



MISSION CITY

BIBLE CHURCH

DATE: Sunday, April 2, 2023

TITLE: The Atonement: Propitiation

SERIES: Nothing But The Blood: How The Atonement Changes Everything

PASSAGE: 1 John 4:9-11

INTRO:

cf., Leviticus 17:11

Propitiation is a sacrifice that bears God's _____ to the end and in so doing changes God's wrath toward us into _____.

BIG IDEA: Jesus died as our propitiation.

3 ASPECTS OF GOD'S LOVE FOR US:

1. The _____ of love: God sent his only Son (v9)

2. The _____ of love: To be the propitiation for our sins (v10)

PROPITIATION IS NOT:

- a. Jesus getting his angry Father to _____ about us;
- b. An angry Father taking out his _____ on his son;
- c. Us _____ to God for our sin.

PROPITIATION IS:

- a. The _____ of a loving Heavenly Father;
- b. A _____ God makes;
- c. Something God _____.

cf., Romans 3:23-25; Hebrews 2:17; 1 John 2:2

3. The _____ of love: So we also ought to love one another (v11)



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you ever heard the word propitiation? Before Sunday's message, how would you have defined that word? What are some of the ways people misunderstand the word propitiation?
2. Read 1 John 4:10. Define propitiation.
3. Read 1 John 4:9-11 and write down all the things you learn about God and what He has done.
4. Using only verses 9-11, define **love**.
5. 1 John 4:9 tells us how God's love was made manifest. What does manifest mean in this context?
6. According to this passage, why did God send His Son into the world and why was that necessary? Use correlating Scripture verses to support your answer.
7. The concept **God is love** is well known. What are the problems with the way culture presents this truth today?
8. How does God show His love for his children (v9-10)? What are we called to do as a result (v11)?
9. What sorts of things make you feel loved by someone?
10. How do you show others you love them?
11. Who are the people in your life that you have a hard time loving?
12. Read Romans 5:8. Considering how God the Father and God the Son have loved you (while you were still sinning!), how can you love this person/these people? What specific changes can you make in how you think about them, interact with them, and pray for them?