

## **Hebrews 9:13-14 (NIV)**

**The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. [14] How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!**

## **Hebrews 9:15 (NIV)**

**For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.**

**Hebrews 9:22 (NIV)**

**In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

## **Hebrews 9:27-28 (NIV)**

**Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, [28] so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.**

# **ONCE FOR ALL**

**Hebrews 9:15-28**

Matthew 26:28 (NIV)

This is **MY BLOOD** of the covenant,  
which is **POURED OUT** for many  
for the **forgiveness of sins.**

Lev. 17:11 (NIV)

For the **LIFE of a creature is in the BLOOD**, and I have given it to you to make **atonement** for yourselves on the altar; **it is the BLOOD that makes ATONEMENT** for one's life.

**The only thing that  
we can **CONTRIBUTE** to our  
own redemption  
is the **SIN** from which  
we need to be **REDEEMED.****

William Temple

The Old Covenant sailed on a sea of blood, for two reasons. First, to show the seriousness of sin. **Sin alienates us from God.** Sin is deeply rooted in our hearts. Sin cannot be corrected by any self-help program. Sin leads to death - and it will not be denied. The second, is the cost of forgiveness. **Death is the payment. It will either be Christ's life or ours!**

HUGHES

1 Peter 1:17-19 (NIV)

Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. [18] For you know that it was **NOT with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were REDEEMED** from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, [19] but **with the PRECIOUS blood of Christ,** a lamb without blemish or defect.

# **We were Redeemed...**

- **NOT** with silver or gold
- **BY** precious **BLOOD** of Christ

# **We were Redeemed FROM...**

- **an EMPTY** way of life
- **HANDED** down to us

# **We Were Redeemed TO Live...**

- as **STRANGERS** here
- in **REVERENT** fear

**Proverbs 15:9 (MSG)**  
**A life FRITTERED away**  
**disgusts God;**  
**he loves those who**  
**run straight for the finish line.**

Proverbs 15:9 (NLT)  
The Lord **DETESTS** the way  
of the wicked,  
but he **LOVES** those who  
**pursue godliness.**

Colossians 1:19-20 (NIV)

For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, [20] and through him to reconcile to himself all things, **whether THINGS ON EARTH or THINGS IN HEAVEN,** by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Colossians 2:15 (NIV)

And having **DISARMED** the  
**POWERS and AUTHORITIES**,  
he made a public spectacle of them,  
**TRIUMPHING** over them  
**BY the CROSS.**

# The **DEATH** of **JESUS CHRIST**...

- happened in **HISTORY**
- **NEVER** needs repeated
- did away with **SIN**
- was **VOLUNTARY**

**Philippians 2:10 (NIV)**  
**...at the NAME of Jesus**  
**every knee should BOW,**  
**in heaven and on earth and**  
**under the earth**

# **The Appearances of Christ...**

- **Past** - has appeared
- **Present** - now to appear
- **Future** - will appear

## Colossians 2:13-14 (NIV)

When you were dead in your sins and in the uncircumcision of your sinful nature,

**God made you ALIVE with Christ.**

**He FORGAVE us all our sins,**  
having canceled the written code,  
with its regulations, that was against us  
and that stood opposed to us;

**he took it away,**  
**NAILING it to the CROSS.**

# Where there is NO...

- **loss of life** - there is no forgiveness
- **forgiveness** - there is no freedom
- **freedom** - there is no HOPE

2 Timothy 4:7-8 (NIV)

**I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.** Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day - and not only to me, but also to **ALL who have LONGED for his appearing.**

# Longing for His appearing Means to Live...

- in Reverent **FEAR**
- as **STRANGERS** here
- **SACRIFICIALLY** for the Kingdom
- **PURSUING** Spiritual Maturity

# Questions

1. How can we Live our Lives without **WASTING** them?
2. How can we remember we are **Supposed to be Strangers here?**
3. How can we live **LONGING** for His **Appearing?**