

The Blood of Christ

Revelation 1:4-6

Introduction:

- A. "There is a fountain filled with blood, Drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners plunged beneath the flood, Lose all their guilty stains.
Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood Shall never lose its pow'r, Till all the ransomed church of God Be saved to sin no more.
E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die. — *There is A Fountain* by William Cowper.
- B. The blood of Christ is central to our salvation - yet treated as a passing thought in our preaching.
- C. To fully appreciate the blood of Christ we need to study three aspects of this subject:

Discussion:

I. The Importance Attached to Blood Sacrifices in the Old Testament.

- A. Abel's sacrifice. (Gen. 4:2-5).
- B. Abraham's sacrifice. (Gen. 22:1-19).
- C. The blood of the passover. (Ex. 12:1-13).
- D. The blood sacrifices of O.T. foreshadowed the blood of Christ.
 - 1. Dedication of the Book of the Covenant by blood. (Heb. 9:18-20; Ex. 24:3-8).
 - 2. Dedication of the tabernacle and vessels by blood. (Heb. 9:21-28).
 - 3. Blood sacrifices offered often. (Heb. 10:1-18).

II. The Redeeming Power of the Blood of Christ as Taught in the New Testament.

- A. Foreseen by the prophets. (Isa. 53:5,6; Zech. 13:1)
- B. Clearly taught as fundamental fact in New Testament.
 - 1. Jesus taught it at institution of Lord's supper. (Matt. 26:28).
 - 2. Paul taught it often. (Rom. 5:8; 1 Cor. 15:1-4; Eph. 1:7; 2:11-13).
 - 3. Peter taught it. (1 Pet. 1:18,19).
 - 4. Revelation 5:9; 7:14).

III. The Application of the Redeeming Blood of Christ to Our Lives.

- A. Man must do something to apply the blood or else all will be saved. (cf. Heb. 2:9; Matt. 7:13,14).
- B. Man is baptized into the death of Christ - i.e., into the benefits of his death (shed blood). (Rom. 6:3,4)
 - 1. Blood for remission of sins - baptism for remission of sins. (Matt. 26:28; Acts 2:38)
 - 2. Sins washed away by blood - sins washed away in baptism. (Rev. 1:5; Acts 22:16).
- C. The church is composed of saved people who are purchased by blood. (Acts 2:38-47; 20:28).
- D. The Christian is kept clean by blood of Christ. (1 John 1:7).
 - 1. Involves walking in the light - doing the Lord's will.
 - 2. Involves confessing sins. (1 John 1:9).
- E. The Christian must not count blood an unholy thing. (Heb. 10:26-29).

Conclusion:

- A. Have you been washed in the blood of Christ?
- B. Are you walking in the light?