

## "THE BOOK, THE BLOOD & THE BLESSED HOPE" #2

**TEXT: 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; 19 But with **the precious blood** of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

**INTRO.:** A. We are examining the **bedrock beliefs of the believer given in the title**. We have already scrutinized in some depth the foundational truth of **our blessed Book, the Bible**. Without an absolute belief in the infallibility, innerancy, indefectibility, inspiration & preservation of God's Word, we are adrift at sea w/out an anchor.

- B. Tonight we will examine another landmark doctrine, that of **the blood of our Savior**. It is one of several subjects referred to in the Bible as "precious" (stones, faith, promises, etc. - the word in Greek is a superlative & means valuable, costly, honored or esteemed highly). Without **the Blessed Book** we would know nothing of our Savior! Without **the Precious Blood** we have no forgiveness of sins!

### **I. THE PRECIOUS BLOOD:**

A. Precious (Pure, Sinless):

1. It is Divine, not human:

**Heb.10:5** *Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me:*

**Lk.1:35** *And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God.*

2. It had its origin in God:

**Acts 20:28** *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**.*

**ILLUS.:** Dr. John MacArthur denies that Christ's blood is any different than any one else's blood. "The word, 'BLOOD,' in this verse does NOT really mean 'BLOOD,' it means 'DEATH.' The word 'DEATH,' and the word 'BLOOD,' are SYMBOLIC of each other. Christ was 100% human, therefore, HE HAD HUMAN BLOOD. Christ received His HUMAN BLOOD FROM MARY HIS MOTHER...there was nothing in the chemicals of His blood that could save. ATONEMENT WAS MADE THROUGH HIS DEATH."

**Hebrews 9:12** *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.*

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

**QUOTE:** John MacArthur's Heresy on the Blood Of Christ, Waite, p.19,20 "idios" "His own" (private, distinct, unique, peculiar).

3. It is imperishable, i.e., enduring, incapable of decay.

**1 Pet.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:*

**1 Cor.15:50, 53,54** *Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory.*

4. Because its Source is God it has infinite stability, i.e., it is incorruptible.

B. Powerful (Efficacious)

1. Atoning **Blood**:

**Lev.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** (not the death) that maketh an atonement for the soul.*

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

- a. The word "atonement" means "to cover."
- b. The blood of bulls & goats were "promissory notes" which God handed to Christ to pay.
- c. The word "atonement" speaks of "at-one-ment" w/God thru Christ's blood, which paid in full the promissory notes of the O.T.

2. Redemptive **Blood**:

**Eph.1:7** *In whom we have redemption through his [unique] **blood**, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*

**Rev.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 (freely paid the price) us to God **by thy blood** out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

- a. The word redemption is in 3 forms: 1) to loose or set free
- 2) A price freely paid
- 3) To purchase & never return to the market place.

**Gal.3:13** *Christ hath redeemed us (rescued us) from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree*

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The requirements for redemption are 4 in number:

- b. 1) the redeemer must be a near kinsman (Christ became a man)
- c. 2) He must have the purchase price (precious blood)
- d. 3) He must be willing to redeem (He came to seek & save)
- e. 4) He must be free from the calamity which occasioned the need for redemption (He had sinless blood).

3. Justifying **Blood**:

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

**QUOTE:** Chafer: "Justification is a declaration by God respecting the Christian that he has been made forever right & acceptable to Himself." It deals w/imputed righteousness accomplished by His blood!

4. Sanctifying **Blood**:

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

- a. The word simply means "to set apart".
- b. He sets us apart when we trust in His shed blood.

5. Propitiating **Blood**:

**Rom.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;*

- a. In the O.T. propitiation had to do w/sprinkling sacrificial blood on the Mercy Seat on the Day of Atonement.
- b. In the N.T. Christ's blood was sprinkled, as it were, on His own body on the cross & He became the Mercy Seat.
- c. Propitiation means that God recognizes what Christ did on the Cross & that it has the potential of reconciling a lost world to Himself.
- d. Propitiation means that all the burden is taken off the sinner leaving him to simply trust in **Christ's atoning blood**.
- e. Propitiation means that the Judgment Throne become the Mercy Seat.

C. Present (Cleansing) **Blood**:

**1 Jn.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.***

**Heb.12:23-24** *To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to **the blood of sprinkling**, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*

1. In Heb.12:22-24 there are 8 things said to be in heaven, one is **the blood of Christ**.
2. Only incorruptible things can be in heaven, so His incorruptible blood is there.

**Rev.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**.*

**CONCL.:** Regardless of what the Bible states so clearly in scores of passages, MacArthur stubbornly & tenaciously holds on to his heresy!

Thank God for **His Blessed Book** which teaches of **His Precious Blood!**