

1 Peter 1:18-23 CJB

Introduction:

In verses 1 & 2 Peter identified the recipient of this epistle as **God's chosen people**.

It is obvious that he is writing to messianic Jewish believers because the Jews had been dispelled from Jerusalem and were scattered abroad to other cities.

1 Peter 1:1-2 CJB

(1) From: peter, an apostle of Yeshua the Messiah To: God's chosen people, living as **aliens** in the Diaspora — in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, the province of Asia, and Bythinia —

(2) chosen according to the **foreknowledge of God** the Father and set apart by the Spirit for obeying Yeshua the Messiah and for **sprinkling with his blood**: Grace and shalom be yours in full measure.

Peter wrote to those in the cities of **Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, the province of Asia, and Bythinia**. These are all in present-day **Turkey**

They were **living as aliens in the Dispersion** because they were not living in the land of Israel. Their land had been taken over and under the control of the Romans.

Peter is here writing to them about their freedom. However, He is not talking about their freedom from **Romans authorities** or Romans oppression but their freedom from sin.

However, even though this was written to Jews who had become believers in Yeshua, the message is also for **all** believers today. Because regardless of who we are, we are **all sinner** and we **all** need a savior.

God's plan of salvation **did not** begin at the birth of Yeshua. It actually began in the Garden of Eden. Yahweh's plan of delivering humanity has always been **by blood**.

From the beginning an animal was sacrificed to **cover** man sin.

[Genesis 3:21 WEB](#)

(21) Yahweh God made garments of **animal skins** for Adam and for his wife and clothed them.

The Jews entire worship system centered **on** blood sacrifice. Therefore, they would understand peter message when he told them the price Yahweh **paid** to free them from their bondages.

1. The Cost of Their Freedom

He said to them in verse 18.

1 Peter 1:18, 19

(18) You should be aware that the **ransom paid** to free you from the worthless way of life which your fathers passed on to you did not consist of anything perishable like silver or gold;

(19) on the contrary, it was the **costly bloody sacrificial** death of the Messiah, **as** of **a lamb without defect** or spot.

The price paid for **their** freedom and **ours** as well, was much more valuable than silver and gold. Gold and silver can purchase the freedom of a slave, but they **cannot** purchase our freedom from sin. It would take an **act of Yahweh** himself to do that.

Therefore, Yahweh provided the **ransom price** for freedom: **the blood of his son.**

It would take **nothing** but blood to free humanity from sin.

In revelation chapter 5: *the four living beings and the twenty-four elders fell down in front of the Lamb.*

Revelation 5:9-10 CJB

(9) and they sang a new song, "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals; **because you were slaughtered;** at the **cost of blood** you **ransomed** for God persons from **every** tribe, language, people and nation.

(10) You made them into a kingdom for God to rule, Priest to serve him; and they will rule over the earth."

Peter said- "It was the **costly bloody sacrificial** death of the Messiah, **as** of **a lamb without defect** or spot.

Only the **Jew** would fully understand this **concept** of a spotless lamb

being sacrifices.

Because starting with the lamb offered by each family at the time of the Exodus **all** sacrifices had to be **without blemish**.

Exodus 12:5 CJB

(5) Your animal must be **without defect**, a male in its first year, and you may choose it from either the sheep or the goats.

Leviticus 22:19-20 CJB

(19) in order for you to be accepted, you must bring a male **without defect** from the cattle, the sheep or the goats.

(20) You are **not to bring** anything with **a defect**, because it will not be accepted from you.

The writer of Hebrews **also** refers to Yeshua as a sacrifice **without blemishes**.

Hebrews 9:13-14 CJB

(13) For if sprinkling ceremonially unclean persons with the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer restores their **outward purity**;

(14) then how much more **the blood of the Messiah**, who, through the eternal Spirit, offered himself to God **as a sacrifice without blemish**, will **purify** our conscience from works that lead to death, so that we can serve the living God!

It is all about the blood.

According to the dictionary

Blood is the fluid that circulates in the heart, arteries, capillaries, and veins of a vertebrate animal **carrying nourishment and oxygen** to and **bringing away waste products from all parts** of the body.

In other words, blood is a cleansing agent for the human body. It **keeps it alive** and it **eliminates** waste from the body by carrying it to the kidney for filtering and eliminating it through **urine**.

2. Yeshua's Blood Is Our Cleansing Agent.

He not only **takes** away the **filth** of our sins, but he also gives us **life**.

1 John 1:7 CJB

(7) But if we are walking in the light, as he is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the **blood** of **his Son** Yeshua **purifies us** from all sin.

The blood of Yeshua cleanses us from **all sins** and iniquities. When we are washed in his blood **all** impurities are eliminated. We each are cleansed **continually** as we confess our faults, sins, and mistakes to him.

1 John 1:9 CJB

(9) If we acknowledge our sins, then, since he is trustworthy and just, he will **forgive** them and **purify** us from all wrongdoing.

Yahweh **established** means by which we would be cleansed, saved, and set free from sin is by the **blood** of his son.

