



Section 4: Concerning Salvation/Atonement (Cont.)

Question 2: Was the shedding of blood necessary to atone for man's sin?

Answer 2: Yes, it was absolutely necessary for blood to be shed for man's sins to be atoned for.

Memory Verse: **Hebrews 9:22**

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Support Verses: **1 John 1:7**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Ephesians 2:13

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

Hebrews 9:14

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Revelation 1:5

And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood,

Discussion Points:

1. Why is blood necessary for atonement?

- A better question for our point may be, "What is the most important element in the atonement?"
- The Bible makes it abundantly clear that it is the blood.
- The blood is necessary because it satisfies the demands of God's righteousness in both death and life.
- Death, in that the curse of sin, demands that one suffer under the just recompense required by the Law.
- And life in that our life is in our blood.
- The Bible says that the "life of the flesh is in the blood" and therefore, as a result of Adam's sin, the life you inherited from Adam is a tainted, decaying life subject to the consequences of sin... which is death.
- Don't be deceived into thinking that death without the shedding of blood is sufficient.
- The fact that the "life" is in the blood, demands that blood be shed.
- The shedding of blood is not just a symbol of death, but a necessity to the atonement.
- That fact has been demonstrated from the very beginning of God's word regarding the atonement.
- God demonstrated this truth as he set the sacrificial system in motion.



- He, no doubt, instructed Adam and Eve as to the nature of a blood sacrifice immediately after the fall. (Genesis 3:21)
- And that lesson was perpetuated in the instruction Adam gave to his sons as evidenced by the story of Cain and Able. (Genesis 4:3-7)

2. Why is the blood of Jesus Christ necessary for the ultimate atonement?

- Man has a problem that must be dealt with, even in the atonement.
- That is, the atonement that was offered in the Old Testament was insufficient to take away sin, because it was itself tainted by sin.
- The death was insufficient as a vicarious sacrifice, because it was not the offering of a perfect human soul for an sinful human soul.
- And the life that was in the blood was insufficient because it was a life subject death, being affected by Adam's curse. (Hebrews 10:11)
- That's where the Blood of Christ comes in and changes everything!
- The eternal life you receive from The Lord Jesus Christ is free from the corruption of sin, because that which secured it, His blood, is a precious, incorruptible offering in the sight of God.
- Therefore, death was defeated by the power of God in the resurrection, and therefore can be a vicarious sacrifice of a perfect, sinless human soul for sinful human soul. (Isaiah 53:10)
- And the "life of the flesh" that was in His human blood is sufficient to grant the atoned for, eternal life.

Notes:

Psalms, Hymns, Spiritual Songs:

- "Saved By The Blood" (Hymn #375 - Rejoice Hymns)
- "Nothing But The Blood" (Hymn #308 - Rejoice Hymns)