

## Ephesians

*The Blood & His Will*

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### Ephesians 1:5-14

*5 he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, 6 to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. 7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 8 which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight*

- **Redemption** – buy back; God's work to liberate humanity from the enslaving power of sin and evil.

### Hebrews 9:11-14, 22

*11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.*

*22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.*

**Cf. Leviticus 17:11; Romans 3:23-25; Hebrews 10:1-18**

*9 making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ 10 as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth in him. 11 In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, 12 so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. 13 In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.*

- **God's Will**

V5, the **purpose** of His will? V7, His creation would be redeemed

V9, the **mystery** of His will? V10, unify all people, dead and alive in Christ.

V11, the **counsel** of His will? V12, divine intention after perfect understanding

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