

CFC-201. GOD'S PLAN FOR MAN'S REDEMPTION

Jesus Christ is the plan, and the means for man's redemption. It is through His blood (His death and resurrection from the dead). John 1.29, 3.14-18; Rom 5.1-2, 6-11, 15-19, 21; 1Cor 15.1-4, 21-22; Eph 1.5-7; Col 1.13-14; Titus 2.14; Heb 9.11-14; Rev 1.5-6, 5.9-10.

Several historical events and prophecies pointed to Jesus Christ as God's plan for our redemption.

(1) In the Garden of Eden this was foreshadowed by the following:

- Reference to the seed of the woman. This seed is Jesus Christ. (Gen 3.15, Isaiah 7.14).
- Slaying of an animal to depict the shedding of a lamb's blood, to cloth (cover) man. (Gen 20.21). This represents Jesus Christ as the Lamb of God Who was slain for our sins (John 1.29, 36; Acts 8.30-38, Rom 4.22-25, 5.6-11; Rev 1.5-6)
- Eating of slain animals for survival was permitted to man from then. Man's life would now need the offering up of another life (Gen 9.1-3). Christ Jesus offered up His life for us. Our life in God today is because we received His life. He is our life. (John 6.35-40, 46-58).
- Abel sacrificed a slain animal (which was a shedding of animal's blood) for his offering to God. Cain offered up plants. God accepted Abel's sacrifice while that of Cain was rejected. (Gen 4.1-5).

(2) In God's dealings with Abraham:

- God instructed Abraham to offer His only son Isaac as a sacrifice upon an altar. Heb 11:17-19 (see Gen 22:1-18 for the details). This represents Jesus the only begotten Son of God Whom God gave up to die for our sins and raised Him up for our justification John 3:16.

(3) In God's dealings with the children of Israel.

- The Passover lamb in the land of Egypt (Exo 12:1-7, 12-14, 21-24). The blood of the lamb shielded Israel from God's judgement upon the land. This represents Jesus Christ our Passover lamb. 1Cor 5:7-8. We have redemption through His blood Eph 1:7, Rom 5:6-10.
- The sin offering in the Jewish tradition. This represents Jesus Christ who was offered up as the sacrifice for our sins. And on account of this God has removed our sins from us and from His sight forever. Heb 9:1-14, 19-2.
- God's dealings with the children of Israel pointed to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which is the one, and only sacrifice sufficient as a ransom for our life. His blood obtained peace with God for us (Rom 4.22-25, 5.6-11; Rev 1.5-6).

- (4) **The Old Testament Prophets who lived before the coming of Jesus. Luke 24:24-47**
- A classic Old Testament prophecy in this regard was the instruction from God for Moses to erect a brazen serpent on a pole for deliverance to all who were bitten by a snake in the camp. Num 21:5-9. Joh 3:14-15.
- (5) **The whole of Isaiah chapter 53 paints a powerful picture of our redemption through the death of Jesus for us. Isa 53:5-6.**
- (6) **Similarly, the Old Testament Prophets who lived to see Jesus born confirmed this.**
- Zacharias the father of John the Baptist (Luke 1:67-75). Simeon (Luke 2:25-32). John the Baptist (John 1:15-36).
- (7) **“The testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy”. Rev 19:10**
- This mean that Jesus Christ and our redemption in Him is the central theme of the Bible. Rev 19:10.