

Title: The Precious Blood of Christ

Scripture: I Peter 1:17-21

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**I Peter 1:17-21** *And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear: Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you, Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.*

In 1869 in Ocean Grove, NJ. It was built to give Christians a place where they could come together and stay as a spiritual retreat and a place for revival. In the process of that it began to get famous for people who wrote Christian hymns.

Robert Lowry was a professor and preacher of the word of God. He wrote a hymn titled "Nothing but the Blood". Apart from Jesus Christ we can have no relationship with Jesus whatsoever. Hebrews 9:22 *"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."*

#### **What Peter didn't say in I Peter 1:17-21:**

- We aren't saved by works.
- We aren't saved by money.
- We aren't saved by social status.

*"But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:"* The word precious means that of great value; important. We use this word haphazardly when talking about babies or cute animals. It refers to the blood shed on the cross.

#### **Things About the Blood of Jesus**

1. **It is precious because of who he is:** There are descriptions all through the Bible of Jesus Christ. A few of them are listed below:
  - a. John 1:1 *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God."* In
  - b. John 1:14 he says *"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."*
  - c. John 10:30 *"I and my Father are one."*
  - d. II Corinthians 5:21 *"For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."*
2. **It is precious because of why he came:** There is a purpose for why he came. He came for US so that WE could be saved. His purpose was to die on the cross. The blood of Christ is essential to our salvation. We *need* it in order to obtain eternal life.
  - a. John 1:29 *"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."*
  - b. Luke 19:10 *"For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."*
3. **It is precious because of what it provides:** The blood provided something for us that we couldn't provide for ourselves.
  - a. **He came to provide redemption:** (verse 18) *"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your*

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*fathers;”* The word redeemed means “to buy back”. If you’re not bought back by the blood, you are a slave to sin. Romans 3:23 *“For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;”*

- b. **He came to provide forgiveness:** Ephesians 1:7 *“In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace;”* Romans 5:8 *“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.”*
  - c. **He came to provide justification:** Romans 5:9 *“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”* [story of Martin Luther and the scroll]
  - d. **He came to provide reconciliation:** I Timothy 2:5 *“For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus;”* Colossians 1:19 *“For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; 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.”*
  - e. **He came to provide access:** access means “a means of approaching or entering a place.” Too many people are looking for access into heaven by looking in the wrong place. I Kings 8 talks about the Holy of Holies. The only one who was granted access to this was the high priest of that day. There was one requirement to get into the Holy of Holies. This requirement was that he had to be sprinkled with blood to show his cleanliness before he went in. If he didn’t do this, he would be dead. The high priests wore bells on the bottom of their robes so that the people could hear if he was alive or dead. Hebrews 10:19-22 *“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; And having an high priest over the house of God; Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”*
4. It is precious because we have daily forgiveness: I John 1:7-9 *“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. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* Christ forgives us daily. All we have to do is ask and repent.

Apart from the precious blood of Jesus Christ, all of us are destined for hell. Any other blood or action will not get us there.