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WHAT IS PROPITIATION?

Jason Jackson

The word "propitiation" is a strange and interesting word. It is worthy of our study and attention. The English "propitiation" is from Latin, meaning "favorable, gracious, kind" or "render favorable." The first attested use of this term is in a Latin translation of the Scriptures.¹ The Latin form propitiatorium was employed to translate the Greek word, hilasterion, which is found 22 times in the Greek translation of the Old Testament.²

Interestingly, hilasterion was used in the LXX to translate the Hebrew term "covering" or "mercy seat," which was the lid of the Ark of the Covenant where the sacrificial blood was placed for the atonement of the sins of the people. The background of the related Greek terms is interesting. These words were used of a sacrifice one brought in order to appease the anger of the gods. The individual chanced that the attitude of the god or gods might be altered, hoping that the gods would be disposed to look upon the person with favor, from which further blessings might follow. Although certain characteristics of the word remain, others do not. While Greek pagan gods were believed to despise humans, the true God loves sinful man, and that without prejudice (Romans 5:8).

Our interest in "propitiation" is its use in the New Testament. It is a word that is employed in the context of salvation. Like the words atonement, reconciliation, redemption, and saved, propitiation conveys a particular nuance about salvation that we ought to appreciate. Propitiation is found four times in the American Standard Version of the New Testament. Consider these passages: "[W]hom God set forth to be a propitiation, through faith, in his blood, to show his righteousness because of the passing over of the sins done aforetime, in the forbearance of God" (Romans 3:25). "Wherefore it behooved him in all things to be made like unto his brethren, 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). "And he is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world" (1 John 2:2). "Herein 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). Observe these truths relative to propitiation...

The Source. God initiates the propitiation. He already looks upon us with loving favor, even when we are in sin (Romans 5:6-8). In contrast to the secular use of this word, God is the one who provides the sacrifice.

Spring Quarter Bible Classes

April 5-June 1

SUNDAY MORNING

ADULT (Auditorium) – Joe Ruiz – The Book of Galatians

A study of Paul's letter to the Galatians, emphasizing justification by faith, freedom in Christ, and the contrast between law and grace. The class highlights how the gospel shapes identity, guards against error, and directs daily Christian living.

ADULT (Fellowship Hall) – Larry Everson – The Book of Romans

A study of Paul's letter to the Romans, focusing on God's righteousness, justification, and the power of the Gospel to save. The class explores how these truths shape Christian identity, transformation, and daily living.

ADULT (Fellowship Hall) – Robert Jefferies – Fundamentals of Faith

This class will help our new converts to become rooted and grounded in the faith. This study will focus on the basics of Christianity. This class will focus on matters of doctrine, morality, and faithful Christian living.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS – Josh Walker – The Utterances of God

This class will look at the assurance that the Bible is what it claims to be – The Inspired Word of God. This study will focus on proofs within the bible to further substantiate its claim as God-given.

HIGH SCHOOL – Aaron Gallagher – A Study of Calvinism

This class examines the claims of Calvinism in light of Scripture, emphasizing human responsibility, free will, and God's universal offer of salvation. Through careful Bible study, the class will evaluate doctrines such as total depravity, unconditional election, and perseverance against the teaching of the New Testament.

Middle School – Wesley & Tyler Williams – Cornerstone of Faith

A study of the foundational truths of the Christian faith, focusing on God, Christ, salvation, and faithful living. The goal is to build a strong, enduring spiritual foundation grounded in Scripture.

WEDNESDAY EVENING

Adult (Auditorium) – Robert Jefferies – Deuteronomy (Pt. 1)

A study that focuses on the importance of listening to God. This class will focus on how God has always given very clear and simple instructions. This study will emphasize that if the Children of Israel followed His instructions, they would be able to enter into the Promised Land. In like manner, if we follow His instructions today, Heaven will be our home.

ADULT (Fellowship Hall) – Gary Barch – Studying Sin Seriously

This class will study the nature of sin and its effects on humanity, as revealed throughout the Bible. This thought-provoking study's goal is to increase an understanding of sin that helps deepen one's understanding of its seriousness, its solution, and the Christian's obligation as a result of it.

YOUNG ADULT CLASS – David Rister – Always Be Ready

A practical study designed to prepare young Christians to understand, confront, and respond to unbelief with confidence and clarity. The class focuses on strengthening faith, answering common challenges, and developing a ready defense grounded in Scripture.

HIGH SCHOOL – Josh Walker – God's Power In Youth

A study highlighting the strength, influence, and potential of young people in God's service, emphasizing biblical examples and principles for faithful living. The class encourages youth to recognize their value, develop spiritual maturity, and actively serve God with confidence.

Middle School – John Barch – The Big Picture

A survey of the Bible and its historical framework, tracing the unfolding of God's plan from creation to the early church. The class emphasizes major events, key themes, and how each part of Scripture fits into the overall story of redemption.

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The Sins. Note in every verse above: propitiation has to do with our sins — the alienation results from our rebellion, not from a reluctant God. Sin separates us from divine fellowship (Isaiah 59:1-2; Ephesians 2:1), and we have all sinned (Romans 3:23). Because of sin, men must suffer the wrath of God. God's wrath is mentioned 585 times in the Old Testament.³ Likewise, the New Testament reminds us of the reality, severity, and righteousness of God's wrath (Romans 1:18,24,26,28; 2:5,8; 5:9; 12:19; Ephesians 5:6; Colossians 3:6; 1 Thessalonians 1:10; 2:10; Revelation 19:15).

The Substitution. Jesus is the propitiation! He himself is the sacrifice who willingly gave himself (cf. Galatians 1:4). His blood (i.e., his death) is the means by which our sins may be forgiven. He is a divine person who took on flesh, was qualified through suffering, and he tasted death for every man (Hebrews 2:10). The nature of his sacrifice is this: as an infinite being in the flesh, he bore the divine equivalent of finite man's condemnation in hell for eternity. Therein is the possibility for our salvation. His sacrifice is sufficient to avert the wrath of God. Therefore, Jesus suffered that God might be just (Romans 3:25).

The Salvation. Jesus died that God might be the justifier also (Romans 3:25). But the benefits of his death are not extended without conditions. We must have faith. "Through faith" means that we must believe what God says and do what he requires. Being the propitiation for our sins, Jesus said that he who believes and is baptized shall be saved (Mark 16:16). We are united with Christ in the likeness of his death when we are buried with him in baptism. Raised from that watery grave, we shall be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection (Romans 6:3-5). Propitiation means Jesus is the only way. May we obey him (Hebrews 5:9).

Sunday Sermons

The Response That Matters (AM)

The Disguised Danger (PM)

Bible Passages To Consider

"Hear me when I call, O God of my righteousness! You have relieved me in my distress; Have mercy on me, and hear my prayer" (Psalm 4:1).

IN NEED OF PRAYER

Vern Schrimsher is scheduled to have an outpatient procedure on his foot on April 14.

Angie Schrimsher is scheduled to have an outpatient procedure on April 22.

Erica Stuckey is recovering from recent back surgery.

Veronica Rapp is making improvements after receiving iron infusions.

Karen Oglesby has been released from Lakeside.

Linda Stone is in stage 4 kidney failure.

Rannie Butler is taking therapy at Senatobia Healthcare and Rehab.

Joyce Valentine has been placed on a management medication. She is scheduled to have a scan on April 17.

Jean Jones is taking physical therapy at Desoto Healthcare.

David Jones, friend of Terry & Brenda Harris-member at Goodman Oaks, is planning to seek further treatment at MD Anderson.

Bob Lawrence, father of Erica Stuckey, is making improvements.

