

## Big Bible Words with Big Meaning "Propitiation"

### Introduction:

1. As you study your Bible, there are two invaluable tools that will assist you.
  - First, a thorough Bible dictionary
  - Second, a good English dictionary
2. Many times you will be reading God's Word and encounter big words that you do not know the meaning of. This is true of any book.
  - But we know that every word of the Bible is God's Word, therefore it is crucial that we understand what we are reading.
3. There are some big words in the Bible that are absolutely crucial to your salvation and spiritual growth.
4. For the next few weeks we will examine and explain some of these words that are absolutely essential that you understand. Your Christian life will not operate on the basis of ignorance. Paul said in **Colossians 1:9**, "...*that ye might be filled...*"
5. The first word I want to focus on is the word "propitiation."
6. Let's look at this word as it is used in several verses. **Romans 3:25;**  
**1 John 2:2, 4:10**

### First, what does the word propitiation mean?

1. Webster's 1828 Dictionary - "Appeasing the wrath of and conciliating the favor of an offended person."
2. Webster's online dictionary defines the verb "propitiate" as "gaining the favor of."
3. Let's sum up a definition of propitiation: the act of appeasing one offended and gaining his favor.

### Second, why do I need a propitiation?

1. You and I need a propitiation because we have **offended** the God of heaven.
2. God gave His law as a righteous standard and we have broken it.  
**Romans 3:19-20**
  - The law reveals our rebellion and sin against God and cries out, "**Guilty.**"
3. **Romans 5:20** says that the law entered that the offence might abound. God gave us His written law to reveal clearly how we have offended a holy God.
4. **Colossians 1:21** declares that we are alienated from God by wicked works. God hates sin and cannot fellowship with sin. A holy God **must** punish sin and pour out His wrath on sin. **Romans 6:23** says that the wages of sin is death.
5. Where does this leave us? **Ephesians 5:3-6** makes it abundantly clear. We are left to incur the wrath and judgment of Almighty God.
6. Would you say we need a propitiator? Do we need someone who can propitiate, that is appease God (the offended party) on our behalf and place us in favor with Him?

### **Third, who is the propitiation for my sins?**

1. **1 Timothy 2:5** declares, *"For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus."*
  - The Bible is clear - only one person is qualified to propitiate to God on our behalf. That person is Jesus Christ.
2. What did Christ do to propitiate for our sins? Look at the next verse, *"Who gave himself a ransom for all..."* **1 Timothy 2:6**
  - This matches **1 John 2:2**. This propitiatory work by Christ to God was for all men. In fact, this is the reason Christ came into this world.  
**1 John 4:10**
3. Jesus **satisfied** the demands of a holy God by keeping the law. He never sinned one time. Christ then willingly paid the penalty for our sin by dying on the cross.
4. Christ took the full wrath of God against sin so that we would not have to incur it. When we fully deserved the wrath of God for our sin, Christ propitiated that wrath on the cross. **Romans 5:8-9**
  - Because He was sinless and spotless, His sacrifice was completely acceptable and satisfying to God.
5. A great illustration of propitiation is found in the Old Testament when on the Day of Atonement the high priest of Israel would enter in the holy of holies with the blood of a bullock.
  - There in front of him was the ark of the covenant (a chest that looked like a coffin). In it were the tables of the law which Israel had broken over and over again.
  - Above the ark was the covering cherubims and God's glory was said to dwell between them. You have a holy God, a broken law, and, in between, a mercy seat (same word as propitiation). There the high priest would sprinkle the blood. Now the blood stood between a holy God and the broken law. The blood was an atonement, a propitiation for the sins of Israel.
  - God's offended justice could only be propitiated by the blood that was sprinkled.
6. All of this was a shadow of the final once-for-all sacrifice of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.

### **Fourth, how do I apply the propitiation of Christ to my life?**

1. Christ has done a marvelous work on your behalf. How do you apply it to your life so that you are at peace with God? **Romans 3:25, 28, 5:1**
2. The Bible is clear. You apply it to your heart by faith in Jesus Christ. The moment that you believe and trust that His sacrifice was enough to propitiate for your sins, God fully forgives you of all sin and brings you into a place of peace with Himself.
3. You now have a restored relationship with God. It has nothing to do with your religious works or rituals you performed or church you joined. It is only because you have a propitiator who made a propitiation for your sin!

