

# Precious Blood



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# Preciousness seen in O.T.

- ***Sanctity of human life (Gen. 9:3-6)***

- ◆ 3 Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs.

4 But you shall not eat flesh with its life, *that is*, its blood.

5 Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a *reckoning*; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man.

6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.

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- **Law ratified through blood (Ex. 24:6-8)**

- ◆ 6 And Moses took half the blood and put *it* in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.
- ◆ 7 Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient."
- ◆ And Moses took the blood, sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the Lord has made with you according to all these words."

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- **Man never permitted to eat blood**

- ◆ **Leviticus 17:11 (NKJV)**

11 For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.'

- ◆ **Acts 15:29 (NKJV)**

29 that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well.  
Farewell.

# Preciousness seen in O.T.

- **Sacrifices**

- ◆ Cain and Abel (Gen. 4:3-5)

- 3 And in the process of time it came to pass that Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord.

4 Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat. And the Lord respected Abel and his offering,

5 but He did not respect Cain and his offering. And Cain was very angry, and his countenance fell.

# Preciousness seen in O.T.

- **Sacrifices**

- ◆ Burnt – peace – sin – trespass
- ◆ Day of Atonement (Lev. 16)
- ◆ Every sacrifice looked to Jesus (Heb. 10:4)

# Preciousness seen in Blood of Christ

- **Why is the blood of Jesus so precious?**
  - ◆ Precious depends upon its usefulness.  
Example: bag of pearls...on the desert?

## His Blood Is Precious Because It Has:

- **Redeeming power (1 Pet. 1:18-19)**

- ◆ 18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, *like* silver or gold, from your aimless conduct *received* by tradition from your fathers,  
19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

## His Blood Is Precious Because It Has:

- **Sealing power (Heb. 9:16-17)**

- ◆ 16 For where there *is* a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

- ◆ 17 For a testament *is* in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

# His Blood Is Precious Because It Has:

- **Cleansing power**

- ◆ **Revelation 1:5 (NKJV)**

5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. **To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,**

- ◆ **1 John 1:7 (NKJV)**

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the **blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.**

## His Blood Is Precious Because It Has:

- **Drawing power**

- ◆ **John 3:14**

- ◆ 14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

# His Blood Is Precious Because It Has:

- **Sanctifying power**

- ◆ **Hebrews 9:12-14 (NKJV)**

12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for 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, **cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

# Consider

<b>Sin</b>	<b>Blood of Christ</b>
Separates	Reconciles
Enslaves	Redeems
Brings death	Makes alive