Propitiation

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"Propitiation" from the Scriptures²

Concerning the word propitiate, or the related Biblical term "propitiation" Romans 3:25, 1 John 2:2, 4:10, again 'the Greek' isn't necessary to determine the meaning of the word.

Following Gail Riplinger's approach³, the word "*propitiation*" is understood from scripture as follows.

Romans 3:24-25 "<u>Christ Jesus</u>: Whom God hath set forth to be <u>a propitiation through faith in his blood</u>, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God."

"But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed."

Isaiah 53:5 KJV

1 John 2:1-2 "<u>Jesus Christ the righteous</u>: And <u>he is</u> the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world."

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

Propitiation is a Person

"Propitiation," like salvation, Luke 2:30, 19:9, is above all a Person⁴, "Jesus Christ the righteous." God is a personal God, not simply a theological or doctrinal God.

Dr DiVietro gives no indication of any lexicon that reveals this basic meaning of the word "propitiation."

The scripture, however, gives further insight into this meaning.

1 John 4:14 states "And we have seen and do testify that the Father sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world."

In sum, "The Saviour" and "the propitiation" are one and the same. He is "Jesus Christ the righteous" or "Jehovah is salvation" Matthew 1:21, Who is "the Messiah the Prince" Daniel 9:25 and "the Holy One" 1 John 2:20, anointed of the Holy Ghost Luke 3:22, 4:18.

The word "propitiation" may be understood in more detail by a study of what the Lord Jesus Christ did as "the Saviour of the world."

As such, He is "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" John 1:29.

Propitiation is "Christ our Passover"6

Therefore, as Paul states in 1 Corinthians 5:7 "For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us."

Ephesians 5:2, Hebrews 7:26-27, 9:26, 1 Peter 1:18-19 are all important in the context of "*Christ our Passover*," along with Genesis 8:21.

"And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and <u>hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour</u>" Ephesians 5:2.

"For such an high priest became us, who is holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens; Who needeth not daily, as those high

priests, to offer up sacrifice, first for his own sins, and then for the people's: <u>for this</u> <u>he did once</u>, <u>when he offered up himself</u>" Hebrews 7:26-27.

"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" Hebrews 9:26.

"Forasmuch as ye know that <u>ye were not redeemed with corruptible things</u>, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with <u>the precious blood of Christ</u>, as of <u>a lamb without blemish and without spot</u>" 1 Peter 1:18-19.

"And the LORD smelled a sweet savour; and the LORD said in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any more for man's sake; for the imagination of man's heart is evil from his youth; neither will I again smite any more every thing living, as I have done" Genesis 8:21.

Propitiation is "the Saviour" and "savour"

The voluntary, sinless sacrifice "which taketh away the sin of the world" of the Lord Jesus Christ Himself "to

The Saving Work of
Jesus Christ

• <u>Redemption</u> = Jesus Christ
PAID THE PRICE for all sins
• <u>Propitiation</u> = Jesus Christ
SATISFIED the justice of God
the Father
• <u>Reconciliation</u> = God's
PEACE TREATY with the
entire human race

God" as "a sweetsmelling savour" turned away God's wrath as Noah's sacrifice did after the flood, for anyone who believes that the Lord Jesus Christ is both "the Saviour" and "savour" for him personally, John 3:36.

This is "propitiation."

Drs Waite and DiVietro may dismiss the above as an example of having to *chase all over* the King James Bible to find the definitions of its words⁷ but "he that seeketh findeth" Matthew 7:7 and "unto you that hear shall more be given" Mark 4:24.

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