**How it Feels to be Cleansed**

**Rev. 1:4-7**

1 Pt. 1:18-19, You were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

Ex. 6:6, Say, therefore, to the sons of Israel, ‘I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will deliver you from their bondage. I will also redeem you with an outstretched arm and with great judgments.

Rom. 3:24, God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood.

**Three Benefits of Christ’s Redeeming Blood**

1:4-5, John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood.

**We are Redeemed because of His Love**

Rom. 5:8, God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

Jn. 3:16, For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

1 Jn. 1:7, The blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Is. 1:18, Come now, and let us reason together,” says the LORD, “Though your sins are as scarlet, they will be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they will be like wool.

Heb. 9:22, Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

**We are Exalted because of His Sacrifice**

6, He has made us *to be* a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him *be* the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

1 Pt. 2:5, You also, as living stones, are being built up as a spiritual house for a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Heb. 13:15, Through Him then, let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that give thanks to His name.

Eph. 2:10, We are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works.

**We are Anticipating His Return**

7, Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen.

Titus 2:13-14, We wait for the blessed hope—the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

Phil. 3:13-14, Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.