4. God is fully satisfied with the sacrifice Christ made for sin. When you rest in Him and trust Him and believe that what Christ did was fully sufficient, you and God are now in full agreement and He saves and forgives you based on what Christ did on the cross.
5. Have you trusted Christ? Have you simply believed totally on Him to save you from the wrath of God and make you at peace with God? If not, you need desperately to trust Him today.



## **Big Bible Words with Big Meaning "Redemption"**

### **Introduction:**

1. You hold in your hand God's Word! It is God's Word to you. Do you want to know what God is thinking? Do you know what God is up to today? You will find it in God's Word.
2. Everything you need to know about God's plan and God's purpose is found in your Bible. God had made known the mystery of His will through the counsel of His Word.
3. The Bible is a book to be learned and understood. **2 Timothy 3:14-15**
  - When Satan tells you that you cannot understand the Bible, it is a lie. He wants to keep you from your source of help, strength, comfort, wisdom, etc.
4. Will you encounter verses or words that you do not understand? Of course - this is true of any book. A Bible dictionary and English dictionary will assist you greatly.
5. For a few weeks we are examining big Bible words that are extremely important that you grasp. You need to understand these words because your salvation and spiritual growth hinges on the truths found in these words.
6. The word I want to focus on today is "redemption." Let's read **Ephesians 1:7** and then answer some vital questions about the word redemption.

### **First, what does the word redemption mean?**

1. Webster's online dictionary defines it as "to free from captivity by payment of a ransom."
2. Strong's Concordance defines it as "to ransom in full." The word for "redemption" is also translated "deliverance."
3. The Bible dictionary says, "Deliverance by payment of a price."
4. Let's sum up a definition of redemption: it is to release a captive by paying a ransom.
  - **Illustration:** One of my boys is taken captive - he is kidnapped. The captors are calling for a ransom of \$10,000. We pay the ransom and set him free. What have we done? We have redeemed him. We have delivered him - set him free.

### **Second, why do I need redemption?**

1. You and I need redemption because we are in the worst kind of captivity.
  - We are captives in the family of Satan. **Ephesians 2:2-3**
  - We are called the children of disobedience and the children of wrath.
2. We have all disobeyed God's law, and this carries with it the penalty of death (**Ephesians 2:1**). The wrath of God will one day be poured out on all those who have disobeyed His righteous law and sinned against Him. **Romans 2:5**

3. We are in bondage to sin and Satan and the payment we owe is death, eternal death and separation from God (**Revelation 20:14-15**). We desperately need redemption. Without it we are doomed.

### **Third, who has paid for my redemption?**

1. The Bible teaches that Christ was made under the law. Christ was placed under the tutelage of the law, but unlike us, He was obedient in all things.  
**Hebrews 4:15**
2. Why was it so important that Christ be made under the law and keep it perfectly? **Galatians 4:5** says "... to redeem them that were under the law."
3. Jesus Christ kept the law, therefore the law could not justly demand His death (like you and I).
4. But do you know what He did? He willingly gave His life and bore the curse of the law (death). He did this **for us**. **Ephesians 5:2**
5. Christ paid our ransom! Because of what Christ has done we can be set free from the curse of the law. We are redeemed from its slavery.  
**Galatians 3:13**
6. You and I are slaves to our sin. God's righteous law cries out for our death. According to the Bible, where is redemption for us to be found?  
**Romans 3:24** (in Christ Jesus)
  - You will not find it anywhere else - religion, good works, kind deeds, baptism. **Ephesians 2:8-9**
7. Redemption is found in a person, Jesus Christ. He shed His blood and gave His life a ransom so that we could go free from the penalty of the law.  
**Ephesians 1:7**
  - **1 Corinthians 6:20** declares that every believer has been bought with a price.
  - **Acts 20:28** emphatically states that He purchased us with his own blood.
  - The price to redeem you was not silver, gold, or money. The ransom price was the precious blood of the innocent Lamb of God, Jesus Christ.  
**1 Peter 1:18-19**

