

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

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Let's consider some of the benefits we receive from the **blood of Christ**.

Redemption from sin's bondage. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." {Ephesians 1: 7} Christ's blood is the ransom price paid to purchase sinners out of bondage to sin. Christ made it possible to be freed from this bondage, "Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, and release those who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage." {Hebrews 2:14,15}

Remission of sin's guilt. "To Him all the prophets witness that, through His name, whoever believes in Him will receive remission of sins." {Acts 10:43} Our past sins have been remitted - removed by the blood of the Lamb. "And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood." {Revelation 1:5}

Reconciliation from sin's effects. "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. {Romans 5:9,10} Man's sin separated him from God {Isaiah 59:1,2}. Of necessity, they must reconcile. Through Christ's blood, man is justified - acquitted of condemnation for his sins. Thus, sinful man can stand before the judgment seat of Christ free from guilt.

Only remedy for sin. "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." {Matthew 26:28} Man's greatest need was provided by a loving God who sent His Son to die to provide this divine remedy. Man was hopelessly lost without the blood that was shed on the cross of Calvary!

Christ's death on the cross and the blood He shed brought many good benefits to mankind. The next time you partake of the cup, remember what that blood has done for you. ***