

## God's Perfect Plan of Salvation

God's plan of salvation is according to His foreknowledge, the setting apart by the Holy Spirit for obedience and for the sprinkling with the blood of YAHSHUA MESSIAH, His Son (I Peter 1:1-2). From the time of the fall of man, this plan had surfaced when God said that His Son was going to strike the head of the serpent (Gen. 3:15). It is wonderful to see the trinity involved in the different aspects of our salvation as we read in First Peter chapter one. God the Father chose and foreknew; the HOLY SPIRIT consecrated and sanctified for obedience to YAHSHUA; and YAHSHUA sprinkled us with His blood. "What is this "blood of sprinkling?" In a few words, "the blood of sprinkling" represents the pains, the sufferings, the humiliation, and the death of the Lord Jesus Christ, which he endured on the behalf of guilty man. When we speak of the blood, we wish not to be understood as referring solely or mainly to the literal material blood which flowed from the wounds of Jesus. We believe in the literal fact of his shedding his blood; but when we speak of his cross and blood we mean those sufferings and that death of our Lord Jesus Christ by which he magnified the law of God; we mean what Isaiah intended when he said, "He shall make his soul an offering for sin;" we mean all the griefs which Jesus vicariously endured on our behalf at Gethsemane, and Gabbatha, and Golgotha, and specially his yielding up his life upon the tree of scorn and doom. "The chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed." "Without shedding of blood there is no remission;" and the shedding of blood intended is the death of Jesus, the Son of God" (from Spurgeon archive).

When the blood of an animal was shed on the altar, it was for the payment for sin. This practice done many years ago by the Israelites according to the Law constituted the seal of our salvation which was to be performed in YAHSHUA, "the Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world". He died once and for all. No more shedding of blood of animals is necessary for forgiveness of sin. When we go to Him acknowledging our sinful nature and deserving of death, God's love, shed for us through the blood of YAHSHUA, baptizes us into His death and saves us. Then He gives us a new birth into a living hope and inheritance that is imperishable kept in heaven through the resurrection of YAHSHUA (I Peter 1: 4). When we were set apart for salvation and sanctification we were also sealed with the HOLY SPIRIT as a guarantee of our inheritance, in anticipation of its full redemption and our acquiring possession of it – to the praises of His glory (Ephesians 1:14). The Holy Spirit is our engagement ring confirming our union with YAHSHUA at the consummation of all things. When He saved us He embraced us, securing us for eternity and nothing will ever take us from His arms, provided that we are walking in His sanctification and obedience. YAHSHUA said, those whom the Father gave me will never perish – ever! No one will snatch them out of my hand; My sheep hear my voice, I know them and they know Me. To hear here has the meaning of listening to obey. This is the only way a sheep will follow the Shepherd. When God's son was hanging on the tree between heaven and earth, He was doing the work of reconciliation between God and Men. His shed blood washed away the sin of iniquities and guilt and freed men to God. That was the most significant purchase ever taken place on earth. Satan no longer has the right to those who are washed by the blood of the Lamb of God- YAHSHUA MESSIAH! Being set free from the slavery

to sin, we have the reward in holiness and its end is eternal life; for the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through (in union with) YAHSHUA MESSIAH our Lord (Romans 6:22-23).

This perfect salvation abundant and complete removed all condemnation of guilt for those who are in Christ; it gave them meaning and significance into the family of God; His Spirit testifies with our own spirit that we are His children; we are heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ; His Holy Spirit bears us up in our weakness (Romans 8:17, 26); we are assured of His love for us in our confession of faith to the world around us. This salvation is never to be taken for granted; the price put on it can never be measured, or weighted; it is priceless in every sense of the word. When Adam and Eve sinned a lamb had to die to cover their nakedness. YAHSHUA'S blood did more than that for us; it covered our sins and removed it far from His memory. While the blood of Abel cries for vengeance, His blood cries forgiveness and redemption for all men. "Forgive them Father, for they know not what they are doing". Peter says, You have been regenerated not from a mortal origin, but from one that is immortal by the ever living and lasting Word of God [YAHSHUA] (I Peter 1:23). Although "mankind is like grass and all its glory like flower of grass", in Christ we are eternal; life does not end here; this tent will someday take the uncorrupted, glorious and eternal body free from the power of death. Death will no longer have victory. Thanks be to God, Who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ, (I Cor. 15: 57) through His precious blood shed for our redemption.

How can we ignore such great salvation? It is written all over the ages. It was planned in heaven and accomplished on earth by God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit. Through YAHSHUA'S blood we are "made righteous and brought into relationship with God". His salvation was accomplished by the wonderful love of God through grace; we are indeed saved by grace- the unmerited love and favor of God toward man (Webster). YAHSHUA'S blood cleanses and purifies us from our sins; His Holy Spirit sanctifies us as we travel this earth to the Promised Land, one step at a time, as He frees us from the power of sin and eternal death. We have been clothed with the righteousness of God; He has delivered and drawn us out of the control and the dominion of darkness and has transferred us into the kingdom of the Son of His love (Col. 1:13). Our salvation was not free; it cost the life of God's Son. We therefore have an obligation to Him as long as we live to obey and serve Him. Our walk should be regulated in union with and conformity to Him (Col.2:6). The way to the Father is marked with His Son's blood, showing us the extent of His sufferings to save us. There is life in every drop of His blood available to those who will receive Him. God's plan of salvation is eternal and spread to all nation until the end of times when the door of opportunity will be closed and the door of eternity will be opened to us. Life on earth exists only one time. Receive Him now and you will not face judgment.

**THINK ABOUT IT!**