

THE JUDGE IS SATISFIED

Romans 3:25-26

Aspects of the doctrine of propitiation...

I. THE UNIQUE NATURE OF PROPITIATION

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propitiation – to ‘appease or satisfy wrath’ ... or to ‘placate one who is angry.’

(*expiation* – removing of sin)

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*Heb 9:5 - ...and above it were the cherubim of glory
overshadowing the mercy seat...*

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II. THE DIVINE INITIATION OF PROPITIATION

25 whom God displayed publicly...

Exo 29:23 - ... the basket of unleavened bread which is set before the LORD...

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1 John 4:10 - ... He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

P.T. Forsyth – *The prime doer in Christ's cross was God. Christ was God reconciling. He was God doing the very best for man, and not man doing his very best for God.*

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T.W. Manson – *But in Christ the mercy seat is no longer kept in the sacred seclusion of the most holy place – it is brought out into the midst of the rough and tumble world and set up before the eyes of the hostile, contemptuous, or indifferent crowds.*

III. THE DUAL MEANS OF PROPITIATION

A. CHRIST'S PART

25...propitiation in His blood...

Rom 5:9 - ... having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

Eph 1:7 - In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses...

Col 1:20 - ... having made peace through the blood of His cross...

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25...in His blood...

Heb 9:22 - ... without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Rom 5:9–10 - 9 ...(we have) been justified by His blood...10...we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son...

III. THE DUAL MEANS OF PROPITIATION

B. MAN'S PART

25...through faith...

Heb 11:6 - And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

Eph 2:8 - For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God;

IV. THE ULTIMATE INTENT OF PROPITIATION

25...This was to demonstrate His righteousness...

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Acts 17:30 – (God) overlooked the times of ignorance...

Heb 10:4 - For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

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25...in forbearance God passed over...

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NASELLI – *That illustrates how God saved Old Testament believers on credit. Just like I enter my credit card in a machine, they offered sacrifices to God in faith, just like I get the gas, they receive genuine forgiveness of sin. Just like I receive a bill for the gas and pay it, Christ received their bill and paid their sin debt in full at the cross. Christ died publicly to demonstrate God's righteousness in saving Old Testament believers on credit.*

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B. THROUGH WHAT HE DOES IN THE PRESENT

26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time...

26...so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Isa 45:21 - ...there is no other God besides Me, a righteous God and a Savior...

Psa 85:10 – Lovingkindness and truth have met together; Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

*1 John 2:2 - and He Himself is the **propitiation** for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.*

Matt 11:28-30 - Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. 29 “Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 “For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

Rom 2:4–5 - 4 Or do you think lightly of the riches of His kindness and tolerance and patience, not knowing that the kindness of God leads you to repentance? 5 But because of your stubbornness and unrepentant heart you are storing up wrath for yourself in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God,