

# SEVENFOLD VIRTUE OF CHRIST'S BLOOD

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In previous articles we've discussed the saving power of the blood of Christ. Today we want to take a closer look at the virtues of that blood.

**Redemption.** "In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins. " {Colossians 1:14}

"In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" {Ephesians 1:7} It "buys us back" from our slavery to sin. It is the purchase price.

**Justification.** "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. "{Romans 5:9} This makes us just before God. It secures our life being right before God, despite our sins. In other words – we have been acquitted!

**Cleansing.** "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. "{1 John 1:7}

"Therefore, as through one man's offense judgment came to all men, resulting in condemnation, even so through one Man's righteous act the free gift came to all men, resulting in justification of life. " {Romans 5:18} This blood is the agent which removes the blot of sin, which is upon our soul, making us pure in the sight of God.

**Peace.** "And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. "{Colossians 1:20}

"Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, "{Romans 5:1} Christ's blood brought peace between the Jew and Gentile. It also brings the "peace of God" knowing we are now at peace with Him by our obedience.

**Sanctification.** "Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate. "{Hebrews 13:12}

"For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. "{Hebrews 10:14} That blood set us apart from the whole world. We now are a "peculiar people" for God's purpose.

**Nearness.** "For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the Lord our God will call. "{Acts 2:39}

"But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ." {Ephesians 2:13}

**Victory.** "Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, 'Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down. And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death '. "{Revelation 12:10,11}

"Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. ... how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? "{Hebrews 9:12,14}

How important is that blood to our salvation? Can man be saved without it? The sacrifice of our Lord upon the cross of Calvary paid the debt we all owed to God. Clearly understand this point that the blood of Christ is essential to man's salvation – period. Put both these two articles together and you have God's plan explained. Are you washed in that blood? \*\*\*