

1Pet 1.1-2, Part 2—We are Elected Unto Justification in Christ

Elect by the Father *unto* Justification by the Son

- I. Along with the Spirit's work of sanctifying us, the Son's work of justifying us flows directly out of the Father's election.
 - A. We're not allowed to separate these three actions, cf. Rom 8.30
 - B. The separate actions in this passage are the actions of the one God, all done in unison on the same persons, cf. Jn 17.6-10
 - C. Election is the divine cause and origin of our salvation in Christ, Eph 1.4-5; Rev 5.13

Elected *for* Sprinkling with Christ's Blood

- I. What does Peter mean by sprinkling with Christ's blood?
 - A. He's drawing on the ceremonial laws and actions of the OT economy. And by doing so, he's telling us that they were all types and shadows of the cleansing that only comes through faith in Christ and His atoning blood, Heb 10.1-14
- II. There are four kinds of sprinkling with blood in the OT.
 - A. The sprinkling of the doors in Egypt the night before the exodus so that the angel of death would pass over them, Ex 12
 - 1. The angel didn't bring death to that house because the blood on the door showed that a death had already taken place there. Judgment had already been meted out on their behalf.
 - B. The sprinkling at Mount Sinai where God confirmed His covenant with Israel through the mediation of Moses, Ex 24
 - 1. This declared to the saints that they were in covenant with God by the death and shed blood of a sacrifice in their place.
 - C. The sprinkling of the altar in the daily sacrifices done by the priests of Israel, e.g. Lev 1.5, 11
 - 1. This declared to the saints that the entire ceremonial system of Israel and all its worship found its acceptance before God only through the atoning blood of a sacrifice.
 - D. The sprinkling with blood annually on the Day of Atonement, Lev 16
 - 1. Everything on that day made clear to the saints that they stood in covenant with God and were forgiven of their sins, all on the basis of the atoning death of a substitute.
- III. Every ceremonial application of the blood of a sacrifice by a priest of God in the OT was a *foreshadow* of the cross of Christ, where as High Priest, He offered up Himself as an atoning sacrifice for the

- Father's elect to justify them before the divine Tribunal, thereby abrogating the entire OT ceremonial economy, cf. Heb 10.4, 5, 14; 1Cor 5.7; Jn 1.36; Heb 9.11-12, 22-24, 26; Acts 20.28; Eph 1.7; 1Pet 1.18-19; 1Jn 1.7; Rom 3.24; 5.9. –The evidence is overwhelming.
- A. *When Peter addresses us as elected by the Father to be sprinkled by the Son's blood, he's saying that this is the one gate through which all God's elect enter into salvation, cf. Jn 14.6; Jn 3.16
 - B. Christ's blood shed in atonement for the Father's elect *atoned* for all their sins, *satisfied* the divine wrath against them, *removed* all their guilt, *reconciled* them in peace with the Father, and *secured* for them an eternal redemption because it *justified* them before God.
 - C. This explains the Christocentricity of Paul's preaching, 1Cor 2.2; 15.3, and of the entire gospel message, Lk 24.44-47; Acts 17.30-31; Jn 3.36; 1Jn 5.11-12

Application

- I. The only way for you to receive the cleansing of Christ's blood is to admit your own filth and defilement before God and go to Christ.
 - A. His cleansing blood will do you no good unless it's applied by grace to your case in heaven and applied by faith to your conscience on earth, cf. Rev 7.13-14; cf. Gal 2.20; Rom 3.21-31
- II. If you enjoy a clear conscience before God by the cleansing blood of Christ (Heb 9.14), then see what cause you have to rejoice!
 - A. The justice and the law of God are satisfied toward you, Rom 5.1
 - B. There is no condemnation awaiting you at death, Rom 8.1, 37-39
 - C. There is no reason to fear dying (1Cor 15.55-57), or the judgment day itself, Rom 8.33
 - D. You have been acquitted and justified already in Christ, Rom 8.30
 - E. See that you apply these truths to your heart!
- III. Fix it in your mind that nothing cleanses us from our sins but the blood of Jesus.
 - A. We cannot atone for our sins; we cannot cleanse our own consciences, Mic 6.7. Only the blood of Christ can do it, 1Jn 1.7; Heb 9.14. Therefore, in the day of sin and guilt, see that you resort to no other fountain than His atoning blood, 1Jn 1.9; 2.1-2
- IV. If you're sprinkled with the justifying blood of Christ, then see that you give God praise and thanks for it. It is your greatest mercy, Eph 1.3-5