

CELEBRATING JESUS

1 John 5: ⁷For there are three that bear witness in heaven: the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one.

Philippians 2: ⁵Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, ⁶who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, ⁷but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, *and* coming in the likeness of men. ⁸And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to *the point of* death, even the death of the cross

1. PROPITIATION

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

Propitiation: The act of appeasing wrath, Jesus satisfied the wrath of God that was against us,

2. REDEMPTION

Colossians 1: ¹²giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption through His blood,^(c) the forgiveness of sins.

Redemptions: Repurchase of captured goods or prisoners; the act of procuring the deliverance of persons or things from the possession and power of captors by the payment of an equivalent; ransom;

3. RECONCILIATION

Romans 5: ¹⁰For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. ¹¹And not only *that*, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

Reconciliation: God brings man into a completely changed relationship with Himself- from enmity and hostility and alienation to friendship and harmony and fellowship. Notice that the reconciliation is a one-way act of God toward man. (God did it all!)