

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Revelation 5:9,10.**
- B. Jesus has done so much for mankind. Unfortunately the world has rejected what has been offered by Christ's life and death.
- C. Sometimes, we as Xians, need to be reminded about what has been done in our behalf. This lesson hopes to focus on four important aspects of what Jesus has done for us.
- D. What did Jesus do?
 1. He was slain (died for us).
 2. Purchased people (with His blood) from every tribe, tongue, people and nation.
 3. He made them into a kingdom with a king, subjects, territory and law.
 4. He made Xians to be priests who can offer sacrifice.

I. JESUS WAS SLAIN FOR US.

- A. Sin and transgression had entered the world. From the days of Adam this has been true. And because of the sin, death had spread to all men (Rom. 5:12).
- B. Because of this act Paul could rightly say that all men, both Jew and Gentile had sinned, and fallen short of the glory of God (Rom. 5:14; 3:10,23).
- C. But Jesus changed all of that. By God's grace, a death took place so that the transgression and spiritual death could be overcome (Rom. 5:15,16).
- D. This was truly a perfect death which only need take place one time (Heb. 9:24-26).

II. JESUS PURCHASED ALL PEOPLE.

- A. John said that Jesus, in His death, purchased four classes of mankind. These four make up the entire world. Everyone comes out of one or more of these classes.
- B. First, Jesus purchased everyone from every tribe.
This means all ethnic groups. All Jews, Gentiles, Greeks, Barbarian, etc., may enter into X's kingdom via His death and shed blood (Gal. 3:28).
- C. Second, Jesus purchased people from every speaking tongue (or language).
The illustration of the Gileadites and the Ephriamites with the words, "shibboleth" and "sibboleth" meant the difference between life and death. It makes no difference with Christ (Jud. 12:5,6).
- D. Third, Jesus purchased people from every nation of the earth.
In Genesis chapter 10, we see the various nations that came from the sons of Noah (Japeth, Ham and Shem). People from all nations may enter into X's kingdom (Rev. 21:25,26; 22:2).
- E. Fourth, Jesus purchased everyone from every people of the earth.
This has reference to race. The origin of the different races has always been a mystery, but Jesus does not take it into account (Ac. 8:27).

III. JESUS PURCHASED A KINGDOM.

- A. No kingdom can exist, whether it be physical or spiritual, without having a king, subjects, a territory and a law. Christ's kingdom has these four things.
- B. In greater detail the four items of X's kingdom:
 1. A king, it is X Himself (Ac. 2:36; Rev. 17:14).
 2. Subjects, and these are Xians (Mt. 16:19; Col. 1:13).
 3. A territory, which is the heart of every man:
 - a. My kingdom is not of this world (Jn. 18:36).
 - b. The kingdom is within you (Lk. 17:21).
- C. The kingdom is where God reigns, in the lives and hearts of men.

4. A law, which is the words of X and the apostles (Mt. 7:21; Ac. 2:41; Rom. 8:2).

IV. JESUS MADE CHRISTIANS TO BE PRIESTS.

- A. There is no mistranslation in Rev. 1:6. All members of the church are priests unto God (1Pet. 2:5). A priest offers sacrifice to mediate unto God and Xians can do this.
- B. This means with the help of the great High Priest (JC) we can directly, without the aid of any other man, make acceptable sacrifices unto God.
- C. A good way to know what a Xian should do, is to study what the OT priests did and then make application.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. Jesus, has indeed done for us what we could not do for ourselves.
- B. What did Jesus do?
 1. He died for all mankind to take away our sins.
 2. He purchased all those who would be obedient with His blood.
 3. He made a kingdom out of His followers.
 4. He made them priests who could offer acceptable sacrifices.
- C. We can make all of this effectual in our life if we will heed His commandments (Mt. 7:21).
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.