

Redemption And Forgiveness Through The Blood Of Jesus.

We are in the period where we remember the last few days of Jesus ministry here on earth. Today is Palm Sunday. Good Friday is next week and both Christians and others all over the world will be remembering the cross and the suffering of Jesus.

Recently Jenny and I were in Israel and we walked the path that Jesus took on his way to Golgotha where Jesus was crucified. Along the journey we remembered every event that took place as a church marked the place or a sign showed what Jesus went through on the way of the Cross. It was a sombre moment just the thought that you were on that road trying to imagine what it must have been like in the time of Jesus. No one can ever imagine what agony Jesus was enduring for us because it was for this purpose that He came (**John12: 27-28**)

Jesus was real, His death and burial and resurrection was real. This is why following Good Friday is Easter Sunday!

Eph: 1: 7- 7 for by the blood of Christ we are set free, that is, our sins are forgiven. How great is the grace of God, When we have forgiveness of sins we have redemption which means to “buy back” In other words what Jesus did on the cross by shedding his blood for us has bought us back or ransomed us from the influence of Satan over our lives.

The death of Jesus points to two wonderful things: **redemption** and **forgiveness**. Redemption was the price Jesus paid to release us from slavery to sin. In some cultures men who want to marry someone's daughter have to pay the bride price. Jesus our Bridegroom paid that price so that we then become the bride of Jesus Christ.

We are no longer slaves to sin but we are children of God.

Forgiveness has been freely given through the blood of Jesus. We have been pardoned freely - no strings attached

In OT times shedding of animal's blood was the basis for forgiveness. **Lev 17:11 11** *The life of each creature is in its blood. So I have given you the blood of animals to pay for your sin on the altar. Blood is life. That is why blood pays for your sin.*

In NT Jesus was that ultimate blood sacrifice for our sin. **Heb 9:11-15 (Read)** Jesus the mediator of a better covenant not made with hands, not of this creation, not with the blood of goats and calves but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy place once for all obtaining eternal redemption. V13 says that if the blood of goats and calves sprinkled on the people made them clean and pure, how much more shall the blood of Christ the eternal Spirit who offered himself without spot to God cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? V15 because of this Jesus is the mediator (go between) of a better covenant with the promise of eternal life.

What Has Jesus Blood Done For Us?

- **Has set us free & forgiven our sins** - Eph 1:7
- **Made us right with God:** *Romans 5: 8-11 (NIRV) But here is how God has shown his love for us. While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. The blood of Christ has made us right with God.*
- **Saved us from Gods anger** - So we are even surer that Jesus will save us from God's anger. 10 Once we were God's enemies.
- **Has brought us back to Him & made us secure** - But we have been brought back to him because his Son has died for us. Now that God has brought us back, we are even more secure.
- **Has brought us salvation** - We know that we will be saved because Christ lives. 11 And that is not all.
- **His blood Has brought us joy** - We are full of joy in God because of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Because of him, God has brought us back to himself.**
- **Brought near by the blood** bringing the whole universe back to himself - *Eph 2:13 But now, in union with Christ Jesus you, who used to be far away, have been brought near by the blood of Christ. Col 1:20 20 Through the Son, then, God decided to bring the whole universe back to himself.*
- **His blood has made peace for us** - God made peace through his Son's blood on the cross and so brought back to himself all things, both on earth and in heaven (Col 1:19-20 see below).
- **We have been made clean because of the Blood of Jesus** - *Heb 9:22 In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be made "clean" with blood. Without the spilling of blood, no one can be forgiven. 1John 1:7 the blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin*

1 Peter 1:18-21 (msg) *Your life is a journey you must travel with a deep consciousness of God. It cost God plenty to get you out of that dead-end, empty-headed life you grew up in. He paid with Christ's sacred blood, you know. He died like an unblemished, sacrificial lamb. And this was no afterthought. Even though it has only lately—at the end of the ages—become public knowledge, God always knew he was going to do this for you. It's because of this sacrificed Messiah, whom God then raised from the dead and glorified, that you trust God, that you know you have a future in God.*

Thank God for Jesus, thank God for His amazing grace that saved us from Satan's power of sin and death and set us free to live the life that Jesus has called us to live and that is an abundant fulfilled life! Grace is God's voluntary and loving favour given to those he saves. We can't earn it nor do we deserve it. No religious or moral effort can gain it for it comes only from God's mercy and love (mercy is to show compassion/love/forgiveness to someone who deserves punishment)

Jesus loves you. He has an amazing plan for your life. Only Jesus can go into those places where it has hurt you most and turn it around for good. Only Jesus can save you from your sin and surround you with His love & his power. He died for you and He rose again from the dead for you. Will you trust Jesus? Will you put your life in his hands? Prayer : Lord Jesus, I acknowledge my sin, I know you died for me to set me free. I repent of all sin in my life and I ask you to forgive me. Be my Lord and Saviour. Amen

Col1:19-20 God was pleased to have all of himself live in Christ. ²⁰ God was also pleased to bring everything on earth and in heaven back to himself through Christ. He did this by making peace through Christ's blood sacrificed on the cross.