



Christ in Regulations for
Contagion (“Leprosy”)

Leviticus 13-14



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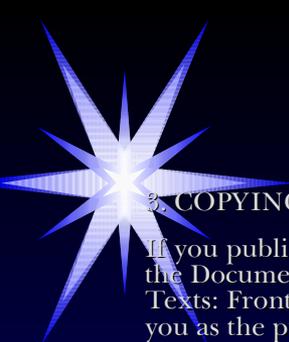
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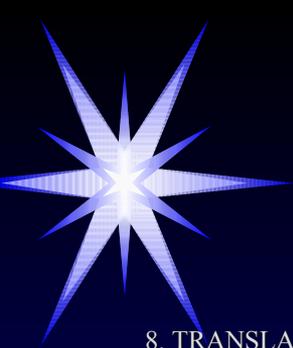
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Peer Pressure

Come join us
and be cool!



Boy, I would
like to!





Outline of Leviticus

I. The sacrifices (1-7)

II. Consecrating the priests (8-10)

III. Uncleanness and its remedy (11-16)

IV. Maintaining holiness (17-27)



Types of Uncleanness in Lev. 11-15

Unclean foods (11)

Uncleanness at birth (12)

Unclean contagion (13-14)

Unclean emissions (15)

Remedy for uncleanness (16)



A. Facts of Contagion



What Disease?

KJV, RSV, NASB, NKJV have
“leprous disease, leprosy.”

NIV has “infectious skin disease.”

Easy to
mistake.



The description includes spreading
mildew in garments (13:47-59) and
houses (14:33-53).

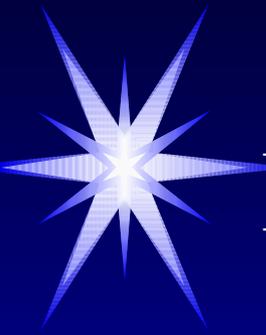
The same word, translated “leprosy,”
is used throughout.

Fundamental idea: spreading surface
infection, usually with discoloration.

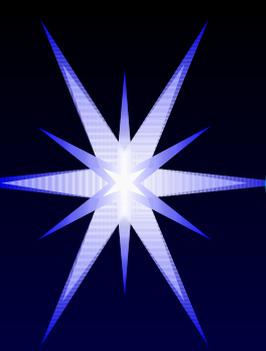


Outline of Leviticus 13-14

- I. Infection in man, 13:1-46
 - A. Various categories of infection, 13:2-44
 - B. Duty of an infected person, 13:45-46
- II. Infection in garments, 13:47-59
- III. Cleansing man from unclean, 14:1-32
- IV. Infection in houses, 14:33-53
 - A. Dealing with infection, 14:33-47
 - B. Cleansing from unclean, 14:48-53
- V. Summary, 14:54-57



B. Significance of Contagion



Clues about Spiritual Significance

Spreading disorder is the basic violation.

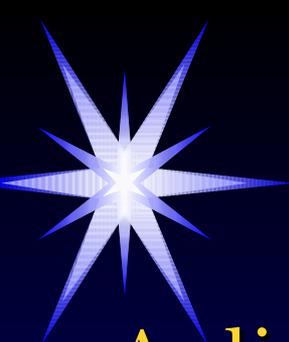
The person is excluded from the community (13:45-46).

Guilt offering required in the process of cleansing a person (14:1-32).

Priest applies blood and oil to the infected person (14:14-18).

What does it symbolize?





Contagion and Sin

A disease

Human disease results from fall into sin.

Spreading

Spreading disorder characterizes sin.

Excluded

Sin excludes from God

Guilt offering

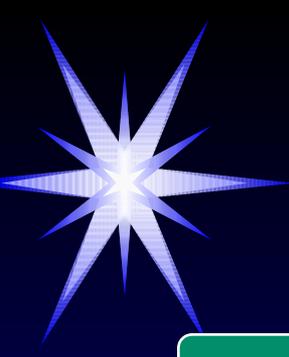
Substitute reconciles

Apply to person

Apply to yourself



Skin contagion symbolizes sin.



