The Blood of Christ (Outline)

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I. Introduction.

- A. Jesus shed blood at Gethsemane, in the halls of Pilate, and at Calvary.
- B. Christians remember his blood each Lord's Day.
- C. Peter called it "precious" blood (1 Pet. 1:19).
 - 1. The word precious means "dear, valuable, costly."
 - 2. The blood of Jesus is invaluable.

II. The Precious Blood of the Lamb.

- A. The blood was real.
 - 1. While on earth, Jesus had a human body of flesh, blood, and bones (John 1:14; Phil. 2:5-8; Luke 24:39).
 - 2. Jesus' blood, like ours, was composed of red cells, white cells, platelets, and plasma. It was real blood.
- B. The blood was royal.
 - 1. He was of the house and lineage of David, whose dynasty

continues to the end of time (Isa. 9:7; Luke 1:32-33).

- 2. His kingship was mocked during his crucifixion (Mark 15:16-20).
- 3. Jesus was raised from the dead to sit on his eternal throne (Dan. 7:13-14; Acts 2:32-36).
- 4. Jesus is "King of kings and Lord of lords" (1 Tim. 6:15).
- C. The blood was innocent.
 - 1. Jesus did nothing wrong (Heb. 4:15; 1 Pet. 2:22).
 - a. Judas said, "I have sinned in that I have betrayed innocent blood" (Matt. 27:4).
 - b. The wife of Pilate said, "Have nothing to do with this just man" (Matt. 27:19).
 - c. Pilate said, "I find no fault in this man" (Luke 23:4).
 - d. Pilate also said, "I am innocent of the blood of this just person" (Matt. 27:24).

- 2. The people who knew Jesus best could not convict him of sin (John 8:46).
- 3. If the enemies of Jesus could not convict him of sin, who can?
- D. The blood was substitutionary.
 - 1. Jesus gave himself for us (Titus 2:14).
 - 2. Jesus "bare our sins in his own body" (1 Pet. 2:24).
 - 3. Jesus "washed us from our sins in his own blood" (Rev. 1:5).
 - 4. Jesus' stripes heal us (Isa. 53:5).
- E. The blood is satisfying.
 - 1. God is holy (holiness is a general term for moral excellence).
 - a. "The Lord our God is holy" (Psa. 99:9).
 - b. "Holy and reverend is his name" (Psa. 111:9).

c. His pure eyes cannot behold evil (Hab. 1:13). d. Men fear God because he is holy (Rev. 15:4). 2. The holiness of God demands that sin be punished. a. God is just and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus (Rom. 3:26). b. God cannot tolerate evil. c. God must judge and condemn sin. d. God can justify sin only by the merit of a substitutionary sacrifice. e. God can only be just if he forgives by a blood sacrifice, because "the blood of it is for the life thereof" (Lev. 17:14). 3. Jesus' blood satisfied the demands of divine justice. a. Jesus was made a sin-sacrifice for us, though he knew no sin (2 Cor. 5:21).

- b. Jesus became an "offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour" (Eph. 5:2).
- F. The blood of Jesus was effective.
 - 1. It cleanses from sin (Matt. 26:28; 1 John 1:7).
 - 2. It redeems from sin (Eph. 1:7).
 - 3. It gives life to the dead (Eph. 2:4-5; 1 John 5:11).
 - 4. It purchased the church (Acts. 20:28).
 - 5. It was shed once, never to be shed again (Heb. 10:11-12).

III. Conclusion.

- A. The blood of Jesus is precious.
- B. His blood is real, royal, innocent, substitutionary, satisfying, and effective.
- C. We remember his blood each Lord's Day.