

The Blood of Christ

1Pet 1:18-19 and 1Jn 1:7

Introduction:

1. Many reject God's wonderful plan of redemption through the Blood of the Everlasting Covenant.
 - a. The higher critics dare to say, "The slaughter house religion belongs to the Dark Ages."
 - b. Some boldly assert, "The blood shed upon the cursed tree was of no more avail than when it was flowing through Christ's veins in daily life."
2. Wherever one turns in Scripture, one finds the Blood.
 - a. It seeps through like the theme of a great symphony
 - b. The blood is woven through God's Book like a scarlet thread binding every page of the Word of God.
 - c. The blood of Christ is seen in type in Ex 12:13

13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.
 - d. It is seen again in Ex 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.
3. Only the blood that can satisfy the righteous demands of a righteous God
 - a. Today it is only the blood that can give rest to a troubled soul.
 - b. Jesus anticipated the cross.
 1. He lived His earthly life in the light of "His Hour."
 2. He spoke often of it, as one speaks frequently of some future event uppermost in one's thoughts and affections.
 3. He said to His disciples, I "must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests, and scribes, and be killed."
 4. He *must* go! Love constrained Him. He lived for His hour.
4. The blood cannot be overemphasized
 - a. The church can be overemphasized – some say it can save
 - b. Baptism can be over exaggerated – some say it can save
 - c. Lord's Supper can be over emphasized – it becomes the body / blood
- it can save from sin
 - d. The blood of Christ cannot be over emphasized

I. Jesus' Blood Is Precious Blood – 1Pet 1:18-19

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

A. The Price of Our Salvation – “blood”

1. What a change in Peter's attitude as he stands upon the other side of Calvary!
 - a) *Then—“Be it far from Thee, Lord”*
 - b) *Now—“The precious blood of Christ!”*
2. There are few things in the Bible which God calls precious.
 - a) *The word means costly and valuable, inestimably dear and beloved.*
 - b) *We cannot wholly realize nor completely explain how precious the blood of Jesus is to God, but this is His declaration: “Ye [are] redeemed... with the precious blood.”*
3. The world is helplessly losing its sense of values, holding dearly to those conditions or things which, with the turn of a circumstance, melt away before their eyes.
 - a) *Corruptible things cannot save*
 - b) *Silver and gold could not save*
 - c) *Good works cannot save*
 - d) *Doing the best you can doesn't save*
4. Only the precious blood of Christ can save
 - a) *But when God sets His seal upon a thing, the value of it is established.*
 - b) *It never fluctuates nor disappears, but like Him, remains.*
 - c) *This, His seal, He has set upon the blood of Christ, for it is our redemption blood!*
5. One of the most popular television programs on the PBS is the Antiques Roadshow in which ordinary people bring the items we've found in our attics and basements for appraisal. Some of these forgotten and discarded items are surprisingly valuable. One woman found a set of wooden puppets that were appraised for \$20,000. Another found an old painting in the attic that proved to be worth thousands of dollars. Well, Christians have some truths and realities to our lives that are surprisingly valuable, but sometimes we become so caught up in the commodities and competitiveness of this world that we lose our perspective and forget which things are really valuable and which aren't. We need the divine Appraiser to remind us of the true value of our greatest possession. Here God reminds us of the precious blood.

B. The Person of Our Salvation – “Christ”

1. My blood could not save anyone
2. Your blood could not save you
3. The blood of bulls and goats could not save
4. "In whom we have redemption through His blood" ([Eph. 1:7](#)).
"Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."
5. We are brought near by the blood of Christ
Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

II. Jesus' Blood Is Pure Blood – 1Pet 1:19

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

A. God is Very Particular About the Blood

1. From the blood of the earliest of sacrifices to the blood of Christ, God has been very particular as to its quality.
 - a) *We are told that Abel "also brought of the firstlings of his flock"*
 - b) *When Noah came forth from the ark, he "buildded an altar unto the Lord; and took of every clean beast, and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt-offerings on the altar" ([Gen. 8:20](#)).*
 - c) *At the time of the Passover in Egypt, God directed Moses to have the people take a lamb "without blemish."*
2. An offering that would be a substitute for sin must be clean.

