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The Precious Blood of Christ

In 1 Peter 1:19, the inspired apostle Peter informed that the blood of Christ is precious (i.e. of great value or high price). So, with that thought in mind, let's take a look at why the blood of Christ is precious. Starting with, the blood of Christ is precious because...

It Redeems.

To “redeem” means, “to gain or regain possession of something in exchange for payment.” A “redeemer” is, “one who rescues another from bondage, or liberates another from any condition wherein one is held.” My friend, Christ is our redeemer, because His precious blood paid the payment for mankind's deliverance from the bondage of sin. Therefore, the blood of Christ is precious in the fact that it redeems us (1 Peter 1:18-19; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13-14).

It Justifies.

Not only does the blood of Christ redeem us, but it also justifies us. In Romans 5:9, Paul informed that one is justified by the precious blood of Christ. What does that mean? Well, it means that through the precious blood of Christ one is made righteous in the sight of God.

It Sanctifies.

The precious blood of Christ also sanctifies us. To “sanctify” means, “to set apart or declare holy.” In Hebrews 13:11-12, the Hebrew writer penned, “*For the bodies of those animals, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned outside the camp. Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.*” You see, it is through the precious blood of Christ that we become sanctified (i.e. set apart).

It Cleanses.

We are also cleansed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. When defined, the word “cleanse” means, “to make something thoroughly clean or rid of something unpleasant or defiling.” You see, sin makes one unclean and or defiles one. However, thankfully for us, the precious blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin (1 John 1:7).

It Remits.

Another thing that the precious blood of Christ does is it remits. To “remit” means, “to cancel or refrain from exacting or inflicting a debt or punishment.” Friend, to be simply put one receives remission (i.e. the forgiveness) of their sins through the precious blood of Christ (Matthew 26:28).

It Saves.

Last but certainly not least, the precious blood of Christ saves. When defined, the word “save” means, “to keep safe or rescue someone or something from harm or danger.” You see, without the precious redeeming blood of Christ there would be no hope for being saved or rescued from the bondage of sin, but through the blood of Christ we can be saved (i.e. freed) from our sins (Revelation 1:5).

Now the question is, have you been washed in the precious blood of Christ? If not, why not?

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Are You A Flea or An Elephant?

The story is told of a flea who rode on top the back of an elephant that crossed over a bridge. Now, after successfully crossing the bridge, the flea said to the elephant, “Boy, we sure did shake that thing.”

You see, my friends, although this is a fictional story, it illustrates very well the attitude of some brethren today. For, unfortunately, there are some brethren who are lax in supplying their part to the work of the local church. For, some brethren just want to ride along in the wagon while others push, so to speak, and because of that, there are some who are light as a feather when weighed in the balances, but yet they are always quick to take the credit for the work which has been done, and say “Boy, look at what we did.”

However, instead of just being one who tags along for the ride, all the members of the body of Christ need to recognize the fact that they are all needed and useful (1 Corinthians 12:12-27), and all need to be active and busy in the Lord’s work. For, as the apostle Paul informed, it is profitable to the body when all the parts of the body are suppling their part (Ephesians 4:16).

Therefore, brothers and sisters, be zealous for good works (Titus 2:14), and be one who is willingly and actively involved in the work of the Lord knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain (1 Corinthians 15:58).

So, I now ask, are you like the flea or the elephant that was mentioned earlier in the story above when it comes to the work of this local congregation? Are you doing your part? Are you pulling your weight? If not, why not?

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Mark Your Calender

Our Gospel Meeting Is Quickly Approaching.

Dates of Meeting
September 18-23.

Meeting Times
Sunday: 9:30 am, 10:30 am, 5:00 pm
Monday-Friday: 7 pm

Preacher
Curtis Cooper

Plan To Attend Every Service!

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Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
Sunday Morning Worship 10:30 a.m.
Sunday Evening Worship 5:00 p.m.
Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.

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