

The Blood of Christ

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All Christians believe in Matthew 16:16 and the efficacy of the blood of Jesus! *“Simon Peter answered and said, ‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’”* But are we clear on what the blood of Christ does for us? Let us consider the importance of Christ’s blood for us:

Relational

The blood of Jesus Christ gives us *spiritual life*, John 6:53-54. *“...Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day”* (John 6:53-54). Without the effects of Christ’s blood-bought testament, we would have no spiritual life.

Also, the blood of Christ brings us *“near”* to God, Ephesians 2:13. *“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been **brought near** by the blood of Christ.”* Once again we are in fellowship with God through the blood of Jesus which forgave our past sins, and forgives any present sins of which we repent.

We have peace with God through Christ’s blood, Colossians 1:20. *“And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having **made peace** through the blood of His cross.”* This peace is made possible by the cleansing effect of Christ’s blood. It is our *“propitiation”* (Rom. 3:25) or judicial appeasement, that alone satisfies God’s righteous wrath.

The blood of Christ makes us *“complete”* in Jesus, doing for us what we cannot do for ourselves, Hebrews 13:20-21. The blood of Christ purchased the church (Acts 20:28), thus putting the saved in the *“realm of safety”* in Jesus Christ, or in His body, the church.

Legal

The blood of Christ *“redeems”* us from our sins, Ephesians 1:7. *“In Him we have **redemption** through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”* *“Redemption”* is the price paid for our sins which satisfies God’s judicious wrath. It is our ransom price!

We are *“justified,”* or *“declared not guilty”* when Christ’s blood washes away our sins, Romans 5:9. *“Much more then, having now been **justified** by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”* God alone understands what it takes to make us innocent again, and only the blood of Jesus Christ can do that!

And legally-speaking again, Christ’s blood is our *“propitiation,”* Romans 3:25. (SEE ABOVE).

Cleansing

The blood of Christ *“sanctifies”* us (Heb. 10:29), setting us apart from the guilt and condemnation of sin.

The blood of Christ *“cleanses”* our conscience from dead works to serve the living God, Hebrews 9:14. What a relief from the heavy burden of guilt!

The blood of Christ *“washes”* us from our sins, Revelation 1:5. All of these terms are synonyms for the cleansing power of Christ’s blood in regards to sin. The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23). Without the cleansing power of the blood of Christ, we would have no hope.

Help

The blood of Christ helps us in our battle against Satan, to overcome the accusations of the great accuser of men before God, Revelation 12:10-11. *“...And they **overcame** him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...”* *“Who shall bring a charge against God’s elect? It is God who justifies”* (Rom. 8:33). Not even Satan can overcome the forgiveness found in the blood of Christ! As Christians, when we sin and then repent, we have *“... boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus”* (Heb. 10:19). Indeed, the blood of Christ does so much for us!

Consider it!

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