Doctrine of the Blood of Christ

I-V Talk last Sunday.

VI In the Old Testament sacrifices animal blood was literally and actually shed on the altar, causing the physical death of the animal.

The physical death of the animal on the altar, then, was a shadow portraying the spiritual death of Christ on the cross for our sins. Therefore, a representative analogy is established. The physical death of the animal was not efficacious... it is the saving work of Christ on the cross that is efficacious. Therefore, the physical death of the animal pointed toward the reality. Animals cannot die spiritually, so their physical death was used to teach of the coming spiritual death of the Messiah.

- a. The Levitical priest would receive the animal at the brazen altar and tie it to the horns of the altar.
- b. The priest would place his one hand on the animal and his other hand on the kneeling person who brought the animal. His guilt is transferred to the lamb.
- c. Once the person's sins are transferred to the lamb, the priest would lift up the animal's muzzle and cut his carotid artery—(*chief artery connecting the neck with the head*)—with *a* sharp knife. And every time the

animal tries to breathe blood pumps out of his body. It was an extremely violent death. That's why the animal was tied to the altar, and it was meant to be a violent death picturing the death of JESUS CHRIST.

d. Likewise, the violent death of our Lord on the cross was not His physical death, but HIS SPIRITUAL DEATH, which caused Him to scream out time and time again, *"My God! My God! Why have You forsaken Me?"* His physical death was peaceful and easy when compared to the violence of His spiritual death. In coming into contact with all the sins of the world and being judged for them, He experienced the worst violence the world has ever known, but not physically but spiritual.

VII Different animals could be offered. The **red heifer offering** was related to spiritual recovery for the believer. Also offered were bulls, lambs and goats. But in every case, the animal was "without spot and blemish" *a* very beautiful creature. As the person watched this horribly violent death of the animal tied to the altar, it taught of the work of our Lord JESUS CHRIST on the cross. There was a great deal of struggling in this death. For every time the creature would breathe, he would pump out of his artery more blood. It was *a* reminder of what the Lord JESUS CHRIST would do for us when He went to the cross.

VIII This ritual was *a* representative analogy.

For the animal on the altar was a picture of our Lord JESUS CHRIST being judged for our sins. The violent physical death of the animal depicted our Lord's violent spiritual death.

Hence, it is **not** *a* **literal analogy**, but *a* **representative analogy**.

Everything related to our SALVATION—REDEMPