**Redemption of Man**

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Relative to man’s redemption, no difference exists today from that which existed in Eden almost 6,000 years ago.  The whole panorama of salvation, past, present, and future — spirit, soul, and body — requires death and shed blood throughout.  God’s requirements were set at the beginning, they were set perfect, and, accordingly, no change can ever occur.

In the past aspect of salvation, the salvation that we presently possess [having to do with man’s spirit], the death of God’s Son and His shed blood are required [Christ’s finished work at Calvary].

In the continuing aspect of salvation [present, to be realized in the future], the salvation of the soul, death and shed blood are, as well, required.  But now it is death in relation to the individual.  Now it is the death of the old man [cf. [Romans 6:1-13](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+6.1-13&t=NKJV); [Colossians 2:12](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+2.12&t=NKJV); [3:1-10](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Colossians+3.1-10&t=NKJV)]; and, as well, it is also Christ’s shed blood as before, but not His blood relating to His finished work at Calvary;  now it is His blood on the mercy seat in heaven; now His work as High Priest is in view [cf. [John 13:4-12](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=John+13.4-12&t=NKJV); [Hebrews 4:14-16](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+4.14-16&t=NKJV); [9:11-12](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Hebrews+9.11-12&t=NKJV); [1 John 1:6-2:2](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=1John+1.6-2.2&t=NKJV)] — a work on behalf of those presently being saved [a present divine work, which has to do with the saving of the soul].  And this present work can occur only because those presently being saved have “passed from death to life” [past aspect of salvation] and can now be dealt with in the spiritual realm.

And the redemption of the body, as seen in [Romans 8:23](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Romans+8.23&t=NKJV) [not to be confused with the resurrection of the body], has to do with the future adoption into a firstborn status and is part and parcel with the salvation of the soul.

All is based on and requires death and shed blood.

[Ref. the author’s books, [Salvation of the Soul by Arlen Chitwood](http://lampbroadcast.org/Books/SOS.pdf) and [God's Firstborn Sons by Arlen Chitwood](http://lampbroadcast.org/Books/GFS.pdf) (the Appendix) or [Bible One - Arlen Chitwood's God's Firstborn Sons, Appendix](http://bibleone.net/GFS_A.htm) for more information on the preceding.]

Relative to the redemption of the earth, as well, no difference exists today from that which existed in Eden.  This is evident from comparing the past redemption/restoration of the pre-Adamic earth with the future redemption/restoration of the post-Adamic earth.

When God brought about a judgment upon and a subsequent restoration of the pre-Adamic earth, man did not yet exist.  His creation occurred following the redemption/restoration of the earth.  Thus, man did not fit into the equation, and God could redeem/restore the earth simply on the basis of His past judgment of sin by reducing the earth to a ruin, as occurred before man’s creation.

Once man appeared on the scene though, reducing the earth to a ruin once again [judgment, allowing for redemption] was no longer sufficient in and of itself, as before.  Judgment now must not only befall the earth but man upon the earth as well.  And, as with man’s present redemption, death and shed blood must be involved in the future redemption of the earth in this respect, for not only is man now inseparably involved but this future judgment will befall man, not the earth.

“Judgment” upon the earth itself is past.  This judgment occurred almost 6,000 years ago, in [Genesis 3:17-19](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+3.17-19&t=NKJV) [with the absence of death and shed blood, as also seen in the previous judgment of the earth in [Genesis 1:2a](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Genesis+1.2a&t=NKJV)].  But judgment upon those dwelling on the earth, now inseparably connected with a redemption of the earth, by and through judgment, is still future [and this part of the earth’s judgment, resulting in redemption, will necessitate death and shed blood (for death and shed blood must exist where man is involved, else there can be no redemption)].

Note how this is set forth in [Revelation 5](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5&t=NKJV) following a search for One worthy to take the scroll and break the seals on the scroll.  Christ was the only One found worthy — in heaven, on earth, or under the earth — to take the scroll from His Father’s right hand, break the seals of the scroll, and bring about the earth’s redemption by and  through judgment upon the earth-dwellers [[Revelation 5:1ff](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5.1ff&t=NKJV)].  And doing this, He is seen acting in two realms [providing the reason why He was the only One found worthy, for He was the only One who could act in these two realms] — as “the Lion of the tribe of Judah,” effecting judgment [[Revelation 5:5](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5.5&t=NKJV)] and as “the Lamb that was slain,” effecting redemption/restoration [[Revelation 5:6](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5.6&t=NKJV), [9](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5.9&t=NKJV), [12-13](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5.12-13&t=NKJV); [6:1](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+6.1&t=NKJV)], which will occur through judgment.

This redemption/restoration of the earth will occur at the end of the 6,000 years.  And this is what is so vividly described in [Revelation 6-19](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+6-19&t=NKJV), which results from the breaking of the seals of the seven-sealed scroll introduced in [Revelation 5](http://www.blueletterbible.org/search/preSearch.cfm?Criteria=Revelation+5&t=NKJV).

Redemption of the domain — the earth — was provided for the first man, the first Adam, prior to the time that he was to reign; and redemption of the same domain will be provided for the second Man, the last Adam, prior to the time that He is to reign.