

The Story of Jesus: His Blood Is Precious

(Lesson 76)

Introduction:

1. God's people are to grow in the knowledge of His Son (2 Peter 3:18).
2. To accomplish this growth we must "*search the Scriptures*" (John 5:39).
3. In 1 Peter 1:18-19 "*the precious blood of Christ*" is mentioned.
4. In our lesson we are studying passages that explain why the Lord's blood is precious.
5. Before we do so, let us first point out that . . .

Discussion:

- I. GOD HAS ALWAYS CONSIDERED BLOOD TO BE SPECIAL
 - A. God was highly displeased when Cain shed Abel's blood (Genesis 4:10-12).
 - B. God commanded man to abstain from eating blood (Genesis 9:4).
 - C. God commanded capital punishment for those who shed blood (Genesis 9:5-6).
 - D. The patriarchs presented blood offerings to God as they worshiped, including:
 1. Abel (Genesis 4:4)
 2. Noah (Genesis 8:20-21)
 3. Abraham (Genesis 22:13).
 - E. God commanded the Israelites to put blood around and over the doors of their homes so He would "pass over" them in Egypt (Exodus 12:7, 12-13).
 - F. Although the Israelites presented animal sacrifices to God on a regular basis, a special offering was made on the Day of Atonement (Leviticus 16:29-30, 34).
 - G. While blood is special in a general sense, . . .
- II. THE BLOOD OF CHRIST IS PRECIOUS
 - A. Jesus shed His blood when He was crucified (John 19:33-34).
 - B. Jesus shed His blood "*for many for the remission of sins*" (Matthew 26:27-28).
 1. "Remission" requires the shedding of blood (Hebrews 9:22).
 2. However, animal blood cannot remove sin (Hebrews 10:3-4, 11).
 3. Jesus offered Himself as a perfect sacrifice once for all (Hebrews 10:12).
 - C. The Lord's blood makes redemption possible (1 Peter 1:18-19).
 1. Corruptible things such as silver and gold cannot provide redemption.
 2. Redemption is only available through the blood of Christ (Ephesians 1:7; Hebrews 9:12).
 3. We learn from 1 Peter 1:22-23 when the Lord's blood purifies our souls.
 - D. Jesus' blood provides continual cleansing for His followers (1 John 1:7, 9).
 - E. Jesus purchased the church with His blood (Acts 20:28).