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## Water and Blood in the Plan of Salvation (3)

by Richard Mansel

*Water and the blood of Christ meet when we are immersed into Christ for the remission of our sins.*

When Aaron and his sons were being prepared for the priesthood they had to be purified in water (Exodus 40:12-16). When God prepared to appear before Israel at Mt. Sinai, the people had to be cleansed in water before they could be in his presence (Exodus 19:10-13). Likewise, in John 3:3-5, Jesus tells Nicodemus that the new birth requires water, as does physical birth. Water is a cleansing agent throughout Scripture.

Water is used in Scripture for cleansing and purifying everything from the mundane to the miraculous. The world was "purified" when the flood eliminated all those who had been rebellious against God (Genesis 6-9). The Israelites were liberated from the Egyptian army by the parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 14). In several chapters of Leviticus we find numerous examples of people and objects that were told to be cleansed and purified in water.

God tells Ezekiel that he would cleanse them with water. "Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols" (Ezekiel 36:25). This cleansing would lead to a new heart and spirit (Ezekiel 36:26). Naaman, the leper, was told to dip seven times in the Jordan River. He complained about the wisdom of this command but was finally convinced to do so. When he complied, his leprosy was cleansed (2 Kings 5:1-14). In fact, he could not be "clean" without the washing of the water.

Salvation comes by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8,9). Sins are washed away in the blood of Christ (Romans 5:6-10). Water, we will find, is when the blood of Christ cleanses us from our sins.

We all have sinned and we have no human antidote for sin (Romans 3:23). We require a Savior (Romans 7:24; Jeremiah 10:23). Man does not possess the knowledge or ability to wash away his own sins. Only the blood of Christ can do so.

Acts 22:16 says, "And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." Thayer, the Greek scholar, writes, "those who have gone down into the baptismal bath are said to have washed themselves, or to have washed away their sins, i.e. to have been cleansed from their sins."/1 Bauer concludes it means, "to wash away one's sins."/2

In Acts 2:38, we read, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit." This perfectly follows Jesus' teaching in John 3:3-5 that the spiritual new birth involves water and the spirit.

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### Sunday Schedule

<b>Bible Classes</b>	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>11 AM</b>
<b>Worship</b>	<b>6 PM</b>
<b>Wednesday: Bible Classes</b>	<b>7 PM</b>

### Mission Works and Evangelism:

House to House/ Heart to Heart  
 Restoration Radio  
 Jim Waldron  
 Manuelito Children's Home



# Bible Search

(Wording is based on KJV)

by Kenneth L. Thomas

## Questions for week of November 25

1. What was the physical condition of a youthful Egyptian who had been left behind by his master, a man of Amelek. (He was found by enemy troops.)
2. Background: Peter declared that God had promised to raise up the fleshly offspring of David to sit on David's throne: (Acts 2:29-30) "Men and brethren, let me freely speak unto you of the patriarch David, that he is both dead and buried, and his sepulchre is with us unto this day. {30} Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up Christ to sit on his throne;"  
Question: According to Christ, what is the requirement for sitting on His throne with him?
3. In many scriptures the "longsuffering" of God is discussed. What seems to be the benefit (to the human race) for God to be longsuffering?
4. John described his reason for writing, that the readers' \_\_\_\_\_ should be filled.
5. According to Moses, his people had a neck problem. What was the condition they had?
6. In one New Testament chapter the word "inheritance" occurs three times. Within that chapter, we learn that those who receive the inheritance do so as a part of the family to which the inheritance is given. By what process did they become children?
7. What is the connection between Micah and Jonathan the priest?

## Answers for week of November 18

1. According to the wording of the KJV, what would be the OPPOSITE of "gay clothing"?  
**Answer: Vile raiment.** The garment of the poor man is called "vile raiment", but the wealthy man with a ring and goodly apparel is said to be wearing "gay" clothing. This just points out that "vile" and "gay" have both changed meanings since the KJV Bible was translated. In my judgment the so-called gay life is not happy, but is truly vile. The point of the passage was to urge the early Christians to avoid favoritism toward the rich, and to avoid insulting rudeness toward the poor.  
James 2:1 My brethren, have not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons.

2 For if there come unto your assembly a man with a gold ring, in goodly apparel, and there come in also a poor man in vile raiment; 3 And ye have respect to him that weareth the gay clothing, and say unto him, Sit thou here in a good place; and say to the poor, Stand thou there, or sit here under my footstool: 4 Are ye not then partial in yourselves, and are become judges of evil thoughts?

2. In the Old Testament, what was covered to prevent death, and with what was it covered?

**Answer: The mercy seat was to be covered with a "cloud" of incense** so that Aaron the High Priest would not die when he entered in to the Most Holy Place (beyond the veil of the tabernacle). The High Priest could only enter once a year to make atonement for his own sins and the sins of Israel.

(Lev 16:11-13) "And Aaron shall bring the bullock of the sin offering, which is for himself, and shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin offering which is for himself: {12} And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the LORD, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil: {13} And he shall put the incense upon the fire before the LORD, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not:"

Another answer was also acceptable under the wording of the question: The doorposts and upper post of the doors were to be "covered" with blood at the first observance of the passover. When death (in the 10th plague) came to Egypt, it passed over those houses where the blood was.

(Exo 12:7-13) "And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. . . . {12} For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. {13} And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt."

3. There are at least four things that wisdom is described as "better than", and they are all in two adjacent books of the Bible. What four things are excelled by wisdom?

**Answer: Wisdom is better than strength, weapons of war, rubies, and gold.**

(Eccl 9:16-18) "Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man's wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard. {17} The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. {18} Wisdom is better than weapons of war: but one sinner destroyeth much good." (Prov 8:11) "For wisdom is better than rubies; and all the things that may be desired are not to be compared to it."

(Prov 16:16) "How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! and to get understanding rather to be chosen than silver!"

Other scriptures that were sent as being related:

(Eccl 4:13) "Better is a poor and a wise child than an old and foolish king, who will no more be admonished."

(Eccl 2:13) "Then I saw that wisdom excelleth folly, as far as light excelleth darkness."

**4. What does God's encounter with Moses at the burning bush have to do with the idea of resurrection? Answer: The argument is made that since God IS the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, not WAS, then these men are not gone for good, but truly, life continues for these men considered dead. The argument is made in both the Old and New Testaments. The clearest connection is made directly by Mark and Luke. See below.**

(Exo 3:1-6) "Now Moses kept the flock of Jethro his father in law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the backside of the desert, and came to the mountain of God, even to Horeb. {2} And the angel of the LORD appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush: and he looked, and, behold, the bush burned with fire, and the bush was not consumed. {3} And Moses said, I will now turn aside, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. {4} And when the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. {5} And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. {6} Moreover he said, **I am the God of thy father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.** And Moses hid his face; for he was afraid to look upon God."

(Exo 3:15) "And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, The LORD God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations."

(Mark 12:26-27) "And as touching the dead, that they rise: have ye not read in the book of Moses, how **in the bush God spake unto him, saying, I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob?** {27} **He is not the God of the dead, but the God of the living:** ye therefore do greatly err."

(Luke 20:37-38) "**Now that the dead are raised, even Moses showed at the bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.** {38} **For he is not a God of the dead, but of the living: for all live unto him.**"

(Mat 22:31-32) "But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, {32} I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? **God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.**"

(Acts 7:30-32) "And when forty years were expired, there appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sina an angel of the Lord in a flame of fire in a bush. {31} When Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold it, the voice of the Lord came unto him, {32} Saying, I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Then Moses trembled, and durst not behold."

Randal Matheny wrote on Lk. 20.37-38: "When God said "I am the God of ..., those guys were already dead. He didn't say, I WAS their God. Jesus' conclusion: They're still alive, and that means there'll be a resurrection! See. <http://forthright.antville.org/stories/812886/>

**5. What is built by women of wisdom but broken down by female fools?**

**Answer: Her "house".**

Proverbs 14:1 Every **wise woman buildeth her house: but the foolish plucketh it down with her hands.**

**6. Whose name (reputation) will suffer "decay"?**

**Answer: the wicked person.**

(Prov 10:7) "The memory of the just is blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot."

**7. Find the three verses in the New Testament where the words "labour" and "work" are both found.**

**Answer: (1 Cor 15:58)** "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the **work** of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your **labour** is not in vain in the Lord."

**(1 Th 1:3)** "Remembering without ceasing your **work**

of faith, and **labour** of love, and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, in the sight of God and our Father;" **(Heb 6:10)** "For God is not unrighteous to forget your **work and labour** of love, which ye have showed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister."

The following have a form of the word "work" combined with labour.

(Rev 2:2) "I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars:"

(Rev 14:13) "And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them."

(Eph 4:28) "Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth."

(Col 1:29) "Whereunto I also labour, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily."

(1 Cor 4:12) "And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:"

Mark Teske wrote: I just couldn't resist this one - it just happens that I'm teaching both I Thess. and Hebrews right now. The word translated "work" (ergon) relates to a standard level of effort put forth in work. However, the word translated "labor" (kopos) is a more intensive verb, indicating a greater amount of effort - exhaustive toiling rather than just work

## **Prayer Needs and Requests**

◆ Pray for the sick and injured of our congregation. Sister Laura Singleton is at home now. Kim Bryant had surgery Tuesday at Baptist Hospital, and though there were complications, she seems to be doing well. Ann Conner is to have knee replacement at St.

For the record:	10/28	11/04	11/11	11/18
Bible Study	20	24	24	24
AM Worship	24	34	37	32
PM Worship	23	22	18	20
Wed. Bible Study	16	12	15	14
Contribution	\$595	\$679	\$626	\$718

Thomas on December 6. Charlene Turnbo was out due to straining her back last Sunday. James Mason was sick last Sunday but was able to get out Wednesday. Wayne's brother, Ed Gannon, had to receive four pints of blood this week. His blood was low but the cause was undetermined at the time of treatment.

◆ Remember our shut-ins and the older members who have to deal with the infirmities that come with age.

## **Events**

◆ Area - wide Friday Night Singing

Harmony - Highway 30 from Mcminnville. From highway 30 go 7.4 miles toward Spencer. 7 p.m.

◆ Check the bulletin board for updates.

**(Blood of Christ** - Continued from front) The blood of Christ cleanses us from our sins, as has been noted. Water washes away our sins ( 1 Peter 3:21). Is there a contradiction? No, Scripture is perfect and complete, so we must dig deeper ( 2 Timothy 3:16,17). If blood and water both are involved in removing our sins, then they must coincide. Water and the blood of Christ, therefore, meet when we are immersed into Christ for the remission of our sins. If we will have our sins washed away, we must come to Christ and submit to baptism in order to be cleansed from our sins. It is our only hope.

1/ Thayer, Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament, p. 65.

2/ Bauer, Arndt, Gingrich and Danker, A Greek-English Lexicon of the New Testament and Other Christian Literature, p. 96.

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<b>Assignments</b>	<b>November 25</b>	<b>December 2</b>
<b>Song leader (SS)</b>	Wayne Gannon	Tim Waldron
<b>Announcements</b>	Junior Conner	Joe Green
<b>Songleader-Worship</b>	Tim Waldron	Wayne Gannon
<b>Scripture reading</b>	Daniel Green	Andy Miller
<b>Opening prayer</b>	James Mason	Lee Rose
<b>Table service (center)</b>	Joe Green	Daniel Green
<b>(center)</b>	Nick Graham	T J Waldron
<b>(outside)</b>	T J Waldron	Mason Fisher
<b>(outside)</b>	Andy Miller	Cole Gordon
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Lee Rose	Junior Conner
<i>If you cannot serve, please contact</i>	<b>Junior Conner</b>	