### **Fourth, how do I apply redemption to my life?**

1. You can't work for it or earn it. **Ephesians 1:7** says it is according to the riches of His **grace**. Grace cannot be earned or deserved, only received.  
**Ephesians 2:8-9**
2. God is offering to every individual, redemption from the penalty of the law and sin through Christ's redemptive work on the cross.
3. It is a gift of God's grace, and can only be received by faith.
4. The moment your heart completely trusts in Jesus Christ and His work on the cross, the ransom price He paid is applied to you personally and you are redeemed.
5. Once you are redeemed you become a child of God and part of His family.  
**Galatians 4:4-5**

### **In Conclusion:**

1. A beautiful illustration of redemption is found in **Exodus 6:5-8**.
2. This is what God has done for us spiritually today.
  - God has redeemed us from the bondage of our sin.
  - He has taken us to Himself and we are now His people.
  - He has blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.
3. Have you been redeemed? If not, why not place your faith and trust in Christ today?

## Big Bible Words with Big Meaning "Justification"

### Introduction:

1. There is a common myth I want to dispel this morning. Here it is - "I can't understand the Bible." Many people have convinced themselves of this and it simply is not true.
  - The only way this would be true is if the Bible were not written in the language you speak and understand.
  - **Ephesians 5:17** - where do I discover the will of God? In the Word of God, and God says I can understand it.
  - **Colossians 1:9** - God wants you to be filled with spiritual understanding. This happens as you read, study, and learn God's Word.
2. The Bible is not written in secret code. It isn't written in a mystical and symbolic manner that is hard to figure out. It is a book written to real people in real places in plain language that they understood and we can understand today.
3. Will there be words that you don't know or understand? Of course, but this is true of any book you read, unless it is written on an elementary school level.
4. This is why it is crucial that you have an English dictionary and also a Bible dictionary when you study the Word of God. Read it slowly, re-read it and look up words or places that you do not recognize.
5. We have been examining some big Bible words that are crucial to your understanding.
6. The word I want to focus on today is "justification." **Romans 4:25, 5:18**

### First, what does the word justification mean?

1. Webster's on-line defines it as "the act, process or state of being justified by God."
  - So if I have **received** justification, it means I have been justified. That doesn't help our understanding a lot.
2. As you can probably see, these words come from the root word "justice." God is the ultimate Judge of you and me. **Romans 3:6**
3. When God **judges**, it is always executed with perfect **justice**. So if I am justified by God it means I have been proven to be just and right. I am judged, regarded and treated as righteous.
  - **Illustration:** Banana missing from my office and I know Larry loves bananas. When I question him, I find out he wasn't even in the office that day. Larry is justified. He is cleared of any guilt and declared to be righteous in the case of the banana theft.

### Second, why do I need justification?

1. By saying that I need it, this naturally infers that I don't have it. When you talk to a lot of people, they think they are fine. When you ask them, "Are you sure you are going to heaven you die?" they many times will say, "I'm okay with the man upstairs."
2. Why do people think they are okay with God?
  - Because they measure themselves by their own preconceived standard.

- Because they measure themselves by the actions of others.
3. Did you know that God has established a righteous and objective standard? It is called "the law."
    - God's law is found in the book of Exodus in your Bible. God's law contains hundreds of commands and is a perfect expression of God's righteousness.
  4. Have you kept God's righteous standard? Let's take just a few of the Ten Commandments.
    - Have you ever lied?
    - Have you ever taken something that didn't belong to you?
    - Have you ever taken God's name and used it as a curse word?
    - Have you ever committed sexual sin or had a lustful heart towards another person?
    - Did you ever disrespect your parents while growing up?
  5. Have you met God's righteous standard? If you were judged by God's standard on judgment day, would you be guilty or innocent?
  6. According to **Romans 3:19** we are all **guilty!** The law shows us that we have no hope of being justified before God based on our actions and behavior.  
**Romans 3:20**
  7. We desperately need justification before God, but we stand guilty before the Judge.

### **Third, what if I fail to receive justification before God?**

1. God's righteousness and justice will demand that you pay the penalty for your sin, disobedience, and disregard for God's law.
2. **Romans 6:23** is clear - "*The wages of sin is death.*" Your body will die physically, but your soul has a death to die too. **Ezekiel 18:20** states, "*The soul that sinneth, it shall die.*" **cf. Revelation 21:8**
3. You may believe that God's goodness will cause Him to overlook your sins, but it's God's goodness that will see to it that justice is served. If God allows one sin to go unpunished, He is not a righteous Judge, but rather a sinner like you and I.

### **Fourth, how can I receive justification before God?**

1. You and I stand guilty before God Almighty and face eternal death for our sin. We are helpless to do anything about it. Even if we were to stop sinning today and never sin again, it wouldn't erase all the sins of our past.
2. Our only hope is for God Himself to somehow provide justification **for us**. Did you know that is exactly what God has done for us by taking on flesh and blood and coming to this sin-cursed earth?
3. Jesus Christ kept the righteousness of the law in totality - not one act of disobedience or sin. **Hebrews 4:15**
4. Jesus kept the righteous standard and then suffered the penalty of sin on the cross. Why did He do this? **Romans 5:8; cf. 1 Peter 3:18**
5. Do you know what justification is?
  - Your sin is put on Christ's account and stamped, "Paid in Full."
  - Christ's righteousness is credited to your account.

6. How do you gain this justified position before God? You can't get it by **your** actions. We've already established the fact that we've all blown it. But there's good news. **Romans 3:21** - Righteousness is available **apart** from the law!
7. How do you obtain it? By simply believing and trusting in what Christ has done on your behalf. **Romans 3:22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 30**
8. When you believe that **His** work is the work that can reconcile you to God, you are immediately cleared of all guilt and Christ's righteousness is credited to your account. You are now **justified!** How did it happen? By faith in Jesus Christ.

**In Conclusion:**

1. Remember, justification is when I am cleared of all guilt and declared righteous before God. **2 Corinthians 5:21** sums up the doctrine of justification beautifully.
2. Have you ever believed this? Have you ever admitted your guilt and placed your total faith and trust in Jesus Christ?
3. Isn't today the day you need to do this? You do not want to die in your sins. Open up your heart and believe on Jesus Christ today.

## Big Bible Words with Big Meaning "Regeneration"

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2. Many times you will be reading God's Word and encounter big words that you do not know the meaning of. This is true of any book.
  - But we know that every word of the Bible is God's Word, therefore it is crucial that we understand what we are reading.
  - **Proverbs 30:5-6** proclaims, *"Every word of God is pure...Add thou not unto his words, lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar."*
3. We know that all Scripture is given by inspiration of God and is profitable (**2 Timothy 3:16**). But in order for you to get the profit out of it that God intended, you must understand the words you are reading and what they mean.
4. There are some big words in the Bible that are absolutely crucial to your salvation and spiritual growth.
5. For the past few weeks we have been examining and explaining some of these words that are absolutely essential that you understand. Your Christian life will not operate on the basis of ignorance. Paul said in **Colossians 1:9**, *"...that ye might be filled..."*
6. Today I want to examine an extremely important word. It is the word "regeneration." **Titus 3:5**

### First, what does the word regeneration mean?

1. Webster's defines it as "reproduction, the act of producing anew." So this definition gives the idea of something new being created or brought to life.
2. Strong's Concordance defines it as, "rebirth, spiritual renovation."
3. **Titus 3:5** uses the phrase *"washing of regeneration."* This is the idea of a regenerative, life-giving bath or water.
  - **Illustration:** You've heard fables about the fountain of youth. Old men or women can find this regenerative fountain, drink of it, and become new people. They have a rebirth, so to speak.
4. The Bible teaches that spiritually there is a river of living water that has regenerative, life-giving, life-changing power. **John 4:14**

