

KEY – 4, Continuation of Christ's Work, 3 pgs

E. **Reconcile:** to make peace between two parties at odds with each other **Reconciliation** - restoration of a broken relationship

Col.1:20-22, Christ reconciled all things to Himself by having made peace [implies conflict] through the blood of His cross

2 Cor.5:19, God reconciled the world [us] to himself

What happened when we were reconciled to God?

Our alienation from God was ended by removing the cause - our sin, guilt, and condemnation

Rom.5:10, we were reconciled to God while we were enemies, v.1, we [now] have peace with God

Represented by the Peace (or Fellowship) offering (Lev.3:1 NIV note, see **Beg. at Mos. p.287**), a communal meal depicting peace and fellowship between God and man.

F. **Propitiation:** describes the **satisfaction** of God's justice and **appeasement** of his anger [turning aside of His wrath]; means whereby our sin is covered and remitted thereby turning aside God's wrath and restoring us to His favor (The God Who Is There, Carson, **p.178-179**)

Heb.2:17, He had to be made like his brethren in all things in order to become a merciful and faithful high priest ... to make propitiation for the sins of the people NIV - atonement NLT - a sacrifice that would take away sins

1 Jn.4:9-10, the love of God was manifest in that God sent his only begotten son into the world that we might live through him. God loved us and sent his son to be the propitiation for our sins

Lk.18:10-13, be propitious [not merciful] to me, the sinner [turn aside Your wrath from me even though I deserve it and look favorably upon me even though I don't deserve it]

[Moses] sprinkled with blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified [cleansed] with blood, and without the shedding of blood [death of the sacrifice to appease the anger of God] there is no forgiveness [cleansing] of sins (Heb.9:21-22)

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Blood sprinkled on the Mercy seat [propitiatory, lid covering ark of the covenant, lit. place of satisfaction, **Beg. at Mos. p.90**] postponed God's wrath so He could look upon the people with favor, represented by the sacrificial goat offered on the Day of Atonement [**p.291**].

v.5, **Just as I am**, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, **pardon** [propitiation], **cleanse** [expiation], relieve

G. **Expiation:** the removal of the sin and cleansing [purifying] of the guilty conscience [**Beg. at Mos. p.90-91**]

Heb.9:21-22 ... Christ has appeared ... to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself (v.26)

(Tit.2:14, [Jesus Christ] who gave Himself [His life] for us, to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession...

Ps.38:4, My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear, NIV

Ps.103:12, As far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our sins from us.

The **scapegoat** was turned loose into the wilderness on Day of Atonement symbolizing the removal of sin [p.290-291].

Isa.6:7b, Isaiah sees himself in the light of God's holiness as utterly unclean and undone. He describes the plight of all people as having unclean lips. An angel touches his lips with a burning coal from the altar signifying, *your guilt is taken away* [expiation] *and your sin is atoned for* [propitiation].

Rock of Ages, acapella by Glad, an interpretive analysis of the first 2 verses

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZ5Kti_hvxU

Rock [figure of God in the OT as a place of safety, **Ps.18:2**, here referring to Christ] **of Ages** cleft [split open] *for me, let me hide myself* [take refuge, **Ex.33:21-22**] *in thee; let the water* [for washing away the stain and guilt of sin] *and the blood* [for appeasing the wrath of God], *from Thy wounded side that flowed* [**Jn.19:34**], *be of sin the double cure, save from wrath* [propitiation] *and make me pure* [clean, expiation].

All the labors of my hands [no matter how hard I try] *can't fulfill Thy law's demands* [I fail, fall short]; *could my zeal no respite know* [never slacken or diminish], *could my tears* [of sorrow over my sin] *forever flow, all* [labors, zeal, tears] *for sin could not atone* [make up for my sin; make things right with God; save me]. *Thou must save and Thou alone.*

H. Forgiveness: remission of a debt or offense; a grant of free pardon

Col.2:13-14, He **made** you who were **dead** in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh **alive** together with Him, having forgiven all trespasses, having wiped out the handwriting of requirements that was against us [ESV, canceling the record of debt], which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way [ESV, set it aside], having nailed it to the cross.

Heb.8:12, I will remember their sins no more

Micah 7:18-19 ... pardoning iniquity ... passing over transgressions ... He will tread our iniquities under foot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

It is pictured by the scapegoat sent out into the wilderness bearing and removing the sins and guilt of the nation (**Lev.16:20-22**).

I. Regeneration: rebirth; the work of the Holy Spirit that makes us new creatures, **alive to God**

2 Cor.5:17, the one who is in Christ [condition] is a **new creation**

Col.2:13, He made us [the dead] **alive** with Christ having **forgiven** us all our trespasses

1 Cor.15:50, flesh and blood cannot **inherit** the kingdom of God [it is spiritual in nature],

Jn.3:1-8, you must [indicative dei – it is necessary, required - stating a fact rather than a command] be [or become] **born again** [or from above]

Jas.1:18, He **brought us forth** [gave birth to us] of His own will that we should be a kind of first fruits of his creatures

1 Pt.1:3 ... He has caused us to be **born again** [regenerated us] to a living hope through [means]

the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead

Ez.36:26, *I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you.*

Ez.37:1-4, valley of dry bones - read **37:4** note, ESV