

EASTER REFLECTIONS

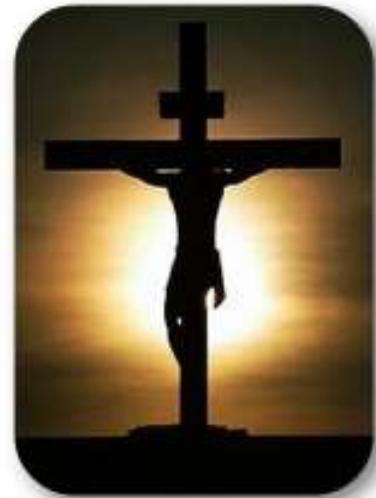
“Life Is In His Blood”

Jesus' death for us sealed a new covenant between God and man. The old covenant involved forgiveness of sins through the blood of an animal sacrifice. But instead of a spotless lamb on the altar, Jesus offered Himself on the cross, the spotless Lamb of God, as a sacrifice that would forgive sin once and for all. Jesus was the final sacrifice for sins, and His blood sealed the new agreement between God and man.

- **THE NEW COVENANT** ~ *"And [Jesus] said to them, 'This is My blood of the NEW COVENANT, which is shed for many.'" ~Mark 14:24 NKJV*

As we celebrate the Easter week, may we reflect on just how much we have received as a result of our Lord's sacrifice on our behalf. Consider some of the profound blessings that are ours:

- **ATONEMENT** ~ *"And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying ... 'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make ATONEMENT FOR YOUR SOULS; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'" ~Leviticus 17:1,11 NKJV*
- **RECONCILED WITH GOD** ~ *"For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to RECONCILE all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having MADE PEACE THROUGH THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS." ~Colossians 1:19-20 NKJV*
- **BROUGHT NEAR** ~ *"... that at that time you were without Christ, ... having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been BROUGHT NEAR BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST." ~Ephesians 2:12-13 NKJV*
- **JUSTIFIED** ~ *"Much more then, having now been JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." ~Romans 5:9 NKJV*
- **REDEEMED** ~ *"And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; knowing that you were not REDEEMED with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." ~1 Peter 1:17-19 NKJV*



What Wondrous
Love Is This?

The Most Excellent Way

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- **WASHED** ~ *"To Him who loved us and WASHED US FROM OUR SINS IN HIS OWN BLOOD, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. ~ Revelation 1:5-6 NKJV*
- **CLEANSED** ~ *"But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSSES US from all sin."
~1 John 1:7 NKJV*
- **SANCTIFIED** ~ *Therefore Jesus also, that He might SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, suffered outside the gate. ~Hebrews 13:12 NKJV*
- **PURIFIED** ~ *"And according to the law almost all things are PURIFIED BY BLOOD, and without shedding of blood there is no remission [forgiveness, NIV]."
~Hebrews 9:22 NKJV*
- **PURCHASED** ~ *"Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which HE PURCHASED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD." ~Acts 20:27-28 NKJV*

Jesus said:

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved."*

John 3:16-17 NKJV