### Second, why do I need regeneration?

1. The only way you would really need regeneration (life) is if you were dead.
2. You say, "That's kind of stupid. Of course I am alive. I'm here, breathing, and listening to you." But wait a minute - there is more to you than just your physical existence.
  - You were also created a spiritual being. You have a soul and spirit inside your body. **1 Thessalonians 5:23**
  - Here is the key question - do you have spiritual life within your soul and spirit?
3. The Bible teaches that nobody is born into the world with spiritual life.  
**Romans 5:12**

- Have you ever sinned against God? Have you ever disobeyed God? Do you know how the Bible describes you? **Ephesians 2:1-3** - *Dead in trespasses and sins.*
4. If we are to have any hope of living eternally, we desperately need regeneration. If we die in our sins, our soul and spirit will suffer forever in the place of eternal death. **Revelation 20:14-15** - We need spiritual life!

### **Third, who can give me regeneration?**

1. **Titus 3:5** has the answer to this question. Notice, after he uses the phrase "*washing of regeneration*" he then uses the phrase "*renewing of the Holy Ghost.*"
2. The words "regeneration" and "renewing" both mean "renovation." He tells you in this verse where they come from - God's Holy Spirit.
3. God alone can give life to the dead. The biggest lie Satan has going today is that you can somehow gain spiritual life by works that you do.
  - Keeping a set of religious rules
  - Practicing a list of religious rituals
  - Doing good works, getting baptized, joining the church, serving in the church
4. What does **Titus 3:5** clearly say? It says, "*Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...*"
5. Isn't it interesting that according to this verse, a lost person without the life of God can do works of righteousness. The apostle Paul had his own self-righteousness at one time, but he said in **Philippians 3:7-8** that it was absolutely worthless.
6. You can do good works, join a church, get baptized by every church in town, perform religious rituals your entire life, and die in your sins. You can't regenerate yourself or impart spiritual life to yourself. It is the work of God's Spirit.

### **Fourth, how can I receive the regeneration of God's Spirit?**

1. When the Holy Spirit enters into our spirit, He regenerates. He breathes life, eternal life, divine life into our spirit. No longer are we dead in sins, but alive in Christ. **Ephesians 2:5**
  - All of this is accomplished on the basis of Christ's finished work. **Titus 3:6**
  - The same Holy Spirit that raised up Jesus on the third day, now dwells in us. **Romans 8:11**
2. So how does all this happen? How does God choose those He regenerates? God gives His life to those who have been justified. **Titus 3:7**
3. Remember justification is when the sin issue has been dealt with and you are declared righteous and acceptable to God.
  - God cannot impart His life until the sin issue has been dealt with in justification. This is what we see in **Titus 3:7**.
  - Justification comes the moment you place your faith and trust in Jesus Christ. **Romans 5:1**
4. The moment you trust Christ, you are forgiven of all sins and you are declared no longer guilty, but righteous. This clears the way for God to be able to place His Spirit in you and join His life to you.
5. This is the order we see in **Ephesians 1:12-13**.
  - You must first hear the gospel.

- You make a decision to trust Christ and believe on Him (which brings justification).
- You then receive the regenerative life of God's Holy Spirit.

**In Conclusion:**

1. Sometimes you hear people praise God that they are saved and all their sins are forgiven.
2. That's only half of the story. God forgave you and cleansed you of all your sin so that He could, in turn, place His very life in you.
3. If you are saved, this means you have been regenerated and renewed by God's Spirit. Your spirit pulsates with divine life.
4. You have something better than the Fountain of Youth - you have partaken of the Fountain of God. **John 7:37-39**

## Big Bible Words with Big Meaning "Sanctification"

### Introduction:

1. What is the difference between a 50-yard dash and a marathon?
  - The 50-yard dash, you are running full speed ahead as fast as you can possibly go.
  - In a marathon, you are taking it slower and pacing yourself for the long haul.
2. Many people read their Bible like a 50-yard dash, but this won't work. You may be able to skim the newspaper, but you can't skim your Bible and expect to get anything out of it.
3. Your Bible reading should be more like a marathon - slow and easy, pacing yourself for the long haul.
4. All Scripture is profitable (**2 Timothy 3:16**), but in order to get the profit out of it that God intended, you must **understand** what you are reading. Paul exhorted Timothy, "*Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee **understanding** in all things.*" **2 Timothy 2:7**
5. A good Bible dictionary and English dictionary will help when you encounter words that you are not familiar with.
6. For the past few weeks, we have been examining some big Bible words that are extremely important for every person to understand.
7. The word I want to focus on today is "sanctification." Let's read **1 Thessalonians 4:3-4** and then answer some vital questions about the word "sanctification."

