

The Blood of Christ

We come to God for salvation on the basis of the blood of Christ.

- **Ephesians 1:7** In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace
- **Romans 5:9** Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

We continue to come to God only on the basis of the blood of Christ.

- **Hebrews 10:19** Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus.

We think about **Hebrews 4:16** Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. – Without always being cognizant of 10:19

The blood operates effectually in 3 ways: Godward, Manward, and Satanward.

Godward

- We are forgiven because God sees the blood of Christ
 - What determines the value of something?
 - Why is a baseball card valuable? Art?
- The blood of Christ is valuable because God values it. To understand it's value, we must see how God values it.
- Blood has to do with atonement.
- In Leviticus 16, on the Day of Atonement the High priest would take the blood from the Altar, enter the Holiest of Holies and sprinkle the blood there 7 times. No one was allowed to enter the Holy of Holies.
- The blood was a transaction. Between the priest who symbolized Jesus and God. The priest was sprinkling the blood of sacrifice before God and God alone. This brought satisfaction to God. Hence, atonement.

- **Leviticus 17:11** For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.'
- In Exodus 12:13 The blood of Passover was placed outside the house, but the meal and everything else was on the inside. Who was the blood for?
- It is God's holiness, righteousness that demands that a sinless life be exchanged for man. Life is in the blood. "When I see the blood, I will pass over you." The blood of Christ wholly satisfies God.
 - **Romans 3:25** whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed
- One reason we sometimes do not feel forgiven, or still feel guilty or not worthy even after repentance, is because the value of the blood comes from God. It is for God, and until we can understand the value He places on it, we will never see the true value of it and it might not feel sufficient.
 - **1 Peter 1:18-20** knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. ²⁰ He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you
- **Revelation 5:9** And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation
 - We should believe this. That we **have been redeemed** by Jesus' blood.

Manward

- If the blood can satisfy God, it must also be able to satisfy man.
 - **Hebrews 10:22** let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.
- The blood satisfies the wrath of God, but does something for us – It gives us a new heart. And then that heart is sprinkled by blood so that our conscience is cleansed. Thus we are free of condemnation, guilt and shame.
 - Ezekiel gives us a very clear picture of what happens at salvation:
 - **Ezekiel 36:25-27** Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. ²⁶I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. ²⁷I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*.
 - **Romans 8:1** *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
- For us to keep a clear conscience, we must value the blood as God values the blood.
- It is by the blood that we are able to approach God because by the blood we are made new.
 - **Hebrews 4:19** Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus.
- And it is only by the blood that we enter. Not by our merit. Not by how we feel that day, or if we have been extra good or whatever. Not by how prayed up we are or how much time in the Word. Only by the blood.
- The blood never changes. Never loses its efficacy. Therefore our ability to approach God never changes.
- **Hebrews 10:1-4** For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. ²For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, **would have had no more consciousness of**

sins. ³ But in those *sacrifices there is* a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.

- This passage reminds us why we don't dwell on sin. We should not be sin conscious, since sin has been destroyed and we are made perfect. Sacrifices remind us of our failures. Remembering that Jesus only died once should remind us of our completeness.

Satanward

- **Revelation 12:10** Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down.
 - Satan's primary role. His name means accuser.
- **Hebrews 9:11-14** But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. ¹² Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?
- The blood works against Satan by putting God on the side of man against the enemy.
- The Fall of man gave Satan a foothold. It separated man from God, putting him outside the reach of His glory
 - **Romans 3:23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God
- But the blood of Christ reversed this and put God back on man's side
 - **Romans 3:21-26** But now the righteousness of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, ²² even the righteousness of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference; ²³ for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, ²⁴ being justified freely by His

grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, ²⁵ whom God set forth *as* a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, ²⁶ to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

- So now God is on the side of man
 - **Romans 8:31-39** What then shall we say to these things? If God *is* for us, who *can be* against us? ³² He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things? ³³ Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? *It is* God who justifies. ³⁴ Who *is* he who condemns? *It is* Christ who died, and furthermore is also risen, who is even at the right hand of God, who also makes intercession for us. ³⁵ Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶ As it is written: "For Your sake we are killed all day long; We are accounted as sheep for the slaughter." ³⁷ Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, ³⁹ nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
- And with God on our side, we can face Satan with no fear.
- Satan accuses us before God, but God looks at the blood
- Satan accuses us to ourselves.
 - If we look to ourselves, at our strengths and weaknesses, we fail
 - If we look at the blood like God does, we immediately overcome.
- **Revelation 12:10-11** Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

- **We never answer Satan on the basis of ourselves, or our behaviors, but always on the blood.**

The blood of Jesus appeases God. Satisfying His wrath. Removing the debt we owe Him.

The blood cleanses us and makes us perfect.

- **Hebrews 10:14** For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified.

Because of that we should have clear consciences and boldness to be in the presence of God knowing there is no enmity between us. We are now His children, He is our Father.

And the enemy loses his power against us, trying to lie to us that we are unworthy, sinners, and God hates us. We can see that for what it is. Lies.