B. Only Pure Blood Could Save from Sin

1. God acknowledged Christ as His Son.
 - a) *Many wonderful titles have been given to God's servants.*
 - b) *Abraham is termed "the friend of God."*
 - c) *It is said of David that he was "a man after God's own heart."*
 - d) *Paul was "an apostle of the Lord Jesus Christ."*
 - e) *But never before that memorable occasion in the waters of Jordan did God declare Himself, "This is My beloved Son."*
2. In Christ flowed the pure, perfect, sinless blood of God the Son.
 - a) *The Apostle Paul admonished the Ephesian elders that they were to "feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood" ([Acts 20:28](#)).*
 - b) *In Him was no sin.*
 - c) *His blood shed on Calvary was different from any other blood, and it is that divine blood that "maketh an atonement for the soul."*

3. At his death, Pilate declared him righteous
 - a) *Mt 27:24 ... I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.*
 - b) *Joh 18:38 ...and saith unto them, I find in him no fault at all.*
4. Judas declared Jesus innocent

Mt 27:4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that.
5. The Roman Centurion declared that Jesus was Son of God

Mt 27:54 Now when the centurion, and they that were with him, watching Jesus, saw the earthquake, and those things that were done, they feared greatly, saying, Truly this was the Son of God.

III. Jesus' Blood Is Powerful Blood – 1Jn 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.

A. There Has to Be Great Power to Cleanse from Sin

1. That which can cleanse from *all sin* is most powerful, for sin is the ugliest thing in the world.
2. It puts a hurt in the heart, demoralizes the mind, debauches the body, and finally destroys the soul, "and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" ([James 1:15](#)).
3. Christ became "sin for us" ([2 Cor. 5:21](#)).
4. Yet He *became* sin on Calvary in order that His own blood might become of healing value to combat and conquer sin in us.
5. Though Jesus knew no sin, yet God made Him to become sin for us in order that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.
6. Can you say with the hymn writer,

"This is all my hope and peace—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness—
Nothing but the blood of Jesus."

B. Power to Remove Sin

1. Christ's blood has power not only to reveal sin, but also to wash away
 - a) *It is quite unfortunate that this deep and meaningful phrase of John's, "The blood... cleanseth us from all sin," has become commonplace with many of us.*
 - b) *Very often we hear Christians say regarding their past sins, "They are under the blood."*
 - c) *Often those same Christians are practicing the same sins that were prevalent in the lives before they confessed Christ*
2. We notice further that His blood has power to give us victory over *present sins* and their *power*.

3. We are hounded by the world, the flesh, and the devil.
4. The devil! "Your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour" ([1 Pet. 5:8](#)).
 - a) *To devour is his purpose and always has been.*
 - b) *When Pharaoh ruled Egypt, he would have exterminated righteousness by killing every male child had God let him.*
 - c) *As these ancient Hebrew pilgrims wandered through the wilderness, Satan caused those chosen people of God's to sin and fail miserably.*
 - d) *He would have destroyed the line of David, the Saviour's line, had he been able.*
 - e) *Today his purpose is the same—he seeks to devour whom he may.*

Conclusion:

1. If you will but put your trust simply and entirely on the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, the death angel will pass over you and will save you completely and eternally.

"Would you be free from your burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood,
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood."
2. Dear Christian friend, let *us* never forget that all that we have and are is because of the blood of Christ—our salvation, the forgiveness of our sins, our justification before God, our sanctification, our peace and our hope, all are ours because of the precious blood spilt at Calvary.
3. A recent Reader's Digest article told of a 67-year-old man named Bill who had donated over one hundred pints of blood over the years. No doubt many people owe their lives to this man's kindness. How do you think this man's good deeds go over in heaven?
Here's what Bill thinks: "When that final whistle blows, and St. Peter asks, 'What did you do?' I'll just say, 'Well, I gave one hundred pints of blood,'" [Bill] says with a laugh. "That ought to get me in."
Bill was probably joking. But if he was serious, if he truly believes that his good deeds will give him a ticket to heaven, then he has perfectly articulated the gospel of works. If Bill is counting on the giving of one hundred pints of blood to get him to heaven—he is trusting in the wrong blood.