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THE BLOOD

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Introduction: The Bible is a bloody book. Eternal safety is based upon blood-shedding. Hebrews 9:22 “...without shedding of blood is no remission.” I have no sort of fellowship with the man who denies the vicarious death of Christ. A certain man would exclude me from his fellowship as an ignorant man. He once wrote a friend that he did not believe in blood atonement and did not know any minister of intelligence who does. But his feeling towards me and my tribe is reciprocated. I regard him as an ignorant man. If he is not accepted by God on the ground of the death of Christ then on what ground does he expect to be accepted? It must be on the ground of his own righteousness and Paul says in Romans 10:3, “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.”

The Bible has too much to say about the blood of Christ for any born again person to misunderstand it. Ephesians 1:7, “In whom we have redemption through his blood...” Romans 5:9, “Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from

wrath through him.” Hebrews 9:22, “And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.” Romans 3:25, “Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood...” I Peter 1:19, “But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.” Colossians 1:14, “In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.” Colossians 1:20, “And having made peace through the blood of his cross...” I John 1:7, “But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.” Revelation 1:5, “...Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.” Ephesians 2:13, “But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.” Revelation 7:14, “...These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.” Revelation 12:11, “And they overcame him by

the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”

Judson disappointed a huge crowd gathered to hear him when he had returned to America after 30 year’s absence as a missionary in Burmah, India, where he passed through unheard of hardships, and had performed dangerous exploits for his Master. He spoke for about 15 minutes with much pathos of the precious Saviour, of what he had done for us in redeeming us from the curse of the law, and of what we owed him. And he sat down visibly affected.

“It was the blood of a sinless person. If Christ had one sin to his account he could not have saved sinners.”

Let us examine this blood. I do not mean that we are to make a chemical analysis of it. I am not in search of the actual blood that flowed from his precious body. I am thinking of his blood as the symbol of a forfeited life. It is the way he died. Blood shedding was the way he lay down his life.

DIVINELY APPOINTED

It was the blood of a divinely appointed victim. Jesus Christ was

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MEN AND THEIR MINDS

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I Corinthians 3:1, "And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ."

Men and their minds is a subject of scriptural revelation and like every other revelation of scripture may be studied with interest and profit. Fundamentally there are but two classes of mind; the regenerate and the unregenerate; the mind a saved man has and a mind the lost man has. Paul presents a striking contrast of the two minds. Ephesians 4:17-24: *"This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart: Who being past feeling have given themselves over unto lasciviousness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. But ye have not so learned Christ; If so be that ye have heard him, and have been taught by him, as the truth is in Jesus: That ye put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; And be renewed in the spirit of your mind; And that ye put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness."*

The saved man has a mind that is capable of receiving and appreciating scriptural truth; a saved man can understand scriptural sermons. A lost man cannot understand and appreciate scriptural sermons; II Corinthians 4:3, *"But if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost."*

CLASSES OF MEN

The scriptures give three classes of men: natural, spiritual, and carnal. The scriptural classification of men is

not according to their social standing, or intellectual ability, or financial status, but according to their reception and practice of scriptural truth.

THE NATURAL MAN

I Corinthians 2:14, *"But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned."* The natural man labors under two disqualifications. First, he receiveth *"not the things of the Spirit of God,"* he lacks the taste for the words of scripture. Second, *"neither can he know them."* His second handicap is that he lacks the faculty by which spiritual truth is comprehended. A person must have a human spirit to understand the things of man; to have intercourse in human affairs; he must have the Holy Spirit to understand the things of God; to have fellowship in the word of God.

Included in this class are those who are cultured and intellectual, and even religious, as well as to those who are drunken and godless. To use an Old Testament symbolism; the natural man lives in Egypt, the world, under the dominion of Pharaoh, the devil.

THE SPIRITUAL MAN

I Corinthians 2:15, *"But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man."*

The spiritual man is a man who has ability to appreciate spiritual truths. He knows how to examine and enjoy spiritual things. And yet he himself is not appreciated or understood by other men.

The spiritual man is not only rightly related to Christ, but he is rightly related to the Spirit as well. He is filled by the spirit. He that is spiritual lives in Canaan; the promised land, the land of victory and rest. The

spiritual man is more than a saved man. He walks in the power of the spirit.

