

Three Great Benefits of the Blood of Christ

John 19:31-37

Introduction:

- A. God has always required a blood sacrifice.
 - 1. Began with Abel (Gen. 4:4) and continued through Old Testament.
 - 2. Preparing world for the ultimate blood sacrifice.
- B. Jesus shed his blood on the cross.
 - 1. But not in verse 34 — already done in verse 33.
 - 2. To shed blood meant same being put to death (Gen. 9:6; Matt. 23:35 Acts 22:20; Rev. 16:6)
- C. Jesus's blood brought us there great benefits.

Discussion:

- I. *Cleansing from Sin* (Heb. 9:13, 14; 1 John 1:7-9; Rev. 1:5)**
 - A. Saving us from the guilt and penalty of sin (Rom. 5:8, 9; 6:23; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).
 - B. Cleansed when we meet the conditions for cleansing (Acts 22:16; 1 John 1:9).
- II. *The New Covenant* (Matt. 26:28; Heb. 9:18-20; 10:29)**
 - A. Covenant is a contract between parties.
 - 1. Old was a covenant between God and Israel.
 - 2. New is a covenant between God and all people.
 - B. A better covenant than the old in many ways:
 - 1. Better promises (Heb. 8:6).
 - 2. Better Spokesman (Heb. 1:1-4; 2:2-3).
 - 3. Better Lawgiver (Heb. 3:1-6).
 - 4. Better priesthood (Heb. 7:11-12)
 - 5. Better hope. (Heb. 7:19).
- III. *The Church* (Acts 20:28).**
 - A. Reconciled to God by the blood of the cross (Eph. 2:13-18).
 - B. Cleansed by the washing of water by the word (Eph. 5:25-26).
 - C. Made up of saved people (Eph. 5:23; Acts 2:47).
 - D. Providing great fellowship (Eph. 2:19; 3:6).
 - 1. A universal general fellowship.
 - 2. A local special fellowship.
 - a. Sharing in worship and work.
 - b. Sharing in joys and burdens.

Conclusion:

- A. Three great benefits: Cleansing, covenant and church.
- B. Have you made contact with the blood? (Rom. 6:3,4)
- C. Are you continuing in contact with the blood? (1 John 1:7)