

## The Blood of Christ - Inseparable from the Great Doctrines of Salvation

### Introduction...

- i. Stated a Methodist minister in Stillwater, Oklahoma, concerning the Blood of Christ-- "I am eliminating all references to the blood of Christ from my sermons. They were culturally relevant at the time but, in today's culture, people will not even buy meat in the grocery store if it is bloody. Others faint or become nauseated at not just the sight of blood but any discussion about it."
- ii. Stated a professor at Oklahoma Baptist University concerning the Blood of Christ – "it is simply an effort by early Christian leadership to make the Gospel relevant. Early pagan rites included digging a pit, slitting the throat of a bull and then bathing in the bull's blood as it poured down upon them. Thus the term 'washed in the blood' was adopted by early Christians to coincide with their pagan beliefs."
- iii. Wyman Mitchell, the Music and Youth Minister who led me to Christ, pointed out to me the uniqueness of execution on the cross and the Blood of Christ.

### The teaching on the blood of Christ deals with the "economy" of our salvation.

- I. What is happening on the surface – the visual events which can be seen by human eyes?

*Matthew 27:30; Mark 14:65; 15:15*

*Matthew 27:29; Mark 15:17; John 19:2*

*Luke 23:33; 24:39,40; John 20:25 & 27*

*John 19:34*

- II. Spiritual events in Heaven – simultaneously crucial spiritual events are taking place in Heaven

#### A. Doctrine: \_\_\_\_\_

##### 1. Scripture

*Hebrews 9:14* how much more will **the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, **cleanse your conscience from dead works** to serve the living God?

*I John 1:7* but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses** us from **all sin**.

##### 2. What are the definitions of the key words?

- a. Blood
- b. Cleanse
- c. Conscience
- d. Dead Works

e. All sins

B. Doctrine: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scripture

*Matthew 26:27-28* And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; **for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.**

*Ephesians 1:7* In Him we have redemption **through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,** according to the riches of His grace,

*Hebrews 9:22* And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

2. What are the definitions of the key words?

- a. Forgiveness
- b. According to
- c. Grace

C. Doctrine: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scripture

*Revelation 1:5* and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the first-born of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us, and **released us from our sins by His blood,**

2. What are the definitions of the key words?

- a. Released
- b. By

D. Doctrine: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scripture

*Romans 5:9* Much more then, having now been **justified by His blood,** we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

2. What are the definitions of the key words?

- a. Justified
- b. Saved
- c. Wrath
- d. Through

E. Doctrine: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scripture

*1 Corinthians 11:25* In the same way He took the cup also, after supper, saying, "This cup is **the new covenant in My blood;** do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

*Hebrews 12:24* and to **Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood,** which speaks better than the blood of Abel.

*Hebrews 13:20* Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep **through the blood of the eternal covenant**, even Jesus our Lord,  
*Hebrews 10:19* Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence **to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus**,

2. What are the definitions of the key words?
  - a. New Covenant
  - b. Eternal
  - c. Holy Place

F. Doctrine: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scripture

*Romans 3:25* whom God displayed publicly **as a propitiation in His blood through faith**. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed

2. What are the definitions of the key words?
  - a. Propitiation
  - b. Through Faith

G. Doctrine: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scripture

*Colossians 1:20* and through Him to **reconcile** all things to Himself, having made **peace through the blood of His cross**; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

*Ephesians 2:13* But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were **far off** have been **brought near by the blood of Christ**.

*Ephesians 2:16* and might **reconcile** them both in one body to God **through the cross**, by it having put to death **the enmity**.

2. What are the definitions of the key words?
  - a. Reconcile
  - b. Peace
  - c. Through
  - d. Far off
  - e. Enmity

H. Doctrine: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scripture

*Ephesians 1:7* In Him we have **redemption through His blood**, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

*Hebrews 9:12* and not through the blood of goats and calves, but **through His own blood**, He entered the holy place once for all, having **obtained eternal redemption**.

**Acts 20:28** "Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which **He purchased with His own blood.**"

**I Peter 1:18-19** knowing that you were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but **with precious blood**, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, **the blood of Christ.**

**Revelation 5:9** And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and **didst purchase for God with Thy blood** men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

2. What are the definitions of the key words?

- a. Redemption
- b. Obtained
- c. Eternal
- d. Purchased

I. Doctrine: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scripture

**Hebrews 13:12** Therefore Jesus also, that **He might sanctify the people through His own blood**, suffered outside the gate.

2. What are the definitions of the key words?

- a. Sanctify
- b. Through

J. Doctrine: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Scripture

**Hebrews 9:14** how much more will **the blood of Christ**, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered Himself without blemish **to God**, **cleanse your conscience from dead works** to serve the living God

**I Peter 1:2** according to the foreknowledge of **God the Father**, by the sanctifying work of the **Spirit**, that you may obey **Jesus Christ** and **be sprinkled with His blood**: may grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.

2. How are the members of the Holy Trinity seen in the work of salvation – Christ's shed blood on the cross?

III. Application

A. Eternal Security

1. Notice the references to "eternal" in the study – how does this affect our salvation? If you can lose your salvation, was it ever eternal?

**Hebrews 13:20** Now the God of peace, who brought up from the dead the great Shepherd of the sheep **through the blood of the eternal covenant**, even Jesus our Lord,

*Hebrews 9:12* and not through the blood of goats and calves, but **through His own blood**, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

2. Notice the key words "through" and "obtained". Are good works, personal righteousness, separation from sin or any other act of man referenced in these verses in terms of our salvation?
3. According to *I John 1:7* "but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.**" - what percentage of our sins are cleansed by the blood of Christ?
4. According to *Hebrews 9:14* "how much more will **the blood of Christ**, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered Himself without blemish **to God**, **cleanse your conscience from dead works** to serve the living God." What role do "works" play in our salvation?
5. If we are cleansed from dead works, yet this results in service of God, then how is the service of God different from dead works?

#### B. The Lord's Supper

##### *Luke 22:19-21*

*19 And when He had taken some bread and given thanks, He broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is My body which is given for you; **do this in remembrance of Me.**" 20 And in the same way He took the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup which is poured out for you is the new covenant in My blood.*

##### *1 Corinthians 11:24-26*

*24 and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me." 25 In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." 26 For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, **you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.***

1. Does Christ say the cup becomes His blood or, contrastingly, that the cup symbolizes the New Covenant?
2. What are we to remember?
3. What are we to proclaim?
4. Why not the miracles?
5. Why not the good works?
6. Why not the example of the perfect life?

#### C. The Holy Trinity and the Sacrifice of Christ on the cross

*Hebrews 9:14* how much more will **the blood of Christ**, who through the **eternal Spirit** offered Himself without blemish **to God**, **cleanse your conscience from dead works** to serve the living God  
*I Peter 1:2* according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, that you may obey **Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood**; may grace and peace be yours in fullest measure.

1. Was Jesus abandoned by God the Father and God the Holy Spirit while on the cross?
  - a. While Christ was on the cross, was God the Father repulsed by God the Son, was God the Father displeased by the sight of God the Son taking on the sins of the world?
  - b. According to *Isaiah 53:10*, what was God's emotional reaction to Christ as He hung on the cross, received the imputed sin of the world and the subsequent punishment of those sins?
2. What role did God the Father play in Jesus' life while Jesus was on the cross?
3. What role did God the Holy Spirit play in Jesus' life while Jesus was on the cross?
4. Can there be any separation between any member of the Holy Trinity during Christ's crucifixion?