

Part 8 – The Book of Colossians

Colossians 1:22

Redemption

Colossians 1:14 in whom we have **redemption**, the forgiveness of sins.

Definition: *Redemption is THE ACT OF GOD whereby HE PURCHASED by substitutionary blood sacrifice a people FOR HIMSELF from the power of sin. Foreshadowed and celebrated nationally first in Egypt by the Israelites in the Passover, and fulfilled by Jesus Christ's substitutionary sin-offering, after which He entered into the heavenly Holy Sanctuary as High Priest to offer propitiation for the sins of God's people **with the purpose that they live a godly life***

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Leviticus 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.'**

NET: **11** for the life of every living thing is in the blood. So I myself have assigned it to you on the altar to make atonement for your lives, for the blood makes atonement by means of the life.

NET NOTE 31: *Heb "for the blood, it by (ב, bet preposition, "in") the life makes atonement." The interpretation of the preposition is pivotal here. Some scholars have argued that it is a bet of exchange; that is, "the blood makes atonement in exchange for the life [of the slaughtered animal]" (see R. E. Averbeck, NIDOTTE 2:694-95, 697 for analysis and criticism of this view). It is more likely that, as in the previous clause ("your lives"), "life/soul" (נֶפֶשׁ, nefesh) here refers to the person who makes the offering, not the animal offered. The blood of the animal makes atonement for the person who offers it either "by means of" (instrumental bet) the "life/soul" of the animal, which it symbolizes or embodies (the meaning of the translation given here); or perhaps the blood of the animal functions as "the price" (bet of price) for ransoming the "life/soul" of the person.*

Leviticus 17:14 For as for the life of all flesh, its blood is identified with its life. Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'You are not to eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood; whoever eats it shall be cut off.'

Matthew 20:28, Acts 20:28, Galatians 3:13, 1 Timothy 2:6, Hebrews 9:12, and Revelation 5:9,10:

Revelation 5:9-10 And they *sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, **and purchased for God with Your blood** men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. 10 "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

Hebrews 5:1 For every high priest taken from *among men* is appointed on behalf of men in things pertaining to God, **in order to offer** both gifts and sacrifices for sins;

4 And no one takes the honor to himself, **but receives it when he is called by God, even as Aaron was.**

Colossians 1:22b in order to present you before Him holy and blameless and beyond reproach

1. the **MAN** (the High Priest) had to be taken **from among men** ...and secondly:

2. **that same MAN** must receive that office when he is called by God.

Back to the next part of the definition:

Foreshadowed and celebrated nationally first in Egypt by the Israelites in the Passover,

Genesis 12, Numbers 9:

Numbers 9:13 But the man who is clean and is not on a journey, and yet neglects to observe the Passover, that person shall then be cut off from his people, for he did not present the offering of the Lord at its appointed time. That man will bear his sin.

The next part of the Redemption definition:

*.....and fulfilled by Jesus Christ's substitutionary sin-offering, **after which** He entered into the heavenly Holy Sanctuary as High Priest **to offer propitiation for the sins of God's people with the purpose that they live a godly life***

Here is an important note from Bill Ramey's Great High Priesthood series:

"The verb "to make propitiation" is a present infinitive. The infinitive states that the purpose for God appointing Jesus as our high priest is "to make propitiation for the sins of the people". The present aspect of the infinitive underscores that the action is presently occurring."

Jesus entered once for all into the Holy of Holies (Hebrews 9:12). Unlike the earthly high priests, He does not have to emerge again and again to make another sacrifice year after year. His once-for-all sin-offering at Calvary was perfect, for unlike the blood of bulls and goats that could never take away sin, Christ's propitiatory offering is satisfactory before the holy God. This is why the Scriptures say, "since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens . . . let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:14-16). And again, "since we have a great priest over the house of God, 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" (Hebrews 10:21-22).

Link to the notes so you have these quotes in their appropriate context:

<https://www.inthebeginning.org/kingdom/ramey/highpriest/hp2notes.pdf>

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Hebrews 3:12-19 Take care, brethren, that there not be in any one of you an evil, unbelieving heart that falls away from the living God. 13 But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," so that none of you will be **hardened by the deceitfulness of sin**. 14 For we have become partakers of Christ, **IF we hold fast the beginning of our assurance firm until the end**, 15 while it is said, "Today if you hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts, as when they provoked Me."

16 For who provoked Him when they had heard? Indeed, did not all those who came out of Egypt led by Moses? 17 And with whom was He angry for forty years? Was it not with those who sinned, whose bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom did He swear that they would not enter His rest, but to those who were disobedient? 19 **So we see that they were not able to enter because of unbelief.**

Matthew 7:21-23 Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, **but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter**. 22 Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'

Romans 9:2-4 that I have great sorrow and unceasing grief in my heart. 3 For I could wish that I myself were accursed, separated from Christ for the sake of **my brethren**, my kinsmen according to the flesh,

4 **who are Israelites**, to whom belongs the adoption as sons, and the glory and the covenants and the giving of the Law and the temple service and the promises,

Romans 10:1-2 Brethren, my heart's desire and my prayer to God for them is for their salvation. 2 For I testify about them that they have a zeal for God, but not in accordance with knowledge.

Romans 11:13-14 But I am speaking to you who are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as **I am an apostle of Gentiles**, I magnify my ministry, 14 if somehow I might move to jealousy **my fellow countrymen and save some of them**.

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