

DEBT FREE
MATTHEW 1:21 / 10-28-18 / AM

I. FIRST, GOD PROVIDED A PLAN FOR REDEMPTION.

- A. Why do we need to be redeemed or saved?
1. The Bible tells us that sin separates us from God's presence and knowledge of Him—Romans 6:23.
 2. The Apostle Paul confirms it--Romans 3:23.
 3. This means each of us, without exception, has a sin debt.
 4. Did you know that you also have a sin debt that is beyond your ability to pay?
- B. It's because of our sin debt that God has a plan for our redemption.
1. God's plan requires a sacrifice for our sin—Hebrews 9:22.
 2. Animal sacrifice isn't sufficient to pay for our sin according to Hebrews 10:5-6.
 3. The reason is that animal sacrifice only provided temporary atonement or forgiveness and had to be repeated every year.
 4. God's plan of redemption, however, required a perfect and permanent sacrifice by the "Lamb of God"—Hebrews 10:7.

II. GOD NOT ONLY PROVIDED A PLAN FOR OUR REDEMPTION BUT HE ALSO PROVIDED A MAN FOR OUR REDEMPTION.

- A. An angel told Joseph that the name of our redeemer is Jesus—Matt. 1:21.
1. The Hebrew equivalent of the name Jesus is "Jeshua" which means "God saves".
 2. Therefore, God's plan for our redemption was fulfilled in this man Jesus.
- B. Only Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for our sins.
1. John the Baptist confirms this—John 1:29.
 2. Jesus' alone fits this criteria of sinlessness—Heb. 4:14.
 3. Therefore, Jesus' sacrificial death makes our redemption possible—Heb. 9:15; Acts 4:12; John 14:6.

CONCLUSION

- A. God promised to redeem us.
 - 1. He provided a plan for our redemption.
 - 2. He also provided a man for our redemption, Jesus Christ.
- B. In 1989 Rick Founds wrote both the lyrics and the music for a popular chorus called: "Lord I lift your name on high". Let's sing it together now.

**Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us**

**You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high**

- C. Have you accepted and received God's plan for redemption, Jesus Christ.