Contrasts of Contagion

Corruption from sin

Disease

Spread disorder

Excluded from
God

Guilt

Person suffers

God's way

Health and wholeness

Create order

Enjoy the presence of
God

Forgiveness

Renew a person



C. Fulfillment of Cleansing in Christ



A Picture of Christ's Cleansing

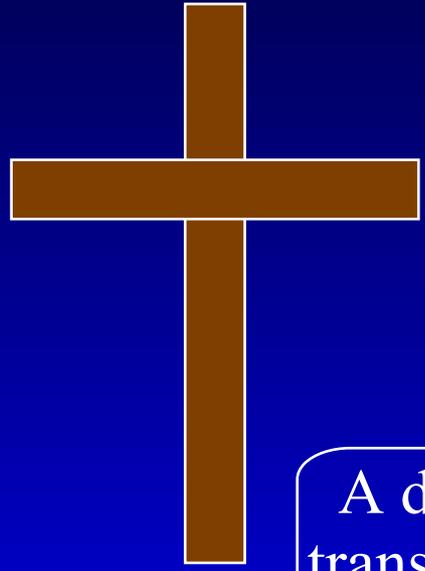
The Touch (Luke 5:12-16)



leper

transfer
unclean

transfer
healing

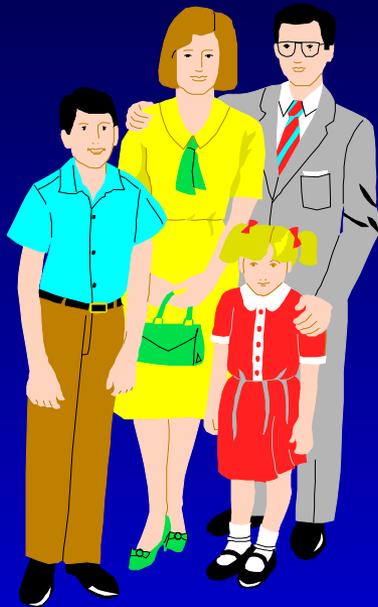


A double
transaction.



Christ Cleanses You

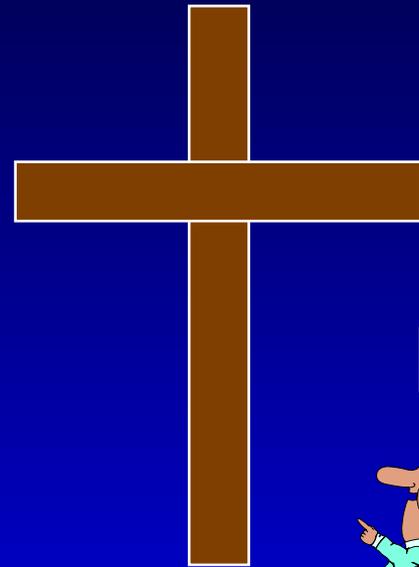
The Exchange (2 Cor. 5:21)



you

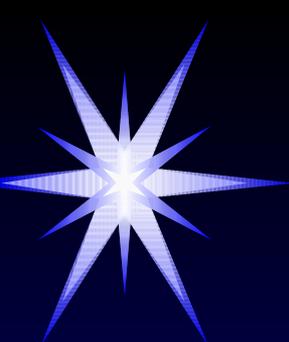
transfer
sin and penalty

transfer
righteousness



Perfect!





Fulfillment of Exclusion

Spreading
infection
excludes
from the
holy

Lev. 13:8, 45-46

Christ takes
sin and is
excluded
from God



For our good



God
excludes
all evil
from you

Rev. 21:27



Fulfillment of Cleansing (14:1-32)

God cleans
defilement
by animal
death

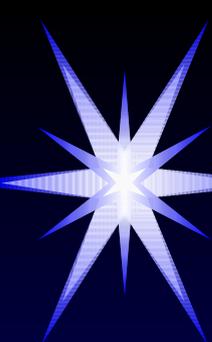
Lev. 14:13

Christ dies
and is
raised



God cleans
you by
Christ's
resurrection

Col. 1:13-14



Fulfillment of Touching (14:14-18)

Christ
prepares his
blood

Priest
touches
defiled
person

Christ
touches
your sin in
all areas

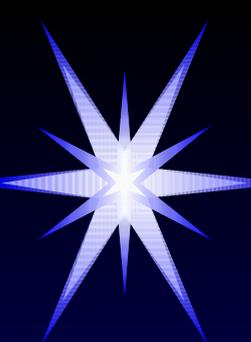


Grace!



