

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

- I. Some questions to be considered
 - A. Was the blood of Jesus human or divine blood?
 - B. Does the blood of Jesus have any spiritual or supernatural significance?
 - C. Is the blood of Jesus preserved beyond His death?
 - D. Can the blood of Jesus be applied to people today?
 - E. Is the blood of fallen mankind sinful blood?
 - F. Does the Christian get a blood-transfusion of Jesus' blood?
 - G. Will we be dipped in a vat of Jesus' blood in heaven?

- II. Biblical usage of the word "blood."
 - A. Greek word *haima* used approximately 95 times in New Testament.
 - B. Approximately 35 of these usages refer to Jesus' blood and its significance.

- III. Unbiblical conceptions of the blood of Christ.
 - A. Those which regard the blood of Christ as less important than Scripture indicates:
 - 1. Blood concepts just carry-over from pagan religions.
 - 2. Blood is of mythical irrelevance.
 - 3. Blood of Christ leads to "gospel of gore," and "slaughter-house religion."
 - B. Those which regard the blood of Christ as having more meaning than Scripture indicates:
 - 1. Physical blood is carrier of spiritual life. Lev. 17:11
 - 2. Blood of Jesus is sacred.
 - a. Catholics
 - (1) Sacred heart of Jesus
 - (2) Transubstantiation
 - b. Protestants
 - (1) Blood is carrier of sinfulness or sacredness
 - (2) Adam got blood-poisoning when he sinned.
 - (3) Natural blood is sinful blood.
 - (4) Jesus had divine blood-type.
 - (5) Every drop of Jesus' blood preserved in heaven.
 - (6) God has heavenly blood-bank of Jesus' blood.
 - (7) Christians get spiritual blood-transfusion.
 - (8) There is inherent power in blood of Jesus.
 - (9) When we "plead the blood" we get the power.

- IV. Biblical significance of the blood of Jesus.
 - A. Redemption.
 - 1. Acts 20:28 - "church of God purchased with His own blood"
 - 2. Eph. 1:7 - "we have redemption through His blood"
 - 3. I Pet. 1:9 - "redeemed...with precious blood"
 - 4. Rev. 5:9 - "purchased for God with His blood, men from every tribe"
 - B. Propitiation.
 - 1. Rom. 3:25 - "God displayed Jesus as a propitiation in His blood"

- C. Cleansing.
 - 1. Heb. 9:14 - "blood of Christ...will cleanse your conscience"
 - 2. I John 1:7 - "blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin"
 - 3. Rev. 7:14 - "washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb"
- D. Forgiveness.
 - 1. Eph. 1:7 - "redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses"
 - 2. Heb. 9:22 - "without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness"
 - 3. Rev. 1:5 - "released us from our sins by His blood"
- E. Access to God.
 - 1. Eph. 2:13 - "brought near to God by the blood of Christ"
 - 2. Heb. 10:19 - "confidence to enter Holy Place by blood of Jesus"
- F. Reconciliation.
 - 1. Col. 1:20 - "reconciled, made peace through the blood of the cross"
- G. Justification.
 - 1. Rom. 5:9 - "having been justified by his blood"
- H. Sanctification.
 - 1. Heb. 13:12 - "that He might sanctify the people through His blood"
- I. Conquest of evil.
 - 1. Rev. 12:11 - "overcame...because of the blood of the Lamb"
- J. Basis of new covenant.
 - 1. Heb. 13:20 - "through the blood of the eternal covenant"
- K. Lord's Supper
 - 1. Matt. 26:28 - "This is the new covenant in My blood"
 - 2. I Cor. 10:16 - "the cup of blessing...a sharing in the blood of Christ"