

THE BLOOD ATONEMENT

I. RECONCILIATION.

And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation; To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19

Reconciliation is a change from enmity to friendship. It is mutual change in both parties who have been at war with each other. Reconciliation is given to us:

1. By God in Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:18,19)
2. By Christ as High Priest. (Hebrews 2:17)
3. By the death of Christ. (Romans 5:10; Ephesians 2:14-17)
4. By the blood of Christ. (Ephesians 2:11-13; Colossians 1:19,20)
5. While we are alienated from God (Colossians 1:21)
6. While we are enemies to God. (Romans 5:10)

II. REDEMPTION.

Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many. Matthew 20:28

Redemption means to purchase back something that had been lost, by the payment of a ransom. There are many passages in the New Testament which speak of Christ's sufferings as a ransom or price:

1. The blood of Christ (Acts 20:28; Hebrews 9:11,12; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Rev. 5:9,10)
2. Justification. (Romans 3:24-26)
3. Forgiveness of sin. (Ephesians 1:7-12; Colossians 1:12-17)
4. Adoption of Sons. (Galatians 4:3-5)
5. Purification. (Titus 2:11-14)

But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave: for he shall receive me. Selah. Psalms 49:15

III. JUSTIFICATION.

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Romans 5:9

Justification is the judicial act of God, that declares that all the claims of the law are satisfied in respect of the justified. Justification:

1. Is not of works. (Acts 13:38,39; Romans 8:3,4; Galatians 2:15,16; 3:10,11)
2. Is by faith alone. (John 5:24; Acts 13:38,39; Romans 3:29,30; 5:1,2; Galatians 2:15,16)
3. Is of grace. (Romans 3:21-26; 4:16,17; 5:17-21)
4. Is in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:11)
5. Is by imputation of Christ's righteousness. (Rom. 3:21-26; 5:18; 1 Cor. 1:30,31; 2 Cor. 5:21)
6. Is by the blood of Christ. (Romans 5:9)
7. Is by the resurrection of Christ. (Romans 4:23-25; 1 Corinthians 15:16,17)

That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. Titus 3:7

IV. SANCTIFICATION.

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Romans 5:9

God by the Holy Spirit brings the whole nature of man under the influences of the new gracious principles implanted in the soul in regeneration, and carries unto perfection the work begun in regeneration. Sanctification:

1. Is separation to the service of God. (Psalms 4:3; 2 Corinthians 6:17-18)
2. Is in Christ. (1 Corinthians 1:2)
3. Is through the atonement of Christ. (Hebrews 10:10-13; 13:12)
4. Is through the word of God. (John 17:17,19)
5. Lead us to Holiness. (Romans 6:22; Ephesians 5:7-10)
6. Prepares us for Service. (2 Timothy 2:21)
7. Is God's will for all saints. (1 Thessalonians 4:3)

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thes. 5:23

V. COMMUNION.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with you all. Amen. 2 Corinthians 13:14

Communion is fellowship with God by the Spirit, between Jesus Christ and his people, and of believers with one another.

1. We have communion with the Father. (1John 1:1-3)
2. We have communion with the Son. (1 Corinthians 1:9; 1John 1:3; Revelation 3:20)
3. We have communion with the Holy Ghost. (1 Cor. 12:13; 2 Cor. 13:14; Phil. 2:1,2)
4. Reconciliation must precede Communion. (Amos 3:3)
5. Holiness essential to Communion. (2 Corinthians 6:14-16)
6. Communion is promised to the obedient. (John 14:23)
7. Communion in the Lord's Supper. (1 Corinthians 10:16)

I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Psalms 16:8

VI. VICTORY AND ETERNAL LIFE.

For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith. 1 John 5:4

Our Victory in Christ is:

1. From God. (1 Corinthians 15:57; 2 Corinthians 2:14)
2. Through Christ. (Romans 7:25; 1 Corinthians 15:27; 2 Corinthians 12:9; Rev 12:11)
3. By faith. (Hebrews 11:32-38; 1 John 5:4-5)
4. Over the devil. (Romans 16:20,21; 1 John 2:14)
5. Over the flesh. (Romans 7:24-25)
6. Over the world. (1 John 5:4-5)
7. Over all that exalts itself. (2 Corinthians 10:3-6)
8. Over death and the grave. (Isaiah 25:8; 26:19; Hosea 13:14; 1 Corinthians 15:54,55)
9. Triumphant. (Romans 8:37; 2 Corinthians 10:3-6)