

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST!

1 Peter 1:13-19

INTRODUCTION: The Second World War was won not by proclamations or the news media, not by entertainers, or by politicians. The Second World War was won by the men who fought and bled and yes by those who died. The Second World War was won at the cost of human blood. Likewise, God won the war against sin through the precious blood of Jesus Christ! Revelation 12:10-11. The Old Testament instilled a reverence for the blood animals and especially for the blood of man: Genesis 9:1-6; Leviticus 17:10-12. If the blood of animals and mankind is precious in God's sight how much more precious is the precious blood of God's only begotten Son? John 1:29-31; Revelation 1:4-8; Acts 20:28.

I. THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST JUSTIFIES US!

Romans 5:6-9, "Justified by His blood." This is a statement the church of Jesus Christ must not turn away from. The word "justified" means the making just of one who has been unjust. When we trust in the shed blood of Jesus Christ to cleanse us from our sin, our holy God declares us righteous. Romans 3:19-26.

II. THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST REDEEMS!

1 Peter 1:18-19: Jesus Christ is our Redeemer! Job 19:25. During the time of Jesus and of Peter fully one half of the world's population were slaves. People were bought and sold just as if they were cattle. But in order for God to be holy and merciful it was necessary that sin be atoned for. Ephesians 1:3-14. Have you believed yet?

III. THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST RECONCILES!

Because of our sin we have been alienated and separated from our God: Isaiah 59:1-2. Even in human relationships, our sins cause separations. The question is "How can sinful man be reconciled with a holy God?" Luke 2:13-14. Our peace of reconciliation and the forgiveness of our sin required the precious blood of Jesus Christ to be spilled.

IV. THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST CLEANSSES!

Usually blood stains anything it comes in contact with but Jesus' shed blood washes away our sins: 1 John 1:7; Isaiah 1:18. How great the wonder-working power of the precious blood of Christ on the souls of those who receive Jesus Christ's shed blood as payment for their sin. God considers our souls of great worth and it is attested two by two facts: our soul was created in the image of God: Genesis 1:26-27. The price that was paid for the redemption of the soul of mankind: 1 Peter 1:18-21.