

seconds. An average red cell endures the cycle of loading, unloading, and jostling through the body for a half million round trips over four months.

C. We are contaminated with the toxin of SIN.

1. Sin is a **blockage**, a paralyzing toxin that restricts and hinders our lives from counting for God (Isa. 59:2; Jer. 5:25). Hebrews 9:14-- "*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?*"

2. ONLY THE BLOOD can cleanse from sin! 1 John 1:7-- "... the blood of Jesus Christ his Son **cleanseth us from all sin.**" What color is blood? What color is sin? RED-- "*Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your **sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool***" (Isa. 1:18). **ILLUS**--I read, according to photography, if you take a red filter and look at something red through the red filter, it will appear to be white!

**III. PROPITIATING BLOOD**-- "*Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a **propitiation through faith in his blood...***" (Rom. 3:24-25).

A. Propitiation = satisfaction; covering; that which turns away the incurred wrath of God upon sinners. Because God is righteous and just, sin must be penalized (Rom. 6:23a). The holiness of God prevents God from forgiving the sinner without a payment or "propitiation" of satisfaction. Propitiation is that which brings about a change in God's attitude toward us, so that we are restored to the fellowship and favor of God.

Propitiation points to God's wrath being appeased. To appease means to *make peace* with someone who has been wronged. If I am angry because you have wronged me, but you then do something to appease me, the offence is removed. Propitiation results in God no longer being angry with us.

B. Propitiation is pictured by the mercy seat in the Old Testament tabernacle (Heb. 9:5; Ex. 25:17,21).

Sin is no longer the issue between man and God. The only issue is "*...**faith in his blood...***" (Rom. 3:25).

**IV. PLENTIFUL BLOOD**-- (1 John 2:2).

**V. POWERFUL BLOOD** (Rev. 12:10-11)

**VI. PURCHASING BLOOD** (Acts 20:28).

**VII. PREDETERMINED BLOOD** (Rev. 13:8; 1 Pet 1:19-20). Jesus blood was not *spilt* (accidental). It was *shed* (on purpose).

**CONCLUSION:** It is not enough that Jesus died-- THE BLOOD MUST BE APPLIED.