


# 1 John 2

- My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:
- <sup>2</sup> And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.


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- Propitiation = act of appeasing, to gain favour, to make someone less angry, to please
  - Mercy Seat = Cover for Ark of Covenant



Ark of  
the Covenant



# PROPITIATION – Misunderstandings

- Act of Appeasement
  - God changed from love to hate
  - Needed death of Jesus to love us
  - Jesus had to satisfy the wrath of God
  - Sent His son so that he could love us
  - God killed his son to save us from himself
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# PROPTIATION

- God's love is what motivated him to send His son (John 3:16)
- God's anger / wrath is not absence of love but its expression against self-destructive force of sin
- Not indifferent to sin – final solution was the cross.

# 1 John 4

- 9 In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through him.
- 10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

# 1 John 4

- <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.