

# The Blood of Jesus #3: Redemption, Cleansing From Sin

The last two studies have shown how Jesus died as a sacrifice, the ultimate fulfillment of every type of OT sacrifice. We saw that his blood was

- the sign of the new covenant
- through his blood we are justified in God's sight (forgiven, seen as righteous)
- God's holy wrath against sin is propitiated (satisfied)
- through his blood we receive the atonement (reconciliation to God).

## Redemption

To redeem is to "buy back". We were lost, "sold under sin" (Rom. 7:14), but Christ "purchased" us with his blood. We were slaves to sin (Rom. 6:11-19), but Christ purchased our freedom. We are no longer slaves to sin, and so we are to "yield our members as instruments of righteousness unto God". We are a "blood-bought people". 1 Cor. 6:19-20 – ... ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

Ac. 20:28 – Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. (Paul, to the elders of Ephesus)

1 P. 1:18-19 – Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot

Rev. 5:9 – And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation

## Cleansing From Sin

Much was said in the Law about what things made men "unclean" and therefore unable to come before God. They could be "cleansed" by making a sacrifice. Sin makes us defiled and dirty. We even use the word "dirty" to describe sinful activities – dirty movies, dirty dancing, dirty minds, dirty money, etc. This defilement is not just on the surface, like someone who falls in the mud or works on an engine. It goes clear to the core, and defiles not just our actions, but our wills, purposes, goals, emotions, and conscience.

Hab. 1:13 – "Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look upon iniquity ..." So how can an unclean man stand before a holy God? By being washed in the blood of the Lamb.

1 Jn. 1:6-9 – But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and **the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin**. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and **to cleanse us from all unrighteousness**.

Rev. 1:5-6 – And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kingdoms of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins in his own blood**.

But we know that forgiveness is one thing, and a defiled conscience is another. Even after someone forgives us, we can suffer the pangs of our own conscience. The OT sinners must have felt the fact that their "gifts and sacrifices could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience." (Heb. 9:9) Heb. 9:1-7 and 9:22-10:4 describe the OT tabernacle and the service of the high priest, and acknowledge their inability to cleanse the conscience (v. 8-10). The "better thing" is that now Christ is the great High Priest that has entered once into the holy place and offered himself and his own blood to God in our place.

Heb. 9:11-14 – Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. ... **How much more shall the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, **purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

Heb. 9:22-10:4

Heb. 10:19-22 – Having therefore, brethren, **boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus** ... Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our **hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience**, and our bodies washed with pure water.