

BLOOD ATONEMENT

Int.

1. Aim: To discuss the truth about the blood of Christ in atoning our sins.
2. Heb. 9:22 "Without shedding of blood is no remission"
3. Blood of animals was always required in the Patriarchal and Mosaic ages.
 - a. Trail of blood from Eden to Calvary
 - b. Enough blood to wash away the city of Jerusalem.
 - c. A sea of Animal blood
 - d. Blood of clean sacrificial animals both beasts and fowls.
4. Blood is the central message of both the Old and New Testaments. But Why?
5. Some people are repulsed by the use of "blood" in the Bible
 - a. Some have taken all references to blood from their hymnbooks
 - b. They have called those who believe in atoning blood as having a "slaughterhouse religion!" Why did God require so much blood? Answer: God required blood in order to atone for sin.
6. Atonement = At-One-Ment = Being One with God - **Rom. 5:11**
7. Blood atonement involves: -
 - a. "RANSOM" = a means of loosing
 - b. "REDEMPTION" = to buy and set free
 - c. "RECONCILIATION" = to be brought back together
 - d. "EXPIATION" = Justification - or how to Get right with God
 - e. SANCTIFICATION = How to Stay in a right relationship with god.
8. These involve the whole scheme of redemption - or God's plan of Salvation for all sinners.

- There is blood involved in Atonement = to be at one with God.

Discussion

I. WHAT IS THE NEED FOR BLOOD ?

A. Adam sinned

1. The angels no doubt thought man was ruined, hopelessly lost forever.
2. That was the condition of fallen angels - Jude 6 II Pet. 2:4
3. Why should man be spared?
4. They knew that God's justice demanded satisfaction for man's sin.
5. But how could God be a JUST God if he just passed over man's sin? He could not be holy and do this.

B. There was nothing that the angels knew that could ever bring man back to a right relationship to God.

1. But there was something undeveloped which no created eye had yet seen
2. There was something that had not entered into the heart of any created being.
3. I Cor. 2:9 "But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Quote from I sa. 64:4

II. THE PLAN FOR BLOOD ?

A. Before God made man he had a plan

1. This plan originated in the mind of God before creation
2. When Adam and Eve sinned it did not catch God "off-guard"
3. He had already made plans to save sinful human beings.

B. This plan or mystery was revealed

1. It was revealed in progressive stages
2. Mk. 4:26-29 ~ blade > ear > full corn in the ear
3. It involved Christ
 - a. God anticipated the birth of Christ
 - b. God Anticipated the life of Christ
 - c. The death of Christ
 - d. The resurrection of Christ
 - e. And the Church of Christ.
4. None of these things were afterthoughts.
 - a. I Pet. 1:18-20 - "foreordained before the foundation of the world"
 - b. II Tim. 1:8-11 "Which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began"
 - c. Eph. 1:3-7 "Before the foundation of the world"

C. If it had not come man would have been banished

1. If God had not planned for the salvation of man then he would have been banished forever from the glory of God -- II Thes. 1:9
2. But God knew that in the "fullness of time" he could and would demonstrate to the intelligent beings that he had created how he could be just and holy in passing over the sins of man.

III. THE PREPARATION FOR THE BLOOD

A. Before Christ came the people needed to be educated

1. They had to be prepared for his coming

2. This took hundreds of years
 3. God began "schooling" mankind in the Garden of Eden after Adam and Eve fell.
 4. Gen. 3:15 we have the first glimpse of human salvation and redemption through Christ.
- B. Gen. 3:15 is a prophetic promise that implied...:
1. Man's need for salvation - Jer. 10:23 "The way of man is not in himself..."
 2. A Redeemer would come
 3. This Redeemer would be of the human family
 4. This Redeemer would be brought forth in a miraculous way from the "seed of the woman"
 5. This Redeemer would be wounded
 6. This Redeemer would be victorious over the Old Serpent
 7. This Redeemer would be a "male" - uses the word "he".
- C. Jesus Christ met the demands of this prophecy
1. Gen. - Mal. tells us that somebody "is coming"
 2. Acts - Rev. tells us that same somebody [Christ] is "Coming Again"
 3. But it does not say that he is coming to set foot on this earth.

IV. THE SCHEME DEVELOPED INVOLVING BLOOD ATONEMENT

- A. The Temporary substitute
1. When Adam and Eve sinned God demanded a covering for their sin
 2. They needed more than the skins of animals to cover the nakedness of their bodies.
 3. They were given instructions about how to make a sacrifice of the animals and the use of the blood.

