

Jesus the Son
The Blood of Christ
Eph. 1:3-7

God has blessed us tremendously through His Son. In verse 11 of the text we read of the inheritance that we have through Jesus. In verse 13 we read that the Spirit was given to us as a seal of our inheritance. All of these blessings are “in Christ” (3). In verse 7, which is the focus of our lesson today, we read of the blessing that we have through the blood of Jesus.

There are many blessing that we can enjoy because of the blood of Christ. By His blood, He purchased the church (Acts 20:28). By His blood we are brought near to Him (Eph. 2:13). By His blood, we can have boldness to enter the holiest (Heb. 10:19). By His blood we also have the forgiveness of our sins; and this is that great gift that we will discuss today.

- I. Blood has always been important to God.
 - A. Life is in the blood.
 1. Gen 9:4 - But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.
 2. Deut 12:23 - Only be sure that you do not eat the blood, for the blood is the life; you may not eat the life with the meat.
 - B. Blood protected the Israelites during the 10th plague in Egypt in Ex. 12.
 - C. The Israelites offered many sacrifices throughout the year to God, most of which included sprinkling of blood.
 1. Ex. 29
 2. Lev. 16
 3. Heb 9:7 – But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance.
 - D. Blood was required under the law to make atonement for the soul.
 1. Lev 17:11 - For it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.
 2. Heb 9:22- And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.
 - E. We especially needed the blood of Christ.
- II. The blood of Christ forgives us of our sins.
 - A. We needed another sacrifice to take away our sins.
 1. The blood of the Old Testament sacrifices were insufficient.
 2. Heb. 10:1-4
 - B. The sacrifice that we needed was Christ.
 1. Rom 3:25 - whom God set forth as a propitiation (Lit. “mercy seat) by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed.
 2. Rom. 5:6-11
 - B. We needed the blood of Christ so that our sins could be forgiven.
 1. Matt 26:28 - For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

2. **I Jn 1:7** - But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.
 3. **Rev 1:5** - To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood,
- C. We are redeemed (bought back) by His blood.
1. **Eph. 1:7**
 2. **I Pet 1:17-19** - And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; {18} knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, {19} but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.
 3. **Col 1:13-14** - He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, {14} in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.
- III. We must come into contact with the blood of Christ.
- A. We must be "in Christ" to receive spiritual blessings in Christ.
1. **Eph. 1:3, 7**
 2. Same sentence in the Gr. with the understanding that we must be "in Christ."
- B. How do we get to be "in Christ" and in contact with the blood of Jesus?
1. **Acts 2:38** - Then Peter said to them, "Repent, and let every one of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.
 2. **Acts 22:16** - 'And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord.'
 3. **Rom 6:3-4** - Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? {4} Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.
 4. **Gal 3:27** - For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.
 5. **I Pet 3:21** - There is also an antitype which now saves us-- baptism (not the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God), through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

Conclusion:

Are you in Christ? Have you had the blood of His Son cleanse you of your sins? Have you been baptized into His death for the remission of you sins?