

Precious

Intro:

Heb 9:18-22

Liberal Christians reject the doctrine of the blood of Christ calling it a slaughterhouse religion focusing instead on social justice and cultural reform

Casual Christians neglect the doctrine of the blood of Christ singing about it only in abstract sentiment focusing instead antiseptic pop psychology and self help motivation

But when it counts self help and social justice only go so far - it is the slaughterhouse religion that we need for only it can wash away our sins

Problem:

Rom 5:9

Justifies us

Eph 1:7

Redeems us

Col 1:20

Brings us peace

1 Jn 1:7

Cleanses us from all sin

Rev 1:5; 5:9

It needs to be made clear that the Bible is a book of blood, from Genesis (where God slew animals to clothe Adam and Eve) to Revelation (where John beheld Christ "as a Lamb that was slain").

...but why blood? Why not His teaching His example His power persuasion or philosophy?

Blood used 87 times in Leviticus - almost 1/4 of every reference found in the Bible is found in Leviticus

Lev 17 tells us why it is so important

Main Idea:

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Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Implication:

It is not Christ the Example, or Christ the Teacher who saves you; it is not Christ the baby in the manger but Christ the bloody Lamb of God, Christ crucified for the sins of the world that saves you

Application:

Do not be ashamed of a slaughterhouse gospel for it is the only gospel there is...don't look away - remember it

You are not saved by a baby you are saved by His blood

Articles for further study:

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/the-precious-power-of-the-blood>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Christianity-bloody.html>

<https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/satanic-doctrine-wrathless-cross/>

<https://www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-eat-flesh-drink-blood.html>

<https://www.desiringgod.org/articles/what-jesus-meant-when-he-said-you-must-eat-my-flesh>

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Text:

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Leviticus 17:1 ¶ And the LORD spoke to Moses, saying,

Leviticus 17:2 “Speak to Aaron and his sons and to all the people of Israel and say to them, This is the thing that the LORD has commanded.

Leviticus 17:3 If any one of the house of Israel kills an ox or a lamb or a goat **in the camp**, or kills it **outside the camp**, Leviticus 17:4 and does not **bring** it to the **entrance of the tent of meeting** to offer it as a gift to the LORD **in front of the tabernacle** of the LORD, bloodguilt shall be imputed to that man. He has shed blood, and that man shall be cut off from among his people.

Leviticus 17:5 This is to the end that the people of Israel may **bring** their sacrifices that they sacrifice in the **open field**, that they may **bring** them to the LORD, to the priest at the **entrance of the tent of meeting**, and sacrifice them as sacrifices of peace offerings to the LORD.

Leviticus 17:6 And the priest shall throw the blood on the altar of the LORD at the **entrance of the tent of meeting** and burn the fat for a pleasing aroma to the LORD.

Leviticus 17:7 So they shall no more sacrifice their sacrifices to goat demons, after whom they whore. This shall be a statute forever for them throughout their generations.

Leviticus 17:8 ¶ “And you shall say to them, Any one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who offers a burnt offering or sacrifice

Leviticus 17:9 and does not **bring** it to the **entrance of the tent of meeting** to offer it to the LORD, that man shall be cut off from his people.

deut 12:13-28 (amended before going into land of promise...principle clear...one place of atonement)

jn 4:19-24 (tied to geography to tie it to one sacrifice one event one institution)

(josh 22:12-34 almost went to war when Manasseh and gad built memorial altar)

(1 kings 12:25-33 (rebellion abomination idolatry - location matters. The altar matters)

(1 kings 18 (only one place where forgiveness offered)

1 pet 2:5 (one dynamic temple)

heb 10:19-25 (do not trivialize the place - Just as " 'do-it-yourself spiritually' was to have no place in Israel," it is not to have a place in the Christian's life today.)

acts 20:28 (only institution paid for by His blood - if He cared about His temple in the OT, how much more in the NT)

Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Leviticus 17:10 ¶ “If any one of the house of Israel or of the strangers who sojourn among them **eats** any **blood**, I will set my face against that person who **eats blood** and will cut him off from among his people.

Leviticus 17:11 **For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.**

Leviticus 17:12 Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, No person among you shall **eat blood**, neither shall any stranger who sojourns among you **eat blood**.

Leviticus 17:13 ¶ “Any one also of the people of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among them, who takes in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten shall **pour out its blood and cover it with earth**.

Leviticus 17:14 **For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life.** Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, You shall not **eat** the **blood** of any creature, **for the life of every creature is its blood**. Whoever **eats** it shall be cut off.

Leviticus 17:15 And every person who **eats** what dies of itself or what is torn by beasts, whether he is a native or a sojourner, shall wash his clothes and bathe himself in water and be unclean until the evening; then he shall be clean.

Leviticus 17:16 But if he does not wash them or bathe his flesh, he shall bear his iniquity.”

ex 30:11-16 (blood the ultimate ransom...but where animal blood had a price we have something priceless)

1 pet 1:18-19 (Not how precious is the baby for we were not redeemed by a baby but how precious is the blood The gift of Christmas is not found in the cradle it is found on the cross)

heb 9:13-14; 10:1-10, 26-31 (A picture we're supposed to take very seriously - Throughout this chapter the emphasis is on the one place of sacrifice. There was only one price that God would accept—the blood—and only one place where God would accept it—the door of the tabernacle. So it is today. God accepts but one price for sin—the blood of His Son. And that blood was shed at the one place God appointed—Calvary's cross. To depend on any other sacrifice at any other place is to be rejected by God.)

jn 6:25-69 (Jesus scandalizes them with the true distinction of Leviticus 17 - we are not to feed on fallen life for sustenance - value was only in half the picture life shed ie death...the picture He paints here is the full picture in contrast. His blood pictures death but brings life)

1 cor 11:23-30 (unworthy/discerning - how precious is the blood of Christ? we are supposed to know the answer)