisfy the Law's Demands.

(Gal 3:24) Wherefore the law was our schoolmaster to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith.

The Law was our schoolmaster, to show us that we are to be justified by faith in the blood atonement of Jesus Christ.

Christ is the Propitiation, that satisfied God's wrath.

(Gal 4:4-5)

God sent the only person who could satisfy the demands of the Law.

(John 1:18) No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

Saved from wrath through Jesus.

God's wrath will not fall on them.

Jesus came to be our Sinless substitute to take away the sins of the World.

(John 1:29) Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the World.

Jesus took the place of the Whole World.

God poured out all His wrath He had toward the World, on Jesus.

God placed all the sin of all the world on Jesus.

Jesus was the 1 sacrifice that fully made amends for the sin of all men.

(Rom 3:25) Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

God sent forth Jesus Christ, His only Begotten Son, to be the propitiation through His own Blood.

This is how we are saved.

This how God's wrath is Appeased.

Christ's Perfect Sacrifice:

(Heb 9:12) Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Christ's One perfect Sacrifice:

(Heb 9:26) For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Christ's One sacrifice for ever:

(Heb 10:12) But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Christ's Sacrificial work is finished.

Even though Christ died for the whole world, the whole world will not choose to believe on Christ & be saved.

(Matt 7:13-14) Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: 14 Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.

Not Many will be saved.

(John 1:12) But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name:

“but as many as received Him,”

You have to receive Christ as an individual.

(John 1:13) Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

Each Individual has to make the decision to Repent, Believe, Receive (Born Again).

You cannot Receive through Blood or Parentage:

The Jews believe they are OK b/c they are descendants of Abraham.

You Cannot Receive it Though the “Will of the Flesh”.

Through Works

You Cannot Receive it Through the “Will of Man”.

Not by proxy or as a group.

But of God: A Spiritual Birth.

Under the Law, God showed Mercy at the Mercy Seat.
Now Jesus Christ is the Mercy Seat, the Place of Atonement.

The Only Way a person can receive Atonement for their sins, it to Go to Christ, and Accept the Work of Christ on his behalf.

The believer will Never experience God’s wrath.
The Sacrifice, of the Indwelling Substitute has satisfied the Lord, and the Law’s Curse against him.

Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law.

(Gal 3:13) Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree:

God has saved us from the Curse of the Law.