

Doctrine of the Blood of Jesus

1. Jesus first spoke of His own blood at the Last Supper.
 - *Matthew 26:28 For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*
2. Judas spoke of the blood of Christ and called it innocent blood.
 - *Matthew 27:4 Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? See thou to that.*
3. The religious leaders spoke of the blood of Christ indirectly and associated it with violence and death.
 - *Matthew 27:6 And the chief priests took the silver pieces, and said, It is not lawful for to put them into the treasury, because it is the price of blood.*
4. The field that was purchased with the money of betrayal was soon called The Field of Blood.
 - *Matthew 27:8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day.*
 - *Acts 1:19 And it was known unto all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch as that field is called in their proper tongue, Aceldama, that is to say, The field of blood.*
5. Pilate spoke of the blood of Christ and thus His death and declared he was innocent of shedding it.
 - *Matthew 27:24 When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it.*
6. The people of Palestine invited the blood of Christ or His death to be upon their heads and their children.
 - *The Matthew 27:25 Then answered all the people, and said, His blood be on us, and on our children.*
7. In the Garden of Gethsemane Jesus sweated great drops of blood in the agony of prayer.
 - *Luke 22:44 And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*
8. The blood of Christ symbolically spoke of the life of Christ as well as of His death.

- *John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. 54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. 55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.*
9. The importance of the blood of Christ being shed at Calvary is manifested in the Scriptural report that from His side flowed blood and water.
- *John 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.*
10. The apostles were forbidden to speak about the blood of Christ, which spoke of the death of Jesus.
- *Acts 5:28 Saying, Did not we straitly command you that ye should not teach in this name? And, behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this man's blood upon us.*
11. The church is declared to be purchased by the blood of Christ, which focuses attention on His death.
- *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.*
12. Salvation is declared to be on the basis faith in the blood of Christ.
- *Romans 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;*
13. Justification is declared to be based on the blood of Christ.
- *Romans 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*
14. The cup of communion commemorates the blood of Christ.
- *1 Corinthians 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?*
15. The new covenant is found in the blood of Christ.

- *1 Corinthians 11:25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.*

16. Those who take communion in an unworthy manner desecrate the blood of Christ.

- *1 Corinthians 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.*

17. Redemption comes through the blood of Christ.

- *Ephesians 1:7 In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;*
- *Colossians 1:14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:*

18. The basis of fellowship with God the Father is by the blood of Christ.

- *Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*

19. Peace with God is made through the blood of the cross of Christ.

- *Colossians 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.*

20. By the shedding of His blood Jesus was able to go into the heavenly holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for His own.

- *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.*

21. The blood of Christ purges the consciences from dead works.

- *Hebrews 9:13 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?*

22. Apart from the shedding of the blood of Christ there is no forgiveness of sin.

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

23. The new covenant with the believer is called the covenant of the blood.

- *Hebrews 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?*
- *Hebrews 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.*

24. Sanctification is based on the blood of Christ.

- *Hebrews 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.*
- *1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.*

25. The new covenant, which is the everlasting covenant, is based on the blood of Christ.

- *Hebrews 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,*

26. The blood of Christ is declared to be precious.

- *1 Peter 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*

27. The blood of Christ has cleansing power.

- *1 John 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.*
- *Revelation 1:5 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,*

28. Redemption is based on the blood of Christ.

- *Revelation 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 us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;*

29. The blood of Christ is able to make white those who wash their filthy garments in it.

- *Revelation 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.*

30. The blood of Christ has conquering power as it inspires faith.

- *Revelation 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*

31. In his vision John saw Jesus clothed with a vesture dipped in blood.

- *Revelation 19:13 And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.*

32. While the death of Christ is mentioned often in the Scriptures the most common reference to it is associated with blood.

33. The violence and the blood associated with the death of Christ was never forgotten by the eyewitness and so they called attention to the Lord's death by filtering all the great theological truths through the blood:

- eternal life
- salvation
- justification
- redemption
- the new covenant
- and sanctification

34. Because of the emphasis upon the literal blood with its spiritual application the blood of Christ should never be minimized in any way. It is

- precious
- priceless
- powerful
- and purifying.