

# PROPITIATION

In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

(1 John 4:10)

The word “propitiation” means “to appease.” In the Scriptures, it speaks of God the Father being fully satisfied with the sacrifice made by His Son on our behalf.

The propitiation is for our sins, and the blood of Jesus Christ, which He shed for the whole world, is the basis of propitiation.

My little children, I am writing these things to you that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous;

and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.

(1 John 2:1, 2)

. . . Christ Jesus;

whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;

for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

(Romans 3:24–26)

Jesus was conceived supernaturally through the Holy Spirit and born to a virgin; thus He was in the likeness of people but without the sinful nature we all inherited from our ancestors.

Therefore, just as through [Adam] sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned. . . .

For if by the transgression of the one, death reigned through the one, much more those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness will reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.

So then as through one transgression there resulted condemnation to all men, even so through one act of righteousness there resulted justification of life to all men.

For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the One the many will be made righteous.

(Romans 5:12, 17–19)

Jesus was in the flesh, but sinless and blameless—the perfect Lamb of God who qualified to take away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

Three days after His death, Jesus arose again; life was restored to Him. When we, by faith, receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we get baptized—totally identified with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection. His blood applies to us; we receive the forgiveness of sins and eternal life. Thank you Jesus! (Read chapter “Salvation.”)

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but through Me.”

(John 14:6)

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Therefore, He had to be made like His brethren in all things, that He might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.

(Hebrews 2:17)