B. Satan was very interested

1. Satan and his angels must have been very interested in that first sacrifice made by Adam and Eve
2. God did not reveal to Satan about his plans for the redemption of mankind
3. Satan learned of God's plan as it was revealed in its progressive stages of development.
4. I Pet. 1:12 "...which things the angels desire to look into."
5. I Pet. 1:10-11 The prophets of old were very interested in this one called "Christ" and how God was going to save mankind.

C. The mystery is gradually revealed

1. In the time of Moses they had a tabernacle for the place of Worship
2. In the most Holy Place they had two angelic figures above the Mercy Seat
3. Their faces were turned downward as if to look into the mysteries of God's plan of salvation.

D. In the Mercy-Seat God revealed the key of his plan for saving man

1. This symbolized the presence of God
2. The mercy seat is where the blood was sprinkled for the atonement
3. This is the place where God's mercy met with God's law allowing the blood atone for man's sin
4. Lev. 17:11 "Life is in the blood"
5. Life is closely connected with the blood. If it is gone the body dies.
6. The penalty of sin is death!
7. Without shedding of blood no man has ever been redeemed. - Heb. 9:22
8. God allowed the blood of animals to be shed for man till Jesus came and died

E. This was a shadow of things to come

1. Just as the bud brings forth the flower, so Judaism brought forth Christianity
2. The system under the law of Moses with all the feasts, sacrifices and ceremonies were only types of that which was to come with Christ.
3. Animal blood could never take away sins - Heb. 9:22 Heb. 10:4
4. But these sacrifices were acceptable until God in his own Time sent forth Christ to die for all.
5. Each year the blood of animals had to be sacrificed !

V. IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME CHRIST CAME TO ATONE FOR ALL

A. Animals could not do the job of atoning for man's sin

1. Heb. 10:4 "For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins."
2. So God sent Christ to do the job.
3. But he could not accomplish the will of God with mere animal sacrifices
4. He needed "A body" prepared of God and made available through the seed of woman - Heb. 10:5,10 Gen. 3:15 Isa. 7:14 Jer.31:22
5. Nothing less than the death of man for the sins of man could atone.
6. But no ordinary sinful man would serve such a purpose.
7. Nothing less than the perfect, sinless lamb of God could offer his blood as an atonement for the sins of man.

B. He was the perfect sacrifice

1. He was holy - Lk. 1:35
2. There was no fault in him - Lk. 23:4 Pilate said

3. He could not be convicted of sin - Jn. 8:46
4. He knew no sin - I I Cor. 5:21
5. He did no sin - I Pet. 2:22
6. He was without sin - Heb. 4:15
7. He was without blemish and without spot - I Pet. 1:19

C. His sacrifice was made - he died upon the cross of Calvary

1. He appeared on the old rugged cross
2. His flesh was torn and mangled
3. His atoning blood was shed for the sins of the world.
4. God accepted that offering - the blood of his own Son.
5. This was adequate to atone for the sins of man and meet the requirements of God's justice and Holiness.
6. This solved the greatest moral problem that had ever occupied the attention of men or angels - for God could be just and at the same time could justify sinners.
7. The way into the holiest of all was made possible through the blood of Christ.

D. Blood Atonement -

1. Shed his blood in His death
2. We are baptized into His Death
3. Justification is in His Death
4. Sanctification is in His Death - 1 John 1:7

Conclusion

1. Have your sins been atoned?
 - a. He made an atonement for you
 - b. God sent his Son to save us - Jn. 3:16-17
 - c. He gave himself a ransom for all - I Tim. 2:5-6
 - d. He was once offered to bear the sins of man - Heb. 9:28
 - e. He is able to save all that come unto God by Him - Heb. 7:25
2. If you are to be saved you must reach the benefits of his blood.
 - a. Redeemed in Him by Blood - Eph. 1:7
 - b. Made near by blood of Christ - Eph. 2:13
 - c. Reconciled in one Body by Cross - Eph. 2:16
 - d. Baptized into Christ - Gal. 3:27
 - e. 1 Cor. 12:13
3. Plan for Atonement for Us today is simple
 - a. You must believe - Heb. 11:6
 - b. Repent - Acts 17:30-31
 - c. Confess - Acts 8:37 Rom. 10:10
 - d. Baptized - Gal. 3:27 Acts 2:38
4. If you obey His will you then become a member of the Lord's church which he purchased with his own blood - Acts 20:28
5. Rom. 6:3-6

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