

CHRIST'S DEATH WAS NECESSARY

Christ's death was necessary to defeat sin and condemn sin to its termination. A sinless Man was needed to be killed by sin, so that sin is condemned to its own execution (Romans 8:3). God freely forgives sin (2 Corinthians 5:19; Ephesians 4:32; 1 John 1:9). God needs no payment before He can forgive. English Bibles have done us a disservice by translating aphesis as forgiveness of sins. Aphesis means release. So, Hebrews 9:22 means that without the shedding of blood there is no release from the Old Covenant and making of the New Covenant in His blood or in other words "no release from sin or no taking away of sin" (John 1:29). Matthew 26:28 means that Jesus' blood of the New Covenant is poured out for many for the taking away of sin through the new life imparted to the believer. Jesus' resurrected life, life is in the blood, saves us (Romans 5:10). The very Holy Spirit of Christ indwells and seals the believer. It is the resurrected life of Jesus that saves the believer. Jesus will eventually remove all sin and death from creation. The cross proved Jesus has the power and authority (Matthew 28:18 and Revelation 21,22).