

The Blood Atonement

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Colossians 1:20-23 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven. And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and unblameable and unproveable in his sight: If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister;

I. What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

A. The blood of Christ atones for and thus takes away our sin

Revelation 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Revelation 7:14 And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

B. The blood of Christ was shed for the remission of sins.

REMISSION - Release; discharge or relinquishment of a claim or right; as the remission of a tax or duty. Forgiveness; pardon; that is, the giving up of the punishment due to a crime; as the remission of sins.

Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

Hebrews 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

C. By the blood we are redeemed to God.

REDEEMED – Ransomed; delivered from bondage, distress, penalty, liability, or from the possession of another, by paying an equivalent.

1 Peter 1:18-19 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

Revelation 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

D. By the blood we are made just.

JUSTIFIED – To prove or show to be just, or conformable to law, right, justice, propriety or duty; to defend or maintain; to vindicate as right. In theology, to pardon and clear from guilt; to absolve or acquit from guilt and merited punishment, and to accept as righteous on account of the merits of the Savior, or by the application of Christ's atonement to the offender.

Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

E. So the purpose of the blood, and its effect, when applied to the sinner, is to deliver him from his sin, redeem him from its penalty, and make him a just man in the sight of heaven, earth, and hell.

II. The blood of Christ atones for our sins once – it is not a continual reapplication.

A. It is for sins past.

Romans 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;

B. The blood was shed once, and was presented in heaven once – it is not presented again and again for our sins.

Hebrews 9:12-14 Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:22-26 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 10:10 By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:12 But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Hebrews 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Hebrews 10:26-29 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Hebrews 10:18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

C. The power of the blood is that it delivers us from our sinful self.

- D. The blood is applied when we put our faith in it, (Rom. 3:25) and it's power to deliver us from our sins, that is – our sinfulness.
- E. The blood is not a bath, but the blood is a birth.

1 Peter 1:18-23 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God. Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

- F. Modern error has misrepresented the blood and its application.
 - 1. It has been presented as something that you can bathe in often to take away your sin, over and over – this is a false representation of the blood atonement.
 - 2. Many songs have been written to support this false teaching about the blood, and other older hymns that had it right have been changed to conform to this unbiblical idea.

*There is a fountain filled with blood
drawn from Emmanuel's veins;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood
lose all their guilty stains."*

- 3. An unsuccessful, major alteration in 1819 sought to make the hymn less graphic by changing the first line to "From Calvary's Cross a Fountain Flows."
- a) Changing the perception from a "fountain filled" to a continual "flow."
- 4. A second alteration was to stanza two, which Cowper originally wrote as:

*"The dying thief rejoic'd to see
That Fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he,
Wash'd all my sins away."*

- a) The last two lines were altered to:

*"And there may sinners, vile as he,
Wash all their guilt away."*

- b) Later, they were altered again:

*"And there would I though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away."*

- c) And finally, to what is commonly used in hymnals today:

*"And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away."*

III. The water washes and keeps us clean.

- A. The Word of God is the water that keeps us clean after our sin has been atoned for and forgiven.

Psalm 119:9 BETH. Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Ephesians 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it (the church) with the washing of water by the word,

Hebrews 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled (with the blood) from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

John 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.

John 13:4-5 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

- B. What about sins that are committed after we have been born again?
1. The person who is truly born again cannot live in habitual, continual sin.
 2. If he does, then the Bible is very clear that he is not a true child of God.

1 John 1:6 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

3. Any time we touch the right of a Christian to sin we cut to the quick of this sinning religion of our generation.

You say I'm preaching sinless perfection. You say, "Well, do you think you can get to a place where you can't sin?" I know nothing of the kind. It is not impossible (for a Christian) to sin, but it's possible not to commit sin. – Leonard Ravenhill

4. But how is sin dealt with in a believer if he cannot go and take another dip in the blood?

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

5. The blood is the atonement for our sin – always is from the time we first put our faith in it.
6. But it is not reapplied again and again.
7. If we sin after we have put our faith in the blood of Christ to atone for ours we should be mortified beyond living.

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

8. There is simply no way we can make sin a light matter, or inevitable for us, and stop resisting it, and just call ourselves a sinner saved by grace.

1 John 2:1 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: