

The Blood Of Christ

Intro: Blood has always been an important concept in the Bible and has always played a vital role in the reconciliation of man to God.

I. SALVATION IS BY BLOOD.

A. **Heb. 9:22** “22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”

B. Old Testament

1. When Adam and Eve sinned, God shed the blood of animals to clothe them; Gen. 3:21 “²¹ Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.”
2. Abel offered an animal sacrifice to God; Gen. 4:4 “⁴ And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering:”
3. The Passover; Exo. 12:21-23 “²¹ Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover. ²² And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*.”
4. Animal sacrifices in the Law.
 - a. Exo. 30:10 “¹⁰ And Aaron shall make an atonement upon the horns of it once in a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonements: once in the year shall he make atonement upon it throughout your generations: *it is* most holy unto the LORD.”
 - b. Lev. 4-5

C. All the rivers of blood shed in the Old Testament could not take away even one sin.

1. Heb. 10:1-4 “¹ For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. ² For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. ³ But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. ⁴ For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.”
2. It did foreshadow the blood of Christ.

II. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

A. Shows the love of God.

1. John 3:16 “¹⁶ For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.”
2. Rom. 5:8 “⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”

B. Saves us.

1. 1 Cor. 5:7 “⁷ Purge out therefore the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, as ye are unleavened. For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:”

2. Eph. 1:7 ^{“7} In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”
3. Col. 1:14 ^{“14} In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:”
4. 1 John 1:7 ^{“7} But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”

C. How it is applied.

1. Christ blood was shed for all.
 - a. Mat. 26:28 ^{“28} For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”
 - b. Heb. 2:9 ^{“9} But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”
2. Yet, not all will be saved; Mat. 7:13-14 ^{“13} Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide *is* the gate, and broad *is* the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: ¹⁴ Because strait *is* the gate, and narrow *is* the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”
3. There must be obedience by man.
 - a. 1 Pet. 1:2 ^{“2} Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.”
 - b. Illustration of medicine:

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| (1) Great Physician | — | Jesus |
| (2) Malady | — | Sin |
| (3) Diseased One | — | Man |
| (4) Remedy | — | Blood |
4. How the blood of Christ is applied to our sins:
 - a. Remission of sins:
 - (1) Mat. 26:28 ^{“28} For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.”
 - (2) Heb. 9:22 ^{“22} And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”
 - (3) cf. Acts 2:38 ^{“38} Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.”
 - b. Wash away sins:
 - (1) Rev. 1:5 ^{“5} And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,”
 - (2) cf. Acts 22:16 ^{“16} And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”
 - c. Cleanse our conscience:
 - (1) Heb. 9:14 ^{“14} How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”
 - (2) cf. 1 Pet. 3:21 ^{“21} The like figure whereunto *even* baptism doth also now save us (not the putting away of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God,) by the resurrection of Jesus Christ:”

5. Other relationships:

a. The church:

- (1) Acts 20:28 ^{“28} Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.”
- (2) How we get into the church? Acts 2:38-41, 47 ^{“38} Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. ³⁹ For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call. ⁴⁰ And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this untoward generation. ⁴¹ Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added *unto them* about three thousand souls.... ⁴⁷ Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

b. The blood is found in Christ.

- (1) Eph. 1:7 ^{“7} In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”
- (2) Col. 1:14 ^{“14} In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins:”
- (3) We are baptized to get into Christ.
 - (a) Rom. 6:3 ^{“3} Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?”
 - (b) Gal. 3:27 ^{“27} For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

Conclusion: Our Lord left heaven's home to come to this world and shed His blood for our salvation; Phi. 2:6-8 ^{“6} Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: ⁷ But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: ⁸ And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.” Considering what Christ did for us, will you not obey His will in being baptized for the salvation of your soul.