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PROPITIATION

- Definition - The act of appeasing or pacifying anger
- Theological Definition - a sacrifice that makes God favourable towards us by removing sin



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1 John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.



Key Word: Wrath

Why is God so wrathful towards sin?

- Sin is a failure to conform to the moral law of God in act, attitude, or nature. In essence, it is unbelief and rebellion...it is the de-God-ing of God.
- In any sin God is always the most offended party. Psalm 51
- God has no tolerance for evil.



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What God's wrath is NOT:

- Reactionary
- Flippant
- Arbitrary
- Malicious
- Vindictive
- Spiteful
- Irrational



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The wrath of God is His steady, unrelenting, unremitting, uncompromising, antagonism to evil in all its forms and manifestations. God is angry about sin.

Romans 1:18 - For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth.



3 Questions

1. What is the problem?
2. Who can fix it?
3. How is it fixed?



What is the problem?

Ephesians 2:1-3 - And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

- Sin arouses the wrath of God. God needs to be propitiated.



Who can fix it?

Romans 3:22 - 25 - For there is no distinction: for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.



Who can fix it?

1 John 4:10 - In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

- God does the propitiating!



How is it fixed?

1 John 2:1-2 - My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

- Sin needs to be removed and wrath needs to be averted
- Christ died for us removing our sin and averting the wrath of God



The Wonder and Glory of the Cross

God's holiness and justice are
not diminished.

God's love is unequalled.



Communion

- It is a **remembrance** of Christ and his work ...for we easily forget what is most important
- It is a **proclamation** of Christ and his death...that the gospel may ever encourage our faltering hearts
- It is a **participation** with believers in communion with Christ...that we may be strengthened in grace together



