

Daily Devotion For June 18, 2020

⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and **with your blood you purchased** for God persons from **every tribe** and **language** and **people** and **nation**. ¹⁰ You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign^[b] on the earth." Revelation 5:9-10

Yesterday at our Wednesday Bible Study, a question was asked about why Jesus had to shed his blood for the forgiveness of sins. Hebrews 9:22 tells us that without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. As Revelation 5:9-10 tells us the blood of Jesus purchased for God persons from every tribe, language, people and nation. One day people of all **racess, ethnicities, and nationalities** will be in the kingdom of heaven.

As I was watching the news yesterday, I see where a Georgia District Attorney charged another police officer with felony murder for the death of Rayshard Brooks. In light of the ongoing racism that we see across our country, we have a long way to go to honor the dignity of all people because we are all made in the image of God. Because of God's love, the sacrifice of Jesus, God's words to us, and the power of the Spirit within us, we must love all people because all people matter to God.

Thought For Today: Today, reflect upon Revelation 5:9-10; why should we value people of all races, ethnicities, and nationalities and treat everyone with respect? How are you doing in this?

Today's Prayer Focus: Continue to pray for social justice and racial equality in our nation amidst the ongoing protest of the Black Lives Matter Movement. Continue to add this week's prayer fuel to your daily prayers. Deo Volente.