The Blood of Christ
• The sacrifice of blood has always been the sacrifice of life, “for the blood is the life” (Deut. 12:23)
I. The background of the Blood of Christ
In The Old Testament

- Blood in the Patriarchal Age
- Abel offered the bloody sacrifice (Gen. 4:1-12)
- After the flood, Noah offered bloody sacrifices (Gen. 8:20)
- Abraham offered bloody sacrifices to God (Gen. 12:7-8)
- Blood was required when the Passover was instituted in Egypt (Ex. 12)
Exodus 12:5-7

• [5] Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

[6] And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

[7] And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it.
[13] And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt.
• Blood in the Mosaical Age

• Blood sealed the covenant of God (He. 9:18-19)
  The tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry were sanctified with blood (Heb. 9:21-22)

• There were many regular sacrifices which they offered continually (Lev. 1-7)
These bloody, animal sacrifices could never take away sin

- Heb. 10:1-4

- [1] For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.
[2] For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.

[3] But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.

[4] For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.
• Though these sacrifices could not take away sins – they were shadows of that which was to come (the blood of Christ) which had the power to forgive sins
Heb. 10:1

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• II. Benefits of the Blood of Christ
1. The blood of Christ reconciles

• **Reconcile** = to become friendly after estrangement or to re-establish friendly relations between two or more individuals

• **Eph. 2:13**

• [13] But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.
2. The blood of Christ redeems

• Redeem = to buy back
• 1 Pet. 1:18-19
• [18] 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;
• [19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:
3. The blood of Christ remits

- Remit = has to do with “a release”
- Pardon of sins (letting them go as if they had never been committed) --- forgiveness
- Mt. 26:28
- [28] For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.
4. The Blood of Christ washes away sin

- Rev. 1:5
- [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,
5. The blood of Christ sanctifies

• Sanctify – to set apart to a holy and divine purpose

• Heb. 13:12

• [12] “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.”
6. The blood of Christ justifies

- Rom. 5:9

- [9] “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”

- **Justification** = a legal term carrying the idea of “acquittal”

- In religion it points to a process whereby a person is declared to be right with God
7. The blood of Christ cleanses

- 1 Jn. 1:7

- [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
8. The blood of Christ purges the conscience

- Heb. 9:13-14

- [13] 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:

- [14] 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?
Heb. 10:22

• 22] Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water
9. The blood of Christ purchased the church

• Acts 20:28

• [28] Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.
III. How We Contact That Blood
Christ shed His blood in His death

- Jn. 19:34
  - [34] But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

- Rom. 6:3
  - [3] Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?
1 Cor. 5:7

• [7]...For even Christ our passover is sacrificed for us
The blood of Christ was shed for remission of sins

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

- Acts 2:38
- [38] Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost
The blood of Christ washes away sin

- Rev. 1:5
  - [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

- Acts 22:16
  - [16] And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord
The blood of Christ sanctifies

- **Heb. 13:12**
  - [12] Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate

- **Eph. 5:25-26**
  - [25] Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it;
  - [26] That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,
• There must be genuine faith, repentance, and the confession that Jesus Christ is the Son of God

• After one is baptized into Christ the blood of Christ keeps him continually cleansed
• The continual cleansing is ours as long as “we walk in the light, as he is in the light.” (Do the will of God)
• When we sin we must repent, humbly confess our sins to the Father and ask His forgiveness
Acts 8:22-23

• [22] Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.  
[23] For I perceive that thou art in the gall of bitterness, and in the bond of iniquity.
[7] But if we walk in the light (do the will of God) as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us (continues to cleanse us and keep us clean) from all sin.
If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.