

PROPITIATION

- 1. Propitiation is the appeasement of God’s just wrath through a required substitutionary sacrifice.**
 - a. **Ge 8:20-21** 20 [After the flood] Noah built an altar to Yahweh, took some of every clean animal and some of every clean bird, and offered burnt offerings on the altar. 21 And when Yahweh smelled the pleasing aroma, Yahweh said in his heart, I will never again curse the ground because of man, for the intention of man’s heart is evil from his youth. Neither will I ever again strike down every living creature as I have done.
2. Concepts like imputation, justification, reconciliation, redemption, and salvation have slightly different emphases, though they are closely related to propitiation.
- 3. God’s “smelling the pleasing aroma” indicates propitiation is happening.**
 - a. **Le 1:3-9** 5 Then [the man] shall kill the bull before Yahweh, and Aaron’s sons the priests shall bring the blood and throw the blood against the sides of the altar that is at the entrance of the tent of meeting. 6 Then he shall flay the burnt offering and cut it into pieces, 7 and the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire on the altar and arrange wood on the fire. 8 And Aaron’s sons the priests shall arrange the pieces, the head, and the fat, on the wood that is on the fire on the altar, 9 but its entrails and its legs he shall wash with water. And the priest shall burn all of it on the altar, as a burnt offering, a food offering with a pleasing aroma to Yahweh.
- 4. Propitiation requires the bloody death of a qualified substitute.**
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 - b. **Ro 3:24-25** 24 [All believers] are justified by [God’s] grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Messiah Jesus, 25 whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.
 - c. Without substitutionary atonement, there is no propitiation.
- 5. Because he loves us, God sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.**
 - a. **1 Jn 4:10** 10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation (ἱλασμός) for our sins.
 - b. God sent his son into the world to save the world through propitiation.
 - (1) **Jn 3:16-17** 16 God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
 - c. God put forward Messiah Jesus, his Son, as a propitiation by his blood.

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- 6. Jesus had to become fully man in order to make propitiation for the sins of man.**
- Heb 2:17** 17 [Jesus] had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation (ἱλάσκομαι) for the sins of the people.
 - Php 2:6-8** 6 Though [Messiah Jesus] was in the form of God, [he] did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.
- 7. Jesus is the propitiation for the sins of the entire human race, without exception.**
- 1 Jn 2:2** 2 [Jesus] is the propitiation (ἱλασμός) for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.
 - Jn 1:29** 29 The next day [John] saw Jesus coming toward him and said, Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!
 - No one else is qualified to die for our sins.
 - No one else is able to add anything to Jesus' propitiation. This includes the Christian "saints" and all religious teachers of history.
- 8. Propitiation must be received by faith.**
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 - Good works cannot provide propitiate for personal sins.
- 9. The result of propitiation is:**
- Acceptance before God.
(1) **Le 1:3** 3 If [a man's] offering is a burnt offering from the herd, he shall offer a male without blemish. He shall bring it to the entrance of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before Yahweh.
 - Justification and redemption.
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