

# **THE BLOOD OF CHRIST**

Lev. 17:11; Col. 1:14

Every surgeon learns to identify blood with life. The blood and life are inseparable: You lose one, you lose both!

The Bible is alive. The Bible is a bloody Book. A *scarlet thread* runs from cover to cover. Cut it anywhere and it bleeds. Blood begins to flow in Genesis 3:21 and continues running through the Book of Revelation when blood will flow to a horse's bridle at the battle of Armageddon. Over 400 times God inspired men to use the word blood in the Scriptures.

One characteristic of a false teacher is what do they teach about the blood atonement of Christ. If they are wrong on redemption by the blood, they need to be avoided.

The writers of the New Testament choose the word "*blood*" three times as often as the "cross" of Christ, five times as frequently as "death."

**I. PRECIOUS BLOOD**-- *"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:"* (1 Pet. 1:18-19).

A. You cannot BUY salvation. You cannot PAY to get saved!

B. Precious = Of high worth; VALUABLE.

1. Precious because it is **spotless**. INCORRUPTIBLE...without spot.

2. Precious because it is **life giving** (TEXT). One speck of blood contains 5,000,000 *living* red cells; 300,000 platelets and 7,000 white cells. It is an ocean stocked with living matter!

**II. PURGING BLOOD**-- Cleansing blood. Hebrews 1:3-- *"Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had by himself **purged our sins**, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high."* Hebrews 9:22-- *"And almost all things are by the law **purged with blood**; and without shedding of blood is no remission."* Revelation 1:5-- *"...Unto him that loved us, and **washed us from our sins in his own blood.**"*

A. *There Is A Fountain* (Wm. Cowper).

B. Scientifically-- One of the functions of blood is to CLEAN the body:

The components of blood cooperate to accomplish a simple goal: Nourishing and cleansing each living cell. From the red blood cells first entrance into the bloodstream they are pushed and shoved through rush hour traffic. Beginning the cycle at the heart, they take a short jaunt to the lungs to pick up a heavy load of oxygen. Then they are propelled throughout 60,000 miles of blood vessels linked to every living cell in the body. Highways narrow down to one-lane roads, then bike paths, then footpaths, until finally the red cell must bow sideways and edge through a capillary one-tenth the diameter of a human hair. In such narrow confines the cells are stripped of food and oxygen and loaded down with carbon dioxide and other waste products. From there the red cells rush to the kidneys and liver for a thorough scrubbing, where the hazardous waste chemicals can be dumped for elimination outside the body. Then they go back to the lungs for a refill of oxygen and the journey starts over. The complete cycle takes only 23