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If Justification occurs at the point of faith, then this propitiation isn't realized until faith. It remains a *potential* or *hypothetical* propitiation, even for the elect, until they come to faith!

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Cp. The Snake on the pole in Numbers 21!

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