Please continue to remember the following: **Barbara Day, Brenda Dreher, Danna Smart, Alan Stone, Debbie Shull, Dorothy Butler, Betty Culbreath, Pat Pierce, Beverly Parnell, Lucy Chamberlain, & Don Sykes** in your prayers.

BATTLING CANCER

Please remember those who are fighting, or recovering from cancer: **Alan Stone; Brenda Dreher; Pam Eaton; Larry Butler; Charlene Farris; Justin Camp**, husband of Kim Camp; **Andrew Utz**, great nephew of Peggy Shull; **Varda Cole**, sister in law of Linda Davis; **Don Cheathour**, friend of the Sykes family; **Joe Daly**, online viewer in England; **Houston Hall**, great nephew of Karen Oglesby & Beth Roney; **David Taylor**, neighbors of the Sykes; **Dan Manuel**, friend of Tommy & Peggy Shull; **Heather Butler**, daughter of Lewis Dawson; **Vickie Parker**, sister of Nick Parker; **Kim Butler**, sister in law of Larry Butler; **Lily Jane Jordan**, neighbor's granddaughter of Terry & Brenda Harris; **Oakleigh Free**, great granddaughter of Alan & Linda Stone; **Mandi**

Singer, friend of Erica Stuckey; **Mandy Dunbar**, friend of Erica Stuckey; **TJ Holt**, cousin of Amber Wallis; **Margarito Zuniga**, father of former member Alan Zuniga; **Becca Reynolds**, niece of Anita Sanders; **Laura Sowell**, mother of Erin Sowell, **Doreen Harris**, former member, **Glenn Jenkins**, the husband of Bonnie Reid's niece, **Carol Tierce**, sister of Peggy Shull & **Whitley Joy**, great niece of Larry & Elaine Melton.

SHUT-INS/ NURSING HOME

Lucy Chamberlain; Debbie Shull; Brenda Dreher; Beverly Parnell; Pam Eaton; Tommy Eaton, State Veterans Home in Oxford, MS; **Phyllis Smith**, The Goldton at Southaven Room #116.

SYMPATHY

Larry Butler passed away on Tuesday. Please keep his family in your prayers.

MEN TO SERVE - April 5, 2026

Preside: Bill Phillips & Neal Weatherford

Serve: Michael Gahagan, Griffin Rister, Michael Agyemang, Tyrone Willingham, Carter Gahagan, Colin Iglinsky

AM Opening Prayer: Larry Cox

AM Closing Prayer: Jonah Adams

PM Opening Prayer: Tommy Kelley

PM Closing Prayer: Duane McCrory

Wed. Opening Prayer: Greg Wilson

Wed. Closing Prayer: John Stubblefield

Announcements: Con Lambert

Song Leader: Brian Williams

Scripture Reading: Reed Rister

Security: Jason Griffin

REMINDER:

If you are a song leader, scripture reader, or have opening prayer, you are asked to sit on the front pew when worship begins.

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 19: Potluck Luncheon

April 19-23: Gospel Meeting with BJ Clarke

April 25: Ladies Day with Celine Sparks

June 14-20: Sardis Lake Christian Camp

APRIL FOOD TEAM

Captain: Linda Mitchell

Emily McConnell, Felicia Reed, Lacreese Willingham, Becky Harville

OUR RECORDS

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| Bible Study | 229 |
| A.M. Worship | 307 |
| P.M. Worship | 180 |
| P.M. Wed. Worship | 169 |
| Contribution | \$ |



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Schedule of Services

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| Sunday Bible Class..... | 9:00 a.m. |
| Sunday Worship..... | 10:00 a.m. |
| Sunday P.M. Worship..... | 1:00 p.m. |
| Wednesday P.M. Service..... | 7:00 p.m. |

ELDERS

Gary Barch
Larry Everson
David Rister

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Bruce Dunaway
Michael Gahagan
Aaron Gallagher
TJ Johnson
John Stubblefield
Chris Tice
Andy Young

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