

Standing On The Promises

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The church is exploding. People are sharing Christ and moving in the power of the Holy Spirit. The explanation for their faith has come through the OT and the appearance of Jesus Christ. Now these people are facing opposition, persecution, and criticisms. Therefore the apostles wrote letters to more fully explain the faith and encourage people to stand on the promises. The letter to the Romans written by Paul is most thorough presentation of Christianity in the Bible.

His words of encouragement starts out by saying:

Romans 1:16 (ESV)

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes.

Paul addresses man's separation from God:

Romans 1:18 (ESV)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.

Paul then addresses God's solution "to end the separation" between God and man

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²⁴ (We) are justified (declared righteous) by his grace (power) as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, **to be received by faith.**

We want to look at the foundational promise Paul presents to these Christians and to all future Christians encouraging them to continue in their faith being filled with the Holy Spirit. This foundational promise is stated succinctly as:

"Christ Jesus whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood."

The foundational word in this foundational verse is PROPITIATION!

We are going to look at the definition of this word and then we are going to interject the expanded definition in the verse in order to grasp the full meaning of God. Listen God is speaking, “Thus saith the LORD: PROPITIATION!”

Propitiation properly signifies the removal of wrath by the offering of a gift.

New Bible dictionary

pro•pi•ti•a•tion

Something that propitiates – appeases - *specifically*:

An **atoning** sacrifice.

Merriam-Webster’s collegiate dictionary

Atone – to supply satisfaction for: **EXPIATE**: to make amends – *atone* for sins.

Merriam-Webster’s collegiate dictionary

Expiate – to pay the penalty.

Webster’s Seventh New Collegiate Dictionary

atone•ment

The reconciliation of God and mankind through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ

Merriam-Webster’s collegiate dictionary

Let us substitute the various definition to grasp the meaning of what the Creator God is trying to tell us.

“Christ Jesus whom God put forward as a **propitiation** by his blood.” **Jesus the payment for our sins!**

Propitiation - *New Bible dictionary*

“Christ Jesus whom God put forward as (the removal of wrath by the offering of a gift) by his blood.”

Propitiation - *Merriam-Webster's collegiate dict.*

“Christ Jesus whom God put forward to (appease as an atoning sacrifice) by his blood.”

Atonement - *Merriam-Webster's collegiate dict.*

“Christ Jesus whom God put forward to (atone for sins, to supply satisfaction: EXPIATE, to make amends) by his blood.”

Expiate - *Webster's Seventh New Collegiate Dict.*

“Christ Jesus whom God put forward (to pay the penalty for sins) by his blood.”

Atonement - *Merriam-Webster's collegiate dict.*

“Christ Jesus whom God put forward as (the reconciliation of God and mankind through the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ) by his blood.”

Isolated Theology – Intellectualism – Death
IT IS WHAT PAUL BELIEVED NOT WHAT I BELIEVE!

Those looking for God – Life – Personal Application
Expiation – Expiate – to pay the penalty for.
It is like Jesus was a Substitute for me. I'm Forgiven!

I stand before you today as a Pastor for the Lord Jesus Christ because of a desperation prayer, the Bible and Webster's Dictionary!

Biblical Context – Revelation of the Creator God – **Paul is addressing those full of the Holy Spirit On Fire without thorough Theology!** This message is for us to know God, to be in relationship with God, and to be filled with the life of God.

We are going to close with three different places where God tell us how to come HIM and to receive the Life of God. Each of these Biblical statements is an **extended explanation of "Propitiation"** and says exactly the same thing.

- **First - Simple presentation**
- **Second - More difficult presentation**
- **Third - Most difficult presentation**

Way to God: Simple Presentation:

John 3:16 (ESV)

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

Way to God: More Difficult Presentation:

2Cor.5:21 (NASB)

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

Way to God: Most Difficult Presentation (with notes):

Romans 3:24–25 (ESV)

²⁴ (We) are justified (declared righteous) by his grace (power) as a gift, through the redemption (buying back) that is in **Christ Jesus, whom God put forward** as a **propitiation** (to pay the penalty for our sins) **by his blood** (clearing the way to come to God), to be received by faith.

At this is a time that God, Jesus Christ, and all HIS angels are looking down on us! This very second God is extending HIS offer of Forgiveness and eternal LIFE! Now, the most important decision ever! Therefore let us believe, pray, and receive!

Dear God I believe that Jesus died for my sins and cleared the way for me to come to YOU. Dear God I believe that I am forgiven. Dear God fill me with your Holy Spirit.

If you prayed this prayer you passed from death to life. You have life because the Holy Spirit lives powerfully within you.

**Prophetic Team
Hear from the Holy Spirit to change the current situation or impact the future.**