

BLESSINGS BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Heb.9:11-14

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I. INTRODUCTION

1. Blessings of the greatest value to the soul of man have been provided by the blood or by the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ.
2. These blessings:
 - a. Are provided by no other person and in no other way.
 - b. Have been provided by the love, grace, mercy, and goodness of God, the Father, through the voluntary sacrifice of his Son, Jesus of Nazareth.
 - c. Are spiritual in nature and pertain to man's salvation and fellowship with God and Jesus Christ both here and hereafter.
 - d. Being spiritual in nature, are all found only in Jesus Christ, Eph.1:3; Cf. 2Tim.2:10.
3. With knowledge of these blessings as revealed to us in the N.T. surely sober thinking persons will realize their great value and how important they are to each of us.
4. Upon realizing the great value and the importance of these blessings provided by the blood or by the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ, how could sober thinking people not want to be possessors of and or have hope of possessing these blessings?
5. With that desire one then seeks to know how to possess them!
6. With this in mind, we now consider some of the many valuable, all-important, blessings provided by or through the blood of Jesus Christ.

II. DISCUSSION

- A. THE CHURCH, THE BODY OF THE SAVED, HAS BEEN PURCHASED OR BOUGHT OR REDEEMED WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, Ac. 20:28.**

1. We say the church, the body of the saved, because the church is the body of the saved; it's made up of the saved; it is the saved; it's the body of which Jesus is the savior by means of his blood, Ac.2:47; Eph.5:23.
2. Each member of this blood bought body, the church, has been bought or purchased, or redeemed by his blood, 1Cor.6:19,20; Eph.1:7; Col.1:14; Rom.3:23-25; Rev.5:8,7,9.
3. To redeem means "to release on receipt of ransom, or paying a ransom price. In the spiritual sense, as in Tit.2:14, of the work of Christ in redeeming men "from all iniquity."
4. Cf. 1Pet.1:18,29.

B. THE SPIRITUAL BLESSING OF JUSTIFICATION IS PROVIDED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, Rom.5:6-9; 4:25; Heb.9:11-14.

1. Justification is one of the grandest, and perhaps one of the most talked about, themes of scripture.
2. The term "justification" is from the Gr. term that "denotes the act of acquittal" – "signifying the establishment of a person as just by acquittal from guilt." See Vine, II, 284.
3. Justification is a **legal declaration** that one's sins are no longer held against him.
 - a. His spiritual condition is stamped, "**Pardoned.**"
 - b. The term is not the equivalent of "not guilty" ; that is, of "never having been guilty"; for the sinner is guilty, Rom.3:23; Gal.3:22.
 - c. Rather, the sense is this: "Even though you are guilty as charged (Rom.3:9-19), the sentence (of eternal death because of sin) has been commuted!" You are **acquitted!**
 - d. See Rom.6:16-18.
4. Note the connection between redemption, propitiation or reconciliation, justification, and remission of sins in Rom.3:23-25 – all of which are "through faith in his blood."

C. THE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS OF RECONCILIATION TO AND PEACE WITH GOD ARE PROVIDED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.

1. Rom.5:8-10; 2Cor.5:17-20; Eph.2:11-19; Phil.4:6,7; Col.1:19-23; 1Pet.1:1-3.
2. The sinner is said to be:

- a. Separated from God, Isa.59:1,2; Cf. 1Jno.1:5,6.
 - b. Enemies of or at enmity with God, or hostile to, Rom.5:8-10; Jas.4:4. He is not a friend to God! If he were, he wouldn't be a sinner in rebellion to God!
 - c. Dead in trespasses and sins, and walking according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that worketh in the children of disobedience, Eph.2:1-3.
 - d. In darkness, needing their eyes opened to the truth of God's word, Ac.26:16-18.
 - e. "Concluded under sin," or "to be shut up under, or to be bound under the sweeping sentence of sin," Gal.3:22.
 - f. In violation of God's law and without hope therein, 1Jno.3:4; 1Th.4:13.
3. The blood or the death of Jesus Christ makes it possible for the sinner to rectify all of this, for He died for all, Heb.2:9; Rom.4:25; 1Cor.15:1-3; Gal.1:4; 2Tim.2:10; Tit.2:11-14.

D. THE SPIRITUAL BLESSING OF REMISSION OF PAST SINS IS PROVIDED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, Mt.26:28; Eph.1:7; Col.1:14; Heb.9:22-28.

1. While he provided the possibility of it through his blood or his death, Heb.2:9; 1Jno.1:7; Rev.1:5
2. We must appropriate it by our own faith and obedience to the gospel of Christ preached by the apostles, Mk.16:15,16; Ac.2:36-38,41; Ac.22:16; 1Pet.3:21; 1Pet.1:22-25; 1Pet.4:17; 2Th.1:6-10.

E. THE SPIRITUAL BLESSING OF SANCTIFICATION IS WITH HIS OWN BLOOD, Heb.10:9,10,29; 13:12; 1Cor.6:11.

1. Sanctification is that relationship with God into which man enters by faith in Christ, Ac.26:18; Cf. 1Cor.6:11.
2. It is that relationship to which one's sole title is the death of Jesus Christ, or by the shedding of his blood, Eph.5:25-27; Col.1:21,22; Heb.10:9,10,29; 13:12.
3. The Holy Spirit is the agent in sanctification by means of the truth of God's word, Rom.15:16; 2Th.2:13; 1Pet.1:1,2; 1Cor.6:11; Jno.17:17,19; 1Pet.1:22-25.
4. Every baptized believer is sanctified in Christ and called saints, 1Cor.1:2.

F. FINALLY, BAPTIZED BELIEVERS FAITHFUL UNTO THE END SHALL ENJOY THE SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS OF ENTERING INTO THE HOLIEST BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS, Heb.10:18-20; 6:16-20; Ac.20:32; 26:18; Rom.8:16-18; 1Pet.1:3-5,9; 2Pet.1:2-11; Rom.8:24,25.

III. CONCLUSION

1. Remember this: **ALL** spiritual blessings are in Christ, and only in Christ, Eph.1:3; 2Tim.2:10.
2. Therefore, one must be in Christ in order to possess and enjoy even one of them.
3. To get into Christ one must by faith, repentance and confession of faith in Christ be baptized into Christ, Rom.6:3-6; Gal.3:26,27.
4. There is no there way and no other Savior, Ac.4:10-12; Jno.12:48-50.