From the time of the **exodus** to the **death** of the messiah, it has always been by **bloody sacrifices**.

In Levitical 17 Yahweh said

Leviticus 17:11 CJB

(11) For the **life of a creature is in the blood**, and I have given it to you on **the altar** to make atonement for yourselves; for **it is the blood** that makes atonement **because of the life**.'

Romans 3:25-26 CJB

(25) God put Yeshua forward as the atonement for sin through his faithfulness in respect to his **bloody sacrificial death**. This vindicated God's righteousness; because, in his forbearance, he had passed over [**with neither punishment nor remission**] the sins people had committed in the past;

(26) and it vindicates his righteousness in the present age by showing that he is righteous himself and is also the one who **makes people righteous** on the ground of Yeshua's faithfulness.

3. Yeshua's Blood Brings About Our Redemption

Colossians 1:14 CJB

(14) It is through his Son that we have **redemption** — that is, our **sins** have been forgiven.

Yeshua was a **lamb** offered as a **sin offering** to atone for our sins

according to scriptures.

He came into this world "as a lamb". He did not come the first time "as a king". He was **not born** in a palace, where kings are born; he was born in the place where lambs are born.

Most believers miss this **important** point. That is why they say the reason baby Yeshua was born in a stable is because he was humble.

But we have got to see the picture here. We have got to see his birth in line with his mission. **That is, he came to save sinners.** And the only way to saves sinners is by **his bloody sacrificial death, as of a lamb**

Romans 8:3 CJB

(3) For what the Torah could not do by itself, because it lacked the power to make the **old nature** cooperate, God did by sending his own Son as a human being with a nature like our own sinful one [**but without sin**]. God did this in order to **deal with sin**, and in so doing he executed the punishment against sin in human nature.

His death was scheduled in the past.

1 Peter 1:20 CJB

God knew him **before the founding of the universe**, but revealed him in these last times for your sakes.

We are privileged to share his life today, in the presence.

1 Peter 1:23

(23) You have been **born again** not from some seed that will decay, but from one that cannot decay, through the living Word of God that **lasts forever.**

John 6:51-56 CJB

(51) I am the living bread that has come down from heaven; if anyone eats this bread, he will live forever. Furthermore, the bread that I will give **is my own flesh**; and I will give it for the **life** of the world."

(53) Then Yeshua said to them, "Yes, indeed! I tell you that unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, **you do not have life in yourselves.**

(54) Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has **eternal life** — that is, I will raise him up on the Last Day.

(55) For my **flesh is true food**, and **my blood is true drink.**

(56) Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood **lives in me**, and I

live in him.

Yeshua is **not** speaking of actually eating his body and drinking his blood. He is using symbolic language.

"To eat the flesh of the Son of Man" is to **absorb** his entire way of being and living.

The Greek word "*sarx*" ("flesh") is **also** used to refer to human nature in **general**, to the ability to choose, the physical, emotional, and mental aspects of human existence.

Therefore, Yeshua wants us to **live, feel, think, and act like him**; he enables us to do so by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Likewise, *"to drink his blood"* is to **absorb** his **self-sacrificing life-motivation** and indeed his **very life**, since *"the life of the flesh is in the blood"*.

We indeed, are **privileged** to share in the **very life** of the messiah. He is in us and we are in him.

Yeshua said we should **celebrate** in death. And Paul said in--

1 Corinthians 11:23-26 TLV

(23) For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you—that the Lord Yeshua, on the night He was betrayed, took matzah;

(24) and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you. **Do this in memory of Me.**"

(25) In the same way, He also took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in **My blood**. Do this, as often as you drink it, in memory of Me."

(26) For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death **until He comes**.

As Yeshua celebrated his **last Passover** meal with his disciples, he took the **third** cup of wine, the cup of redemption, and said from that day forward they were to drink **that cup** (the cup of redemption) in remembrance of **his blood** that was poured out for the redemption of sin.

Just as it was necessary for Israel to be **covered by blood** in order to be saved from physical death, we too must be covered by the blood of Yeshua in order to escape eternal damnation to our souls.

The **bread** represents the broken body of Yeshua, while the **wine** represents **his blood**.

Yeshua is our sacrificial lamb. Because of what he did, death no longer has **victory** over us, and we have that hope of living with him throughout eternity.

As the heavenly being said:

Revelation 5:10 CJB

(10) You made them into **a kingdom** for God to rule, Priests to serve him; and they **will rule** over the earth."

Have you applied the blood of Yeshua to your life?

If you have, Yahweh has a plan for you.

He has a plan **to bless you, to strengthen you, to encourage you, to remove sickness** from among you.

He has a plan to **provide** for all of you need in Yeshua.

He has a plan to work in partnership with you to accomplish his purpose here on earth.

It all **begins** and **ends** with the bloody sacrificial death of his son Yeshua. Who was born in Bethlehem of Judea more than two thousand years ago.

Your salvation; your deliverance; your freedom; your very life, is all about the **costly bloody sacrificial** death of the Messiah, **as of a lamb without defect** or spot.