

**Resurrection Sunday:**

**April 20, 2025**

**Series: Special Message on Resurrection Sunday**

**Today's Message: The Precious Blood of Christ Jesus, the Lamb of God; 1 Peter 1:18-19**

There was a conference of liberal theologians several years ago that met to “reimagine the Christian faith.” Their main objective was to “reimagine” a theology “without blood.” One of their main speakers declared something to the effect that *people of tired of blood. No one wants to hear of a man hanging on a bloody cross, shedding messy blood. They need a Savior without blood dripping all over the place.*

To the perishing the blood of Christ is offensive. But as we have read this morning from 1 Peter, the blood of Christ is precious to those who are being saved! I read a statement written by a wise man who wrote, “The Bible is a Book of blood and a bloody Book. When we are accused of preaching a Gospel of blood, we proudly plead guilty to the charge, for the only thing that give life to our teaching and power to the Word of God is the fact that it is the blood of Christ which is the very life and power of the Gospel.” Friends, it is the blood of Christ that circulates through every page of the Bible.

It is the blood of Christ that I am interested in today. We will look at the blood in three ways: 1) Death in the blood: The Origin of the death of Man; 2) Life in the blood: the precious blood of Jesus Christ; and 3) Faith in the blood: the Saving and Resurrection power of the blood of Christ.

- I) Death in the blood: The origin of the death of man.
  - A) A common blood: Acts 17:26: “And [God] has made of *one blood* all nations of men to dwell on the face of the earth.”
    - 1) One blood. No matter race, ethnicity, nation, people, tribe or language.
    - 2) The Bible tells us in Leviticus 17:1, “The life is in the blood.”
      - (a) Genesis 2:7 explains that “The Lord God formed man from the dust of the ground and breathed life into his nostrils the breath of life, and [Adam] became a living being.”
      - (i) The body was made of dust, but God made him alive, and that life was in the blood.
  - B) The origin of sin and death.
    - 1) When God created man, He created him “good” and made him to live forever.
    - 2) But God gave one commandment: “Do not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. For in the day you eat of it you will surely die.”
    - 3) Genesis 3 records Adam’s failure.
      - (a) He ate of the tree, and he died spiritually. This is first noticed when he hid and covered.
      - (b) He eventually died physically. Genesis 5:5 tells us he “lived 930 years and then he died.”
    - 4) Because “the life is in the blood” we know that Adam’s sin contaminated his blood. His act of rebellion against God poisoned his blood, and Adam’s corruption began immediately.
  - C) A common death to all men.
    - 1) Romans 5 explains that death came to all men through Adam’s sin.
      - (a) Romans 5:12 tells us how this happened to humanity, “Therefore, just as sin entered the world through one man, and death through sin, and in this way, death came to all men, because all sinned—”
      - (i) Because all people are related to Adam by blood, death came and comes to all.
    - 2) Death is in the blood. M.R. DeHaan writes, “Although we do not know the nature of the fruit of the tree, we do know that eating of it caused ‘blood poisoning’ and resulted in death.”
      - (a) The poison is sin. Sin in the blood. DeHaan goes on, “So potent was this poison (sin) that since Adam’s fall, all who are related to Adam by human birth will succumb to that poison of sin which is carried in some way in the blood.”
  - D) So, this begs the question, how is it then, that Jesus, the Son of God was unlike Adam and sinless?

## II) Life in the blood: the Pure and Precious blood of Christ.

- A) A divine dilemma: How could God's Christ be fully human and yet without sin?
  - 1) The miracle of the Virgin birth. (see Matthew 1:23; Luke 1:26-28)
    - (a) He had to be fully human because it was man that sinned; but He could not be of Adam's blood. How could this be? And how could He be fully God in one person (*hypostatic union*).
      - (i) By being born of Mary, Jesus shared in Adam's humanity, which in itself is not sinful.
        - (a) But he could not partake in Adam's blood, which had been poisoned by sin.
      - (ii) Through being conceived by the Holy Spirit Jesus, being fully human through Mary, did not own even one drop of Adam's blood. He did not share Adam's sin!
- B) The Power of the pure and sinless blood of Jesus.
  - 1) Redemption: Through His pure and sinless blood, we have received full redemption!
    - (a) Eph. 1:7, "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins in accordance with the riches of His grace."
    - (b) Romans 3:23-25, "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God and are justified freely by His grace through the redemption that came by Jesus Christ. God presented Him as a sacrifice of atonement through faith in His blood."
  - 2) Cleansing from all sin: Through His pure and sinless blood, we have received cleansing from sin.
    - (a) In the human body the blood reaches and affects every cell. In the same way there is not one cell in our bodies that is unaffected by the poison! But the blood of Christ...!
    - (b) So effective is His blood that we are continually cleansed from sin! **1 John 1:7**, "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin."
      - (i) As Adam's blood poisoned us, Christ's blood purifies us from the guilt of all sin!
  - 3) Access to God: Through the pure and sinless blood of Christ we have access to God!
    - (a) Hebrews 10:19, 22, "Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience..."
    - (b) Eph. 2:13, "But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."

## III) Salvation in the blood: The Saving Power of the blood of Christ.

- A) From temporary salvation to full salvation! What did the blood of Christ actually accomplish?
  - 1) Hebrews 9:12-14 proclaims, "[Christ] did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but He entered by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them [temporarily] so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself **unblemished** to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God."
- B) Propitiation: The removal of God's wrath!
  - 1) God propitiated Himself when He "put forward as a *propitiation by His blood*" through faith in Jesus Christ. \*This is a picture of the "mercy seat" being covered by His own blood for the removal of God's wrath and the satisfaction of His justice in His one act of righteousness!
- C) Justification: Romans 5:9, "we have now been justified by His blood."
  - 1) By His one act of shedding His blood our sins are covered. Without receiving this shedding of blood on our behalf, our unrighteousness would remain unresolved. His blood justifies!
- D) Redemption: Eph. 1:7, "In Him we have redemption through His blood." His blood was shed for our redemption, securing our freedom from bondage to sin. By His blood we were set free from captivity!
- E) Reconciliation: His blood shed on the cross made our possible our peace with God (Rom.5:1)
  - 1) God reconciled us "to Himself...making peace by the blood of His cross" (Col. 1:19-20)
- F) Is His blood precious to you? Consider well the value of His precious blood!