

## *Atonement: Propitiation*

### Review

1. The Necessity of the atonement... *Hebrews 9:23; Galatians 3:21*
  
2. The Nature of the atonement—Christ’s obedience...  
*Isaiah 52:13 cf. Isaiah 53:11; John 6:38; 10:17, 18; Romans 5:19; Philippians 2:7, 8 with Galatians 4:4*

  - a. His passive obedience...
  - b. His active obedience...

3. Specific Categories of the Atonement  
Sacrifice, *Hebrews 9:14*

Introduction True Religion must be, at every point, God centered. *Romans 11:33-36*

### **I. Propitiation: It’s New Testament Usage and Significance**

*Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2; 4:10 Consider Romans 3:21-26*

### **II. Propitiation: It’s Purpose**

“To show God’s righteousness...”

### **III. Propitiation: It’s Meaning**

#### ***A. Generally it meant to cause someone unfavorably inclined to become favorably inclined...***

*Hebrews 9: 24-26*

#### ***B. In the Old Testament it Means to Cover...***

1. In reference to sin...
2. Its effect is cleansing and forgiveness...
3. It is before the Lord...

*See Leviticus 4:35; 10:17; 16:30*

“It is the God wards reference of both the sin and the covering that must be fully appreciated.” John Murray

#### ***C. Propitiation Reminds us of Man’s Most Pressing Problem, Sin...***

*Jeremiah 13:23; Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 8:5-8*

**D. God is Holy and Will Punish Sin...**

*Exodus 23:7; Psalm 7:11*

**E. Propitiation is Necessary Because of God's Character...**

*Romans 3:25*

**F. Propitiation Presupposes the Wrath of God...**

**Summary:**

- Vital Implications:**
1. Forgiveness and standing before God who is perfectly righteous comes only through "faith in Christ..." *I Peter 2:4; 3:18; Hebrews 9:14.*
  2. Propitiation displays the perfect wisdom of God... *I Corinthians 1:18-25.*
  3. Propitiation does not set the moral Law of God aside (it establishes it). *See, Romans 3:27ff*

**IV. Three Clarifications Concerning Propitiation and Unwarranted Criticism of the Doctrine...**

**A. To love and to be propitious are not convertible terms... *John 3:16; I John 4:9-10.***

**B. Propitiation does not somehow turn God's wrath into love...**

**C. Propitiation does not in the least detract from the love and mercy of God...**

**Conclusion:**

**Next Time: Reconciliation**