

WASHED IN  
THE BLOOD

REVELATION 1:4-7

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**4 John to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne;**

**5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,**

**6 And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.**

**7 Behold, he cometh with clouds; and every eye shall see him, and they also which pierced him: and all kindreds of the earth shall wail because of him. Even so, Amen.**

# **Introduction**

**A. The Effects of the Cross Remain Through The Ages**

**B. John Reminds Seven Churches of the Cross**

**C. Preparation For Understanding Begins At Calvary**

# **I. Washed Ones Are Loved Ones (1:5)**

## **A. “Unto him that loved us”**

### **1. The cross says God loves us**

**Romans 5:8**

**But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

### **2. When you wonder if God loves you, consider the cross**

**John 3:16**

**For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.**

# **I. Washed Ones Are Loved Ones (1:5)**

**B. We are washed from our sins by the blood of Christ**

**1. Our sins are remitted**

**Hebrews 9:22**

**And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.**

**2. We are cleansed from all sin**

**1 John 1:7**

**But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.**

# **I. Washed Ones Are Loved Ones (1:5)**

## **C. No cross = No cleansing**

### **1. Religious rites have no cleansing power**

**James 1:26**

**If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain.**

### **2. The blood of Christ is divine cleanser**

**Isaiah 1:18**

**Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.**

## **II. Washed Ones Are Lifted Ones (1:5-6)**

### **A. We are made kings and priests**

#### **1. We have been lifted from rags to real riches**

**Ephesians 5:27**

**That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.**

#### **2. We have been exalted from peasants to princes**

**Ephesians 2:6**

**And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus:**

## **II. Washed Ones Are Lifted Ones (1:5-6)**

**B. The cleansed ones are now fitted for divine service**

**1. Note the disciples**

**Matthew 4:19**

**And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.**

**2. He made them the key people in establishing his church**

**a. They knew the truth (Matthew 16:18)**

**b. They were filled with the spirit (Acts 2:4)**

## **II. Washed Ones Are Lifted Ones (1:5-6)**

**C. The cleansed ones are now exalted from sin to divine service**

**1 Corinthians 6:11**

**And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.**

**2 Timothy 2:21**

**If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.**

### **III. Washed Ones Are Looking Ones (1:7)**

#### **A. Their focus is now on the future**

##### **1. Regrets are behind and rewards are ahead**

**2 Peter 1:9-10**

**9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.**

**10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:**

##### **2. The Lord's return is their blessed hope**

**Titus 2:13**

**Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;**

### **III. Washed Ones Are Looking Ones (1:7)**

**B. Trials here cannot overcome them**

**1. They look behind the problems of earth to the promise of His return**

**Romans 8:18**

**For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.**

**Hebrews 12:1**

**Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,**

### **III. Washed Ones Are Looking Ones (1:7)**

**B. Trials here cannot overcome them - continued**

**2. The prize awaiting them now has their attention**

**Philippians 3:13-14**

**Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before,**

**14 I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.**

**Have You Been Washed In  
The Blood Of The Lamb?**