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Because God loves you, He Provides- Part 25

Did you know that God loves you more than anyone else could ever love you?

God proves His love to you by providing **His propitiation** to you. **1 John 2:2**, *“and He Himself is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for those of the whole world.”*

What an amazing word - propitiation. It comes from the Greek word *hilasterion* and literally means the act of atoning for sin or wrongdoing. The means of expiating our sin. In the Hebrew, it is the word *kapporeth* which means “covering” - it was used of the lid of the Ark of the Covenant; the place of the Mercy Seat. Jesus is the covering, the mercy seat, the redeemer for our sin. He is our propitiation. God has provided redemption through covering our sins with the blood of Jesus; the Lamb of God. **2 Cor. 5:21**, *“For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.”*

Stop for just a moment. Whatever else may have your attention, put it aside and hear this overwhelming statement. Jesus Who never sinned, became our sin for us. He was the atonement. He was the covering. He was and is our propitiation. Why would He do this for us? For such a sinner like me? The answer is in the second part of that verse - *that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*. What God provided for us all is complete and perfect forgiveness for our sin. And what would motivate the God of all the universe to do this? It was and is His unconditional love for us. Every bit of anger, malice, lust, selfishness and rebellion is “covered” by His perfect sacrifice.

Dear Father, thank You for covering my sin. I can't imagine that You could love me so much that You would become my sin; that You would atone for my sin with Your perfect sinless blood. I love You so much. Use me today to share the good news to everyone that I can. In Jesus Name, Amen