

Teach Your Children about the Blood of Christ

Hebrews 9:15-28

PROPOSITION: For our children to get to heaven, they must understand the essentiality of the blood of Jesus and how it is applied to their souls and how it washes away sins.

INTRODUCTION:

1. No one can get to heaven without Jesus Christ (John 14:6; 6:45).
2. The immortal minds we are most responsible for are those of our precious children. We must imbue them with the highest of high priorities (cf. Eph. 6:4).

DISCUSSION: We must teach our children...

I. That without the shedding of blood, there can be no removal of sins.

- A. "For the life of the flesh is in the blood..." (Lev. 17:11).
- B. The sacrificial blood of the Old Testament is associated with the death of our Savior (Heb. 9:13f).
- C. Atonement has never been possible without the shedding of blood (cf. Gen. 4:1-5; Heb. 9:22).
- D. Peace was made by "the blood of the cross" (Col. 1:20).
- E. Christ paid the price to buy us back from sin (Eph. 1:7).

II. That with His blood Christ instituted a new covenant under which we now live.

- A. The blood of Jesus is for the new covenant (Matt. 26:28), an eternal covenant (Heb. 13:20).
- B. The blood of the first covenant was only a shadow of the new covenant (Heb. 10:1-4).
- C. "We have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (v. 10).
- D. The New Testament is far greater than the old covenant which began with the ten commandments (2 Cor. 3:7-11).

III. That when they are older they will become obligated to take the blood of Christ into their lives.

- A. Unless you make His life your life, you cannot have life (cf. John 6:53).
- B. One partakes of the humanity and death of Jesus through contact (cf. Rom. 6:3, 4).
- C. Christians are partakers of the nature of God (John 6:56; 2 Pet. 1:4).
- D. They must live in a way that it is no longer they who live, but Christ Who lives in them.

IV. That one contacts Jesus' blood by being baptized into His death.

- A. The blood of Jesus was shed in His death (John 19:34).
- B. Romans 5:6-10 explain the connection of the blood of Jesus and His death.
- C. To have the benefits of His death, one must be baptized into Jesus.
- D. Only *in* Christ is salvation possible (2 Tim. 2:10).
- E. If we are buried with Christ into His death, then we are raised from the dead and walk in newness of life free from sin (Rom. 6:3-7).

V. That the saving power of Jesus' blood is limited to His body (the church).

- A. Acts 20:28 clearly teaches that Jesus purchased the church with His own blood.
- B. One is not saved by the church, but when one is saved, he/she is put in the church that Jesus saves (Acts 2:47; Eph. 5:23, 25; 1:22; 1 Cor. 12:13).

VI. That the continual cleansing power of the blood of Jesus is conditional.

- A. Even when we try hard, we make mistakes (Rom. 3:23; 1 John 1:8-10; 2:1).
- B. Yet, the blood of Jesus continues to cleanse those mistakes (1 John 1:7).
- C. For that constant fellowship and constant cleansing, one must be walking in the light.

CONCLUSION:

1. Nothing is more important than the salvation of the soul of man (Matt. 16:26).
2. Surely we want all our children to live forever with God in heaven. Then we must teach them well.