

BENEFITS OF THE BLOOD CHRIST

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Let's briefly examine some of the benefits of the **blood of Christ**

Purchased the church. "Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood." {Acts 20:28} Christ paid the purchase price for His church with His own blood. This is why the church can be referred to as a "blood bought institution."

Washed us from our sins. "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} This is why Ananias told Paul to be baptized," And now why are you waiting? Arise and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on the name of the Lord." {Acts 22:16} The water of baptism is where the alien sinner makes contact with the blood of Christ.

Brought man redemption and forgiveness of sins. "In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace." {Ephesians 1:7} Redemption can be defined as "buying back," as slaves of sin we have not been released from that bondage, Romans 6:16-18. "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} True forgiveness is only possible by the blood of Christ, "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." {Hebrews 8:12}

Justification came by His blood. "Much more then, having now been justified In) His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him." {Romans 5:9} What is justification? The sinner has been "acquitted and made right" by the blood of Christ. The condemnation of our sins has been removed by the blood of Christ. Only by His own blood can any of us stand before God in an acquitted state. The sacrifice of Christ upon the cross of Calvary brought man what he could never attain by his own actions - the salvation of his soul! ***