

Remnant Life Church
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“One Drop of Blood” Revelation 5:9-10

- Blood makes most of us very uncomfortable yet there is at some level a fascination with things involving it
 - Vampires in the culture
 - I’m not saying we like it, especially when it’s our own, but we understand how important it is.
- Blood is liquid-life and is obviously necessary for us to live
 - Carries oxygen throughout your body and fights infection
 - 60,000 miles of blood vessels in your body
 - Single blood cell makes a complete circuit through your body in less than 60 seconds
- Blood is active, moving, a host of life
- We monitor it, we store it, we put out urgent requests for it and, most of us don’t want to see too much of it when we order our steak
- Blood is all throughout the Bible
 - First possible blood reference is the making of skins for the covering of Adam and Eve by God (**Gen 3:21**)
 - The first certain reference to blood (**Gen 4:4**)
 - Abel brings fat portions to God in sacrifice
 - The bringing of the fat would have required the death of the animal and the spilling of blood
 - Blood spilled in anger just 4 verses later when Cain kills Abel and God says his blood is crying up to me from the ground (**v 10**)
 - Animal sacrifices are made the central point of the people’s atonement for sin
 - The spilling of innocent blood
 - A forerunner to Jesus’ blood on the cross
 - The first recorded burnt sacrifice is a thank offering given by Noah and his family when they came out of the ark (**Gen 8**)
 - Emerging from an enclosed boat for 5 months filled with animals, you would too!
 - In **Exodus** we begin to see explanation, instruction and purpose for the animal sacrifice and the shedding of blood
 - The spilling of animal blood in atonement for sin was a precursor to the final blood sacrifice, Jesus Christ

One drop of blood was all that was needed to be shed to pay the atonement price for every person who has ever lived or is yet to live – but Jesus did it for you.

Jesus in His final 2 days

- In the Garden of Gethsemane He prayed so hard about His upcoming crucifixion that Luke says He literally sweat drops blood.
- Then, in Pilate's Hall after He'd been arrested and had gone through several trials, He was brought to Pilate for the final time. Pilate had Jesus beaten with whips. Whips embedded with bits of broken pottery or bone that bit into his skin and tore into his muscles.
- Then those same soldiers mocked Him, and placed a crown of long, sharp thorns upon His head and pushed it down until it drew blood.
- Then at Calvary the soldiers drove nails in His hands and another nail through His feet.
- Finally, when He had died, a Roman soldier pushed a spear into His side "bringing a sudden flow of blood and water."

Revelation 5:9-10 (Written by John while exiled on the Isle of Patmos about 90 AD)

1. Jesus is worthy
 - a. Great value – of great importance
 - i. He was and is worthy, not guilty
 - ii. But He willingly died the death of the guilty
 - b. How do you respond to the fact that Jesus died just for you?
 - c. The way you can honor Him for saving you is by living for Him (**Philip 1:21** – *To live is Christ but to die is gain*)
2. With your blood you purchased men for God
 - a. That same blood not only saved you but it removed the guilt of sin so that we could belong to and be with Him
 - i. He cannot be in the presence of Sin
 - ii. Why Adam and Eve had to be removed from the Garden
 - b. How do I live my life in light of that fact? Do I desire to try and live a life that is grateful for what He had done?
 - i. Be separate from things of the world (sin/flesh) (**Isaiah 52:11**)
 - ii. Do not allow yourself to be yoked to things of the world (**II Cor 6:14-15**)
 1. The yoke of the oxen turns the head of the team together
 2. You cannot be yoked or joined to something and not be a part of it
 - a. We are warned to guard against who we align our lives with
 - b. Guard against what we allow into our minds, our hearts, and our spirits
3. From every tribe, language, people and nation
 - a. God loves everyone (**John 3:16**)
 - b. What people do you find it hard to love?
 - c. Jesus said – A new command I give to you...(**John 13:34**)
 - d. His love does not negate the truth of His Word nor the consequences of our actions and choices (**Rom. 6:23**)

4. Made to be a kingdom and priests
 - a. We are His kingdom (His dwelling place)
 - b. We are intimate with Him
 - i. **John 10:27** – *My sheep listen to my voice, I know them and they follow me*
 - ii. How do you know someone's voice?
 - c. And as His priests we are called to honor Him in His dwelling place

 5. To serve Him and they (we) will reign on earth
 - a. Who do you serve?
 - b. **Malachi 3:18** - *And you will again see the distinction between the righteous and the wicked, between those who serve God and those who do not.*
 - c. Because of His shed blood to save us from our sins we will reign – but what about right now?
- One drop of blood was all that was needed to cleanse you, to redeem you, to save you.
 - What are you doing in your life knowing that He did that for you?
 - Do you speak, act, live like you have been given this great gift of life?
 - Do you know who you are?
 - Satan does not want you to know your true identity
 - Temptation of Jesus (**Matt 4; Mark 1; Luke 4**)
 - It is why we celebrate/remember what He did for us by coming to the communion table