

The Blood Of Christ

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~ Hebrews 9:22

Introduction

1. Some are made squeamish at the sight of blood. This is understandable.
2. The Revised Standard Version (RSV) seriously limited the amount of times the word “blood” appeared in its translation.
3. The blood of Christ is an essential part of man’s salvation.
4. This sermon will study the blood of Christ *then* and *now*.

I. The Blood of Christ *Then*

[The Blood of Christ played a vital role in the Patriarchal and Mosaic Ages.]

A. The Patriarchal Age

1. After confronting Adam and Eve with their sin. God made them “coats of skins” (Genesis 3:21). Adam Clarke adds: “It is very likely that the skins out of which their clothing was made were taken off animals whose blood had been poured out as a sin-offering to God; for as we find Cain and Abel offering sacrifices to God, we may fairly presume that God had given them instructions on this head; nor is it likely that the notion of a sacrifice could have ever occurred to the mind of man without an express revelation from God.”
2. Preparing His people for the 10th plague, God told Israel to display blood on the doorposts of their houses (Exodus 12:1-7). “For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I *am* the LORD. 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” (Exodus 12:12, 13).

B. The Mosaic Age

1. It was during this age that blood was noted as a critical part of life. “For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul” (Leviticus 17:11).
2. “Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, Saying, This *is* the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. Moreover he sprinkled with blood both

the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission” (Hebrews 9:18-22).

II. The Blood of Christ Now

- A. The Blood of Christ reconciles.
 - 1. “That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians 2:12, 13).
 - 2. “For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life” (Romans 5:10).
- B. The Blood of Christ redeems.
 - 1. “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; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:18, 19).
 - 2. “Redeem” literally means “to buy back.”
- C. The Blood of Christ remits.
 - 1. “For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matthew 26:28).
 - 2. See 1 John 1:7-9. The blood of Christ continues to remit sin.
- D. The Blood of Christ washes.
 - 1. Jesus is described as One who “loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood” (Revelation 1:5).
 - 2. John later saw those who had “washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14).
- E. The Blood of Christ sanctifies.
 - 1. “For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 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?” (Hebrews 9:13, 14).
 - 2. “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate” (Hebrews 13:12).
- F. The Blood of Christ justifies.
 - 1. Paul states that we are “justified by him blood” (Romans 5:9).
 - 2. “Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God” (Romans 3:24, 25).
- G. The Blood of Christ purchases.
 - 1. The blood of Christ purchased the church (Acts 20:28)!
 - 2. That’s how highly God regards the church. How highly do you regard it?