

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

Leviticus 17:11

In O. T. times wealth was measured by the size of a man's flocks and herds. When a person sinned against God the best animal of the herd was selected and brought to the Temple as an offering. The animal's throat was slit and the animal's blood was drained away. These sacrifices were important types, shadows and pictures of the one true offering for sin that would take place on the cross of Calvary.

CHRIST BLOOD JUSTIFIES

Romans 5:9 The word *justification* means “to declare not guilty but righteous.” Justification is God's declaration that those that trust Jesus Christ are perfectly righteous before Him. It is a legal concept like when a judge renders a verdict of “innocent.” Before salvation we are condemned sinners, but after trusting the Gospel of Christ God the righteous Judge declares us innocent, or righteous.

CHRIST BLOOD REDEEMS US

Ephesians 1:7 There is a song in our hymnal that reads “redeemed how I love to proclaim it, redeemed by the blood of the Lamb.” *Redemption* means – repurchase, deliverance from captives, from bondage, distress, liability to any evil place or person.

I Peter 1:18-19 Peter makes the message of redemption plain as he writes under Holy Spirit guidance that redemption of our soul cannot be purchased with human riches but only with Christ's blood.

Hebrews 9:12 The writer of this book is letting the Hebrew believers know without any doubt that O. T. sacrifices for sins will not cut it in the New Testament of grace. Christ Jesus blood is the only way.

CHRIST BLOOD BRINGS US PEACE WITH GOD

Ephesians 2:13-17 Remembering that we were once called “the enemies of the cross of Christ” - (**Philippians 3:18**), we now can look to the blood of Jesus Christ and call ourselves His friends. The word *reconcile* means – renewal of friendship after being at enmity, (hatred).

Colossians 1:20 Because of the finished work on the cross of Calvary, Jesus Himself made it possible by His shed blood that we could become close to God and be at peace with God.

Hebrews 10:19 All believers can have confidence that through the blood of Jesus Christ we can have access to God our heavenly Father right into His throne room.

Hebrews 9:14 It is the blood of Christ that can give each believer a clean conscience and a clean mind to be able to discern right from wrong and think biblically.

CHRIST BLOOD CLEANSSES US FROM ALL SIN

Revelation 1:5-6 “What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!!!” What greater lyrics could ever come from the lips of every born again Christian than these inspired words. He washed our sins away, He made us kings and priests for God, and He is preparing a special home for each saved person in a place called New Jerusalem.

I John 1:7 As if there might be a question regarding our ongoing sin nature that follows every believer to the grave, the bible makes it clear that Christ's blood took care of **ALL** our sins.