

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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### CHRIST AS THE PROPITIATORY COVER

#### ✦ GOD BREATHED (2 Tim 3:16):

Rom. 3:25 - Whom God set forth as a **propitiation place** through faith in His blood, for the demonstrating of His righteousness, in that in His forbearance God **passed over the sins** that had previously occurred,

#### ✦ THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST (Phil. 3:8):

The [Greek] words -

- *Hilasterion* denotes the **place** of propitiation;
- *hilasmos* denotes a propitiatory **sacrifice**; and
- *hilaskomai* means **to propitiate**.

**Propitiation** is needed when

- **one** party [*sinner*] is indebted
- to **another** [*God*] and unable to meet that party's demands and requirements.
- Should a **third** party [*Christ*] appear on the scene,
  - he may solve the problem between the first two parties
  - by paying what the first party owes and
  - causing the second party to be satisfied with this payment.

This is precisely what the Lord Jesus did in **offering Himself** as the propitiatory sacrifice to solve our problems with God.

#### ❖ [*Hilasterion – place of propitiation*]

Romans 3:25 says, “Whom God set forth a propitiation-cover through faith in His blood.”

- God has **set forth** Christ Jesus as a **propitiatory cover** (Heb. 9:5; Exo. 25:17-25; Lev. 16:12-16)

#### ❖ [*Hilaskomai, which means to appease*]

Hebrews 2:17 says, “...might become a merciful and faithful High Priest in the things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people.”

- the Lord Jesus **made propitiation** for our sins
- to reconcile us to God by satisfying God's righteous demands on us
- which means **to appease**, to reconcile one by satisfying the other's demand

#### ❖ [*Hilasmos denotes a propitiatory sacrifice*]

1John 2:2 says, “And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for those of the whole world.”

1John 4:10 says “Herein is love, not that we have loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son as a propitiation for our sins.”

- the Lord Jesus is the **propitiatory sacrifice** for our sins.

- Here on the **propitiatory cover**
  - God can meet with us and
  - speak with us
  - we can be at peace with God and
  - receive grace from Him
  
- The **two cherubim** of glory with their faces toward the propitiatory cover **signify**
  - that **God's glory** has been satisfied with what Christ has done.
  
- The **propitiatory blood** sprinkled upon the propitiatory cover (Lev. 16:14-15)
  - Inside the ark, **under** the propitiatory cover,
    - is the **law** with its demands, which exposed us and condemned us.
  - Furthermore, **above** the propitiatory cover
    - is God's **glory** (cherubim) watching and observing everything that takes place.
  - **But** through Christ both the demands of God's law and the requirements of God's glory have been **satisfied**.
  - Therefore, this propitiatory cover **equals** the **throne of grace** (Heb. 4:16).

#### ✚ **SPEAK TO THE PEOPLE ALL THE WORDS OF THIS LIFE (Act 5:20):**

When we look at the **redeeming blood** on the **propitiatory cover**, our conscience is at peace.

- We know that Christ **died** for us and
- that the **blood**, the emblem of His death,
- has been **sprinkled** for us on the **propitiatory cover**
- to satisfy the **requirements** of God's righteousness.

*(Life-Study of Exodus, Chapter 79, Section 3)  
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