

The Death of Jesus

Lesson 3

How Do We Receive Forgiveness
of Our Sins Through Jesus'
Death?

How Does Jesus' Death Provide Forgiveness of Our Sins?

1. Sin – our greatest problem and reason for Jesus' death
2. In Jesus' death, God acted according to His Divine nature
3. Divine wisdom and power displayed in Jesus' death
4. Holy God redeems sinners so we may be holy

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How Does Jesus' Death Provide Forgiveness of Our Sins?

5. Just God punishes sin and justifies sinners
6. God's grace, love and mercy forgive and reconcile us
7. Glorious God exalting suffering savior and saints

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Introduction

- Sin is our greatest problem – separating us from and condemning us before God eternally
- But God, acting in His justice, holiness, grace, love, mercy and all His nature, provided to all forgiveness of sins through Jesus, who was willing to die as a sinless sacrifice
- But, how do we receive this forgiveness of our sins?

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Introduction

- Since Jesus' sacrifice is complete, is there anything we must do to be forgiven?
- If Jesus' blood washes away our sins, then how and when are we washed?
- There is nothing we have to do
- Live a good moral life?
- When we say the sinner's prayer?
- When we simply believe in Jesus – have faith?

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Sin Demands Death

Gen 2:16 The LORD God commanded the man, saying, "From any tree of the garden you may eat freely;

Gen 2:17 but from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil you shall not eat, for in the day that you eat from it you will surely die."

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Sin Demands Death

Gen 3:22 Then the LORD God said, "Behold, the man has become like one of Us, knowing good and evil; and now, he might stretch out his hand, and take also from the tree of life, and eat, and live forever"--

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Sin Demands Death

Gen 3:23 therefore the LORD God sent him out from the garden of Eden, to cultivate the ground from which he was taken.

Gen 3:24 So He drove the man out; and at the east of the garden of Eden He stationed the cherubim and the flaming sword which turned every direction to guard the way to the tree of life.

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Sin Demands Death

Rom 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Rom 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Eph 2:1 And you were dead in your trespasses and sins,

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Pardon Demands A Perfect Blood Sacrifice

Heb 9:16 For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it.

Heb 9:17 For a covenant is valid *only* when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.

Heb 9:18 Therefore even the first *covenant* was not inaugurated without blood.

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Pardon Demands A Perfect Blood Sacrifice

Heb 9:19 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

Heb 9:20 saying, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU."

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Pardon Demands A Perfect Blood Sacrifice

Heb 9:21 And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood.

Heb 9:22 And according to the Law, *one may almost say*, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

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Reason Why Pardon Demands Blood

Lev 17:11 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood by reason of the life that makes atonement.'

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Animal Sacrifices Insufficient To Provide Forgiveness

Heb 10:1 For the Law, since it has *only* a shadow of the good things to come *and* not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.

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Animal Sacrifices Insufficient To Provide Forgiveness

Heb 10:2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?

Heb 10:3 But in those *sacrifices* there is a reminder of sins year by year.

Heb 10:4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

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Animal Sacrifices Insufficient To Provide Forgiveness

Heb 10:5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;

Heb 10:6 IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.

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Animal Sacrifices Insufficient To Provide Forgiveness

Heb 10:7 "THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'"

Heb 10:8 After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND *sacrifices* FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE *in them*" (which are offered according to the Law),

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Animal Sacrifices Insufficient To Provide Forgiveness

Heb 10:9 then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL." He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

Heb 10:10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

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Forgiveness Demands Appropriating Jesus' Blood

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh,

Heb 9:14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

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Heb 9:15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were *committed* under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

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How Do We appropriate Jesus' Blood To Be Washed?

Rev 7:14 I said to him, "My lord, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

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How Do We appropriate Jesus' Blood To Be Washed?

- Great error – to be cleansed – all we have to do is believe and ask Jesus to forgive us
- Scriptures do not confirm this!
- But they do confirm that faith must believe in Jesus to the point of repenting of sins and being baptized (fully immersed) in water to be forgiven
- Confirmed also Christians who sin must repent, confess and pray to be cleansed ²²

Symbolic Transfer of sins To The Bull

Lev 4:3 if the anointed priest sins so as to bring guilt on the people, then let him offer to the LORD a bull without defect as a sin offering for the sin he has committed.

Lev 4:4 'He shall bring the bull to the doorway of the tent of meeting before the LORD, and he shall lay his hand on the head of the bull and slay the bull before the LORD.

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Faith Necessary For Appropriating Jesus' Blood

Rom 3:25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. *This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed;*
Rom 3:26 for the demonstration, *I say*, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

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Faith Necessary For Appropriating Jesus' Blood

Rom 3:28 For we maintain that a man is justified by faith apart from works of the Law.

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Faith That Is Baptized Into His Death Is Washed By His Blood

Rom 6:3 Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death?

Rom 6:4 Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

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Faith That Is Baptized Into His Death Is Washed By His Blood

Heb 10:22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled *clean* from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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Faith That Is Baptized Into His Death Is Washed By His Blood

Col 2:12 having been buried with Him in baptism, in which you were also raised up with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.

Col 2:13 When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, having forgiven us all our transgressions,

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Faith That Is Baptized Into His Death Is Washed By His Blood

Act 22:16 'Now why do you delay? Get up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'

1Pe 3:21 Corresponding to that, baptism now saves you--not the removal of dirt from the flesh, but an appeal to God for a good conscience--through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

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Christians Repent Confess and Pray Appropriate Blood

Act 8:22 "Therefore repent of this wickedness of yours, and pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you.

1Jn 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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How Do We Receive Forgiveness of Our Sins Through Jesus' Death?

1. Sin demands death
2. Pardon demands a perfect blood sacrifice
3. Forgiveness demands appropriating Jesus' blood
4. How do we appropriate Jesus' blood to be washed?