

“Disciples of Jesus ... We need to GROW UP!”

Part 11: “REDEMPTION ... purchased with His blood!”



Isaiah 53:1-6; Matthew 20:28; Luke 24:45-47; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:18-19

Introduction: “He was pierced for our transgressions; He was crushed for our iniquities” (Isaiah 53:5).

REDEMPTION is the truth that distinguishes Christianity from all other religions.

“What did Jesus do for YOU on the cross?”

All who believe the Gospel know that the blood of Jesus Christ paid the debt for sin and brought forgiveness and life to His people.

I. REDEMPTION: The principle ...

People began to bring offerings to God in an attempt to remove their guilt, to overcome the sentence of death and to regain LIFE.

God begins to reveal His “*principle of redemption*” in Genesis 4, in the offerings of Cain and Abel.

Leviticus 17:11: “The life of the flesh is in the blood, ... it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.”

Hebrews 9:22: “... without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.”

Sin against God required DEATH, the shedding of blood, the giving of life ... but not just any life.

God’s “*principle of redemption*” points out both the need for redemption and the means of redemption.

II. REDEMPTION: The picture ...

The first picture of redemption through the shedding of blood was the Passover.

Exodus 12:3-7,13 ... 21-23: “... and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to enter your house ...” (vs. 23).

After the Passover the people of Israel were “*redeemed*,” “released” from their slavery in Egypt and “set free” to worship the Lord.

I Corinthians 5:7: “For Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed.”

The Old Covenant sacrifices were a continual reminder of the need of redemption, forgiveness and cleansing.

A second picture of the Old Covenant of Law was the Day of Atonement. Introduction: “He was pierced”

Leviticus 16:15-19: “And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it (the altar) ... and cleanse it and consecrate it from the uncleanness of the people of Israel” (vs. 19).

Leviticus 16:20-22: “And Aaron shall ... confess over it (the ‘scapegoat’) all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, and all their sins” (vs. 21).

The purpose of the Covenant of the Law and the sacrificial system was to point to Jesus Christ !

III. REDEMPTION: The payment ...

Ephesians 1:7: “In HIM we have redemption through His blood.”

God’s “*principle of redemption*” is fulfilled in Christ on the cross !

Matthew 20:28: “... the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.”

I Peter 1:18-19: “... you were ransomed ... with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.”

Hebrews 9:1-5, 11-15: “He is the Mediator of a new covenant ... since a death has occurred that redeems them ...” (vs. 15).

Hebrews 10:1-4, 11-14, 19-22: “Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus” (vs. 19).

John 1:29; 6:53-58: “Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world (people from every nation).”

Matthew 26:27-28: “... this is my blood of the covenant poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins” (vs. 28).

I Corinthians 6:19-20: “You are not your own, for you were bought with a price.”