

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST

I Peter 1:19-20

CONSIDER NOW THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST

I. A POINTLESS SACRIFICE (19)

- Treasure and traditions don't redeem us

II. A PERFECT SACRIFICE (20a)

- The precious blood of a perfect lamb

A. WILLING - Isaiah 53:7

He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He did not open His mouth; Like a lamb that is led to slaughter, And like a sheep that is silent before its shearers, So He did not open His mouth.

B. DIVINE - John 1:29

The next day he saw Jesus coming to him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!"

C. SINLESS - II Corinthians 5:21

He made Him who knew no sin *to be* sin on our behalf, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

III. A PERFECT SAVIOR

- The precious blood of Christ

A. HIS BLOOD SAVES US FROM GOD'S WRATH - Romans 5:9

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath *of God* through Him.

B. HIS BLOOD FORGIVES US OF TRESPASSES - Ephesians 1:7-8

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace which He lavished on us. In all wisdom and insight.

C. HIS BLOOD RECONCILES US TO GOD - Colossians 1:20

and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, *I say*, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

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CONCLUSION:

**Though it held Christ's bruised and bloody body we can glory in the cross where
Christ sacrificed His precious life for us.**

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RESURRECTION PROCLAMATION

Acts 5:25-32

Because Christ lives we must tell others about Him

I. THE ACCUSATIONS (28)

A. YOUR INSTRUCTIONS

- You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching

B. YOUR INTENTIONS

- You intend to bring this man's blood upon us

II. THE ANSWERS (29-32)

A. LOOK WHAT GOD DID (30-31)

1. He raised the One you killed (30)
2. He exalted the One you condemned (31)

B. LEARN WHAT WE DO (29, 32)

1. Our Commitment: We must obey God rather than men (29)
2. Our Communication: We are Spirit-empowered witnesses of these things
 - a. We've seen the resurrection
 - b. We've seen real repentance
 - c. We've known true forgiveness of sin
 - d. And we must tell what we know!

CONCLUSION:

**Could we be accused of filling our city with the truth of Christ's resurrection and salvation?
Are we convinced that what God did must be communicated?**

Might we seek to provide resurrection proclamation