

# **“The Blood of His Cross”**

## **Colossians 1:20**

### **I. Introduction:**

A. Blood has always played an important part in God’s scheme of things regarding sin and forgiveness.

1. Genesis 4:4
2. Hebrews 9:6-10

B. No blood? – No Salvation!

1. Hebrews 9:22
2. Colossians 1:20

### **II. The Blood of the Cross is the Blood of Jesus Christ.**

A. Prophesied in the Old Testament.

1. Zechariah 13:6
2. Isaiah 53

B. Fulfilled in the New Testament

1. Hebrews 2:9
2. Romans 5:9
3. Matthew 26:26-28
4. John 19:34

### **III. The Blood of His Cross is Justifying Blood.**

A. Back to - Romans 5:9

B. Romans 3:23-26

C. To be “justified” is to be made “right” before God.

### **IV. The Blood of The Cross is Sanctifying Blood.**

- A. Hebrews 13:12
- B. Hebrews 10:10
- C. 1 Peter 1:2
- D. To be sanctified is to be “set apart” (for holy use).
  - 1. Christians are sanctified people.
    - a) 1 Corinthians 1:2
    - b) E.g. Ephesians 5:3

## V. The Blood of His Cross is Redeeming Blood.

A. Discuss the following passages:

1. 1 Peter 1:18-19
2. Ephesians 1:7
3. Colossians 1:14
4. 1 Corinthians 6:20
5. Acts 20:28

a) **Man CANNOT be redeemed without the blood of the cross.**

b) **To be redeemed is to be bought (see definition below)**

1. To recover ownership of by paying a specified sum.
4. To fulfill (a pledge, for example).
6. To set free; rescue or ransom.
7. To save from a state of sinfulness and its consequences. .<sup>1</sup>

c) **Jesus paid the price – set us free, rescued us, paid ransom price, saved us from a state of sinfulness and its consequences – He made salvation POSSIBLE!**

## VI. The Blood of His Cross is “Near” Making Blood.

A. Discuss Passage:

1. Ephesians 2:11-13

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2. The contrast is between “near” and “far off”.
3. Those “Far off”
  - a) Gentiles in the flesh
  - b) Called “uncircumcised” by the circumcised
  - c) Without Christ
  - d) Aliens (from Israel)
  - e) Strangers of the covenants of promise
  - f) Having no hope
  - g) Without God
4. Those “near”
  - a) Children of Abraham
  - b) Circumcised of the heart
  - c) In Christ
  - d) Children
  - e) Participants in the promise
  - f) Having hope
  - g) Children of God

*(1) All this is accomplished by the blood and our obedience!*

## **VII. The Blood of His Cross is Peace Making Blood.**

### **A. Our text: Colossians 1:20**

### **B. Ephesians 2:15**

1. By the blood of Christ we can have peace with God, self, and our fellow man.
  - a) Cf. Philippians 4:6-7
  - b) John 16:33

## **VIII. The Blood of the Cross is Reconciling Blood.**

A. Ephesians 2:15-16

B. Refer to text: Colossians 1:20

**C. Not only reconciling man to God, but man to man as well. By the blood of Christ, men can be brought back into the proper relationship with God and with man.**

## **IX. The Blood of His Cross is Cleansing Blood.**

A. 1 John 1:7

B. Revelation 1:5

**C. This is accomplished at baptism.**

1. Romans 6:3-4

2. Without the blood of Christ, baptism would have not efficacy – would not be effective.

## **X. Conclusion:**

**A. Review points:**

1. The blood of the cross is the blood of Jesus.
2. The blood of the cross is justifying blood.
3. The blood of the cross is sanctifying blood.
4. The blood of the cross is redeeming blood.
5. The blood of the cross is near making blood.
6. The blood of the cross is peace making blood
7. The blood of the cross is reconciling blood.
8. The blood of the cross is cleansing blood.

**B. Will you allow the blood of His cross to accomplish its work by submitting in obedience to Jesus Christ?**