Lev. 14:14,17,18

1 Thess. 5:23



Fulfillment of Fellowship

Christ
united with
the Father

Cleansed leper
is reunited with
Israel

Christ unites
you with his
people

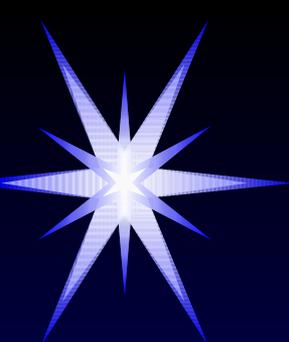


Grace!



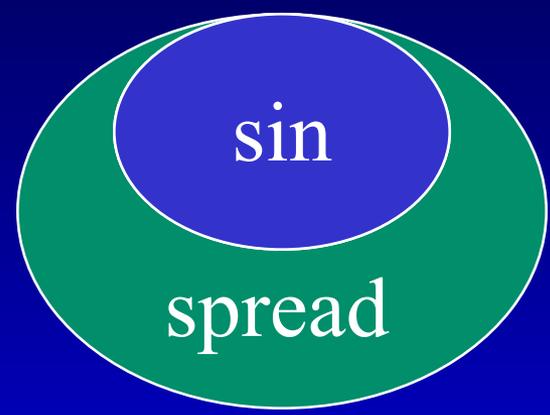
(Lev. 13:46)

1 Cor. 12



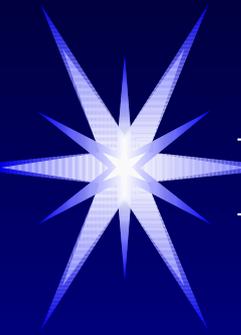
Fulfillment of Spreading

The way of sin



The way of holiness





D. Modern Application

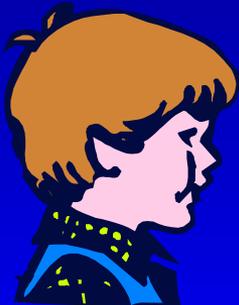


Answering Peer Pressure

Mommy, I want to join the gang.

I don't feel good about it, but I still want it.

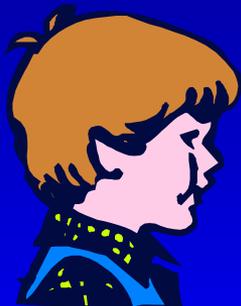
What does God say about it?





Answers from Leviticus 13-14

God really warned the people, didn't he?

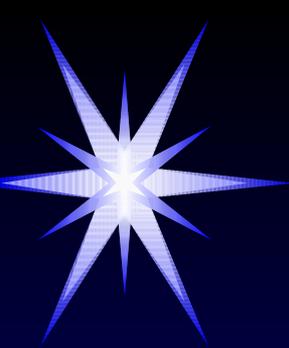


I guess it is.

Remember the picture of contagion spreading?

Is the gang spiritually contagious?

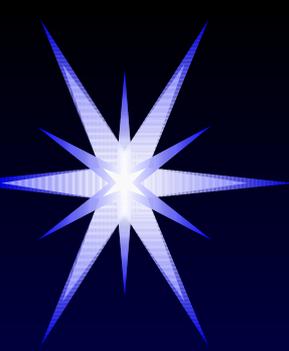




Spiritual Contagion

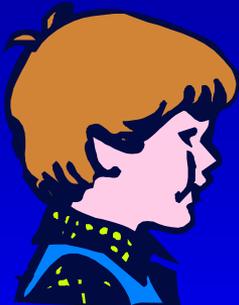
“Bad company corrupts good character” (1 Cor. 15:33; see Prov. 22:24-25).

“Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night” (Psalm 1:1-2).



Spreading Holiness

Christ made me new. So I must be a light in the dark.



What does Christ spread to us?