THE CARNAL MAN

I Corinthians 3:1-4, *"And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto carnal, even as unto babes in Christ. I have fed you with milk, and not with meat: for hitherto ye were not able to bear it, neither yet now are ye able. For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men? For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal?"*

The natural man is contrasted with the spiritual man and the carnal man is contrasted with the spiritual man. A contrast between the natural and spiritual on one hand and on the other hand a contrast between the spiritual and carnal. When the contrast is between the natural and spiritual it separates between the saved and the lost; and when the contrast is between the spiritual and carnal it is between two classes of saved people.

CARNAL CLASSIFICATION

There are two classes of carnal men. Unsaved; carnal only. Have a mind for self and sin but no mind for God and His truth. They live in the flesh. Romans 8:5-8, *"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh: but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit. For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be. So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God."*

Saved; more than carnal. They have a regenerated mind. Their minds

and members are not one. They are not carnally minded but carnally membered. Romans 7:25, "...So then with the mind I myself serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin." The carnal Christian lives in the wilderness; the barren desert between Egypt and Canaan.

CARNAL CHRISTIANS

I Corinthians 3:1 (quoted earlier). They are not ready for revelation, that is, for all the counsel of God. They have to be fed on milk. They want baby talk. Hebrews 5:11-14, "*Of whom we have many things to say, and hard to be uttered, seeing ye are dull of hearing. For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat. For every one that useth milk is unskilful in the word*

of righteousness: for he is a babe. But strong meat belongeth to them that are of full age, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern both good and evil."

They are not ready for separation. They want to live on the borderline between the world and God. They don't like to be called to separation from the world and consecration of life to God. But the Bible teaches us to be a separated people. II Corinthians 6:17-18, "*Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.*"

They don't see any harm in questionable things of the world. They don't see any harm in going to the movies, even on Sunday afternoon.

They want a little religion and a little of the world. Matthew 6:24, "*No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.*"

A Japanese boy became a Christian. The father protested but to no avail. He then sought help of the Budahi priest. He recommended several things to be done and the father said they had tried them all. Then the priest said, "Send him to America or England; that will cure him. He will see that the Christians there do not take their religion seriously; they do not believe in it." Does this apply to us??



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sent here by His Father. He was the Lamb of God because He was to give his life a ransom for many. If the Father appointed Him to be the victim for our sins, then the Father will accept what He has done, and he will also accept us on the basis of what Christ did in his death.

SINLESS PERSON

It was the blood of a sinless person. If Christ had one sin to his account he could not have saved sinners. His life was tested from every angle. He was tempted by Satan Matthew 4:1, "*Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.*" Mark 1:13, "*And he was there in the wilderness forty days, tempted of Satan; ...*" and tried by men, Matthew 27:1-2, "*When the morning was come, all the chief priests and elders of the people took coun-*

sel against Jesus to put him to death: And when they had bound him, they led him away, and delivered him to Pontius Pilate the governor," but never once did He sin. II Corinthians 5:21, "*For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.*"

MORE THAN MAN

It was the blood of One more than man. No man can redeem his brother. If you could find a sinless man, you would find a man accepted of God, but he could cause nobody else to be accepted. It was the blood of the God-Man.

Jesus Christ was broken and bruised for his people and redeemed them by the shedding of his blood. Hebrews 9:22, "*...without shedding of blood is no remission.*" He bare our sins in his own body on the tree, and gave his life (shedding his blood) for the remission of our

sins. This is the reason for the two elements in the Lord's Supper.

Trust anything else in whole or in part and you perish. If you trust your repentance or your faith or your feelings you will not be saved. If you trust the new birth you are lost. All these things are proper in their place, but it must not be the place of Christ.

The blood of Christ saves surely. There is no risk to run in trusting the blood of Christ. It will save you as surely as God is true. There was a martyr summoned before Bonner; and after he had expressed his faith in Christ, Bonner said, "You are a heretic and will be damned." Nay said the martyr, "There is therefore no damnation to them that believe in Christ Jesus."

Conclusion: If there is somebody reading this who has not trusted the blood, let me ask you why?

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