

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **Revelation 5:8-14.**
- B. Jesus has done so much for man. Unfortunately the world has rejected what has been offered by X's life and death.
- C. Sometimes, we as Xians need to be reminded about what has been done in our behalf. This lesson focuses on four important aspects of X's death:
 - 1. He was slain (died for us).
 - 2. He purchased with His blood people of every tribe, tongue, people, and nation.
 - 3. He made them into a kingdom with a king, subjects, territory, and a law.
 - 4. He made Xians to be priests who can offer sacrifice.

I. JESUS WAS SLAIN FOR US.

- A. Sin and transgression has 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).
Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned--
- 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. 3:10, 23).
as it is written, "THERE IS NONE RIGHTEOUS, NOT EVEN ONE;... 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
- C. But Jesus changed all of that. By God's grace (God's gift) a death took place so that the transgressions and spiritual death could be overcome (Rom. 5:15-16).
But the free gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God and the gift by the grace of the one Man, Jesus Christ, abound to the many. And the gift is not like that which came through the one who sinned; for on the one hand the judgment arose from one transgression resulting in condemnation, but on the other hand the free gift arose from many transgressions resulting in justification.
- D. This was truly a perfect death which only need take place one time (Heb. 9:24-26).
For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; nor was it that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood not his own. Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

II. JESUS PURCHASED ALL PEOPLE.

- A. **Jesus purchased everyone from every tribe.**
This means everyone in every ethnic group. All Jews, Gentiles, Greeks, Barbarians, etc., may enter into X's kingdom via His death (Gal. 3:28).
There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free man, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus.
- B. **Jesus purchased everyone from every speaking tongue (or language).**
The illustration is of the Gileadites and the Ephraimites with the words, "shibboleth" and "sibboleth." It makes no difference today with X (Jud. 12:5-6).
And the Gileadites captured the fords of the Jordan opposite Ephraim. And it happened when any of the fugitives of Ephraim said, "Let me cross over," the men of Gilead would say to him, "Are you an Ephraimite?" If he said, "No," then they would say to him, "Say now, 'Shibboleth.'" But he said, "Sibboleth," for he could not pronounce it correctly. Then they seized him and slew him at the fords of the Jordan. Thus there fell at that time 42,000 of Ephraim.
- C. **Jesus purchased everyone from every nation of the earth.**
In Gen. 10, Moses records the nations that came from Noah's sons; Japheth, Ham, and Shem. All of

these nations may now enter into X's kingdom (Rev. 21:25-26; 22:1,2).

(Rev 21:25-26) And in the daytime (for there shall be no night there) its gates shall never be closed; and they shall bring the glory and the honor of the nations into it;

(Rev 22:1) And he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. And on either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, yielding its fruit every month; and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations.

D. **Jesus purchased everyone from every people of the earth, (every race).**

The origin of the races has always been a mystery, but Jesus does not take it into account (Ac. 8:27).

And he arose and went; and behold, there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who was in charge of all her treasure; and he had come to Jerusalem to worship.

III. JESUS MADE ALL OF THE PURCHASED INTO A KINGDOM.

A. No kingdom can exist either physical or spiritual, without these four items. They are; a king, subjects, a territory, and a law. X's kingdom has these things.

B. The four items in the kingdom of Christ:

1. **Who is the king?** Answer: **It is Christ Himself** (Ac. 2:36; Rev. 17:14).

(Ac 2:36) "Therefore let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made Him both Lord and Christ--this Jesus whom you crucified."

(Rev. 17:14) "These will wage war against the Lamb, and the Lamb will overcome them, because He is Lord of lords and King of kings, and those who are with Him are the called and chosen and faithful."

2. **Who are the subjects?** Answer: **Christians are** (Mt. 16:19; Col. 1:13).

(Mt. 16:19) "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; and whatever you shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven."

(Col. 1:13) For He delivered us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son,

3. **What is the territory?** Answer: **The heart (soul) of every man** (Jn. 18:36; Lk. 17:21).

(Jn. 18:36) Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, then My servants would be fighting, that I might not be delivered up to the Jews; but as it is, My kingdom is not of this realm."

(Lk. 17:21) nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst."

4. **What law governs the kingdom?** Answer: **The words of Christ and apostles** (Mt. 7:21; Ac. 2:41).

(Mt. 7:21) "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.

(Ac. 2:41) So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and there were added that day about three thousand souls.

IV. JESUS MADE ALL OF THE PURCHASED INTO PRIESTS.

A. There is no mistranslation in Rev. 1:6. All members of the church are priests unto God (1Pet. 2:5) you also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

B. This means with the help of the great high priest we can w/o the aid of any other man make sacrifices acceptable to God.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

A. Jesus has indeed done for us what we could not do for ourselves.

1. Died for **all** mankind to take away our sins.

2. He purchased **all** those who would be obedient with His blood.

3. Made **all** of His followers into a kingdom.

4. Made **all** of His followers into priests who can offer sacrifice.

C. Take effect of Jesus and what He did, by obeying His commands (Mt. 7:21).

D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians, erring Xians.