

## Blood – A Cleansing Element

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We can read throughout the Bible (from Genesis to Revelation) and see how God made blood an element to cleanse man from his sins.

When Noah and his family came forth from the Ark, Noah offered unto God of every clean beast and of every clean fowl, and offered burnt offerings on the alter – Genesis 8:20.

In Exodus 29<sup>th</sup> chapter we can read how that Aaron (brother of Moses) and his sons offered unto God burnt offerings on the alter and the blood (of the sacrificed ram) was sprinkled around about the alter and upon the alter.

God required blood from Genesis even until today. The priests offered up sacrifices daily and once each year the high priest would go into the (Holy of Holies) most Holy place and offer up a sacrifice for the sins of the people. Jesus Christ went into the most Holy place and offered up Himself once and forever, for all men. Offered Himself there at Calvary, become our sin offering hanging, bleeding and dying on the cross.

It is no wonder that John (when baptizing there in Jordan) seeing Jesus passing by said, “Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sins of the world.” (John 1:29). The Holy Spirit speaking through John was saying, this was God’s blood sacrifice which would take away the sin of the world.

Hebrews 9:22 saying, “Without the shedding of blood there is no remission.” (Forgiveness of sin). Please read Hebrews 9:22-28.

(I Peter 1: 18, 19) “Ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold. [19] But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without spot and without blemish.”

(In Revelation 12:11) Tells us we can overcome all things by the blood of the Lamb just as our forefathers overcame the great dragon (Devil) in the first century.

(I John 1:7) “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.”

(Romans 6:3-11) “Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? [4] Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.”

(Colossians 2:12) “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with him through faith of the OPERATION of God, who hath raised him from the dead.”

(Galatians 3:27) “For as many of you have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.”

When Christ hang on the cross a soldier pierced His side and out came forth blood and water. These are the two elements which God chose to cleanse man.” We cannot separate these two elements! The blood of our Lord is in the water of baptism. We must walk into the water in order to contact His blood.

Why not let God do the operating! After all He is the great physician. Just repent of your sins, confess Christ, go right into the water of baptism and the blood of Jesus will cleanse you from all sin. You can get a new beginning in Christ. This is my prayer.

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