The Red Heifer

Numbers 19

The Red Heifer was to be without defect of blemish

1Pe 1:18-19 ESV ... you were ransomed...with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

The Red Heifer was one on which a <u>yoke has</u> never come

Joh 10:17-18 ESV...I lay down my life that I may take it up again. 18 No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord.

The Red Heifer was taken outside the camp and slaughtered

Heb 13:12 ESV So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood.

The priest was to sprinkle some of its blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times

Heb 12:24 ESV and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

The heifer shall be burned in the sight of the priest

Mar 15:30-31 ESV[people were mocking] 30 save yourself, and come down from the cross!" 31 So also the chief priests with the scribes mocked him

Take Cedarwood and Hyssop and Scarlet Yarn, and throw them into the fire burning the heifer

Cedars of Lebanon - used to burn a sacrifice Isa 40:16 ESV Lebanon would not suffice for fuel, nor are its beasts enough for a burnt offering.

Hyssop points to salvation and the forgiveness of sin It was used to smear the blood of the passover lamb on the doorpost - Exo 12:22 ESV

David's prayer of repentance after adultery - Psa 51:7 ESV Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Scarlet wool - points to sin Isa 1:18 ESV "Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow;

These 3 things were at the crucifixion

The wood of the cross - Cedar?
The scarlet robe - cast lots
The hyssop - with vinegar

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The Water for Impurity

How could you avoid touching the dead? On average 9 people died every hour.

We are touched by the water of impurity/the ashes of the red heifer when we are saved...

Eze 36:25-27 ESV 25 I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.

26 And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.

27 And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

But we also "touch dead bodies" from time to time and need to be sprinkled again

Heb 9:13-24 ESV For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to *cleanse* us from all unrighteousness.

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