### First, what does the word sanctification mean?

1. Webster's defines it as, "the act of setting apart for a sacred purpose."
2. If something is sanctified, Strong's defines this as, "to make holy, purify."
3. An Old Testament illustration will help us understand this word. **Exodus 19:23**
  - God's holy purpose was to commune with Moses and give him the covenant of the law.
  - So God set boundaries around the mountain and sanctified it. The people could not come up the mountain. It had been set apart or sanctified for God's holy purpose of communing with Moses.
4. The word sanctification is closely tied to the word "holy." **Leviticus 11:44a**
  - In **1 Thessalonians 4:3**, the word "sanctification" is the same word translated in verse 7 as "holiness."

### Second, do I need sanctification?

1. The very moment you trust Christ as your Savior, you are spiritually placed in Christ. God no longer see you as "**in your sins**," but He sees you **in His Son**, in Christ. **1 Corinthians 1:2**
  - The moment you call upon Jesus to save you, you are set apart or sanctified in Christ Jesus.
  - With this "set apart" status, comes a new position. You are no longer viewed by God as a **sinner**, but as a **saint**. **1 Corinthians 6:11** (past tense)

2. So if you are saved, you **have been** sanctified. It's a done deal that is based on Christ's finished work. **1 Corinthians 1:30; Hebrews 10:10**
3. You have been delivered from this evil world (**Galatians 1:4**) and set apart for God. You now belong to God. **1 Corinthians 6:19**
4. If you have never been sanctified in Christ, this means that you are still lost in your sins and will suffer eternal death and condemnation apart from God.

### **Third, how does sanctification impact my daily life?**

1. If you have been delivered from this evil world, sanctified in Christ, and you are now part of the family of God, do you think this should have any impact on the way you live your life? Look at **1 Corinthians 6:20**.
2. God's will is for you to **live out** in your daily life who He has made you in Christ. This is the idea of **1 Thessalonians 4:3-5**.
  - If people have been sanctified and set apart for God's holy purposes, then you would expect to see this reflected in the way they live. **1 Thessalonians 4:7**
  - If you saw people trying to play hockey on a baseball field, this would undoubtedly seem odd, would it not? Why is this? Because the field was created and has been set apart to play baseball.
3. God said you were created in Christ unto good works (**Ephesians 2:10**). You were purified in Christ to be zealous of good works (**Titus 2:14**).
4. God's plan is for the sanctified believer to **live** a sanctified life. **2 Timothy 2:21**
  - With our new glorious position in Christ, there are things that simply do not belong in the believer's life.
  - We purge out the things that don't belong in our lives so that we are vessels that are sanctified (set apart) for God to use.
  - We are prepared for Christ to live His holy life through us.

### **Fourth, how do I live a sanctified life?**

1. Because we have been placed in Christ, this means that we are united with Him in His death, burial, and resurrection.
2. Just as Christ died to put away sin, we too are dead to sin. Sin no longer holds us in bondage.
3. Just as Christ rose from the dead with new life, we have been raised **with Him** and have been given His resurrection life.
4. As a believer in Christ, we simply believe what God's Word says is true. We reckon it to be true by faith. **Romans 6:11**
5. We then yield ourselves totally to the life of Christ within us. **Romans 6:19**
6. When we do this, we bring forth fruit unto holiness (same word as sanctification).
7. Your daily living now reflects your identity in Christ. This is the normal Christian life. You have been sanctified in Christ so that you could, in turn, go out and live a sanctified life.