

Blood, Just How Important Is It?

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, ...” (Lev. 17:11).

BLOOD, it's so valuable! Never a day goes by that someone, somewhere has need of it. Some **blood** types are common, some rare, and others very rare. Those who have a rare **blood** type will go to any expense or length to locate someone with the same type, for they know that their very life depends on it. The American Red Cross continually requests donations of **blood**, especially around holidays. **Blood** is that liquid substance in the veins without which mankind could not survive. The very life of our flesh is in the **blood**. Without **blood**, man will die.

SINCE the beginning of time when Adam and Eve first sinned (Ge. 3:6), **blood** has played a major role in the salvation of man. God made clothes for Adam and Eve from the skins of animals; a life was given and **blood** was shed (Ge. 3:21). From that time forward, man has been born with a sinful nature (Pr. 20:9; Is. 53:6; 64:6; Ro. 3:23; 1 Jn. 1:8), the penalty of which is death (Ez. 18:4; Ro. 5:12; 6:23).

THAT man might find relief from the penalty of sin, God made a provision for atonement. It involved the shedding of the **blood** of certain animals on the altar. A life had to be given that the **blood** might be shed (Le. 17:11). At best, this was only temporary, for at certain times these sacrifices were required, that atonement could be made (Ex. 30:10; He. 9:7). If a man were to sin again, then a sacrifice was required, more **blood** had to be shed. The demands of a just and holy God had to be met.

BUT then the time came when the shedding of the imperfect **blood** of animals should cease, for God sent His one and only Son, Jesus Christ, to pay the sin debt once and for all. Because Jesus Christ was (is) perfect and without sin (1 Pe. 2:22; He. 4:15), He was able to do this. For the last time in the history of mankind a **blood** sacrifice for sin would be made. As the Son of God hung there on that cursed cross, He took upon Himself the sins of the world, yours and mine, that we should not have to die (Ga. 3:13; 1 Pe. 3:18; 1 Pe. 2:24; Titus 2:14; Ep. 5:2). The **blood** that flowed from His wounded side (Jn. 19:34) was perfect and free from sin (1 Pe. 1:19).

WE read in Hebrews 9:11-14 that Christ secured our eternal redemption with this once-for-all sacrifice, without which there could be no remission of sin (He. 9:22). The love of God compelled Christ to do this for us (Jn. 3:16) because He is “not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.” (2 Pe. 3:9) The **blood** of Christ was full payment for the sins of the world, but it is efficient only to those who place, by faith, their trust in Jesus Christ.

DEAR one, have you been to the Cross of Calvary, or are you still carrying your burden of sin? You need not carry it any longer, for Jesus Christ bore it on the Cross. I plead with you, for the sake of your eternal soul, won't you come to the Lord Jesus Christ and seek forgiveness for your sin, ask Him to wash you in His **blood**, and to save you for all eternity? Right where you are you can be saved. Ask Jesus to come into your heart. Don't delay, for tomorrow may be too late. Do it today! Do it now!!

TODAY Jesus Christ sits on the right hand of God - because He lives, we who have accepted Christ as Saviour shall live. The Bible, God's Word says, “And this is the record, that God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life. These things have I written unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God; that ye may know that ye have eternal life, and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God.” (1 Jn. 5:11-13)

A GAIN, I plead with you friend, receive Christ as Saviour **today. Do it now!** Then seek out a good, independent, Fundamental Baptist, Bible believing and Bible preaching church. Attend it regularly that you might be spiritually fed from God's Word to help you grow spiritually strong.

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