

18) Why does God forgive sin (24)?

19) How do we receive this forgiveness (25)?

20) How is God's justice shown in this?

Hebrews 9:28 (GW) ²⁸ Likewise, Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of humanity, and after that he will appear a second time. This time he will not deal with sin, but he will save those who eagerly wait for him.

21) How many times must Jesus be sacrificed for sin?

22) What will Jesus do when he appears a 2nd time?

23) Based on this study, what do you owe Jesus? Why?

24) How will you live out this reality?

Jesus Paid It All

Blood

Genesis 9:3-5 (GW) ³ Everything that lives and moves will be your food. I gave you green plants as food; I now give you everything else. ⁴ "But you are not to eat meat with blood in it. (Blood is life.) ⁵ In addition, I will demand your blood for your life. I will demand it from any animal or from any person. I will demand the life of any person ₁ who kills ₁ another person.

1) What is the significance of blood?

2) What is the penalty for taking another person's life?

Exodus 12:12-13 (GW) ¹² "On that same night I will go throughout Egypt and kill every firstborn male, both human and animal. I will severely punish all the gods of Egypt, ₁ because ₁ I am the Lord. ¹³ But the blood on your houses will be a sign for your protection. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. Nothing will touch or destroy you when I strike Egypt.

3) Where did this blood come from?

4) What will God do when he sees the blood?

5) How does this passage relate to Genesis 9:3-5?

Leviticus 17:10-12 (GW) ¹⁰ "If Israelites or foreigners eat any blood, I will condemn them and exclude them from the people, ¹¹ because blood contains life. I have given this blood to you to make peace with me on the altar.

Blood is needed to make peace with me. ¹² That is why I have said to the people of Israel: Neither you nor foreigners should ever eat blood.

6) What is the reason that God gives for not eating blood?

7) How is blood to make peace with God?

Colossians 1:20 (GW) ²⁰ God was also pleased to bring everything on earth and in heaven back to himself through Christ. He did this by making peace through Christ's blood sacrificed on the cross.

8) How did everything get taken away from God?

9) How did God make peace with us?

Redemption

Titus 2:13-14 (GW) ¹³ At the same time we can expect what we hope for—the appearance of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He gave himself for us to set us free from every sin and to cleanse us so that we can be his special people who are enthusiastic about doing good things.

10) What do we hope for according to these verses?

11) What did Jesus set us free from? Free to?

12) What did he use to set us free according to these verses?

1 John 2:1-2 (GW) My dear children, I'm writing this to you so that you will not sin. Yet, if anyone does sin, we have Jesus Christ, who has God's full approval. He speaks on our behalf when we come into the presence of the Father. ² He is the payment for our sins, and not only for our sins, but also for the sins of the whole world.

13) Why can Jesus speak on our behalf when we sin?

14) How many of our sins did Jesus pay for?

15) Are anyone's sins left out of the payment Jesus made? Why or why not?

1 John 1:7 (GW) ⁷ But if we live in the light in the same way that God is in the light, we have a relationship with each other. And the blood of his Son Jesus cleanses us from every sin.

16) What cleanses us from every sin?

17) How does this relate to the part of the study on blood?

Romans 3:23-26 (GW) ²³ Because all people have sinned, they have fallen short of God's glory. ²⁴ They receive God's approval freely by an act of his kindness through the price Christ Jesus paid to set us free from sin. ²⁵ God showed that Christ is the throne of mercy where God's approval is given through faith in Christ's blood. In his patience God waited to deal with sins committed in the past. ²⁶ He waited so that he could display his approval at the present time. This shows that he is a God of justice, a God who approves of people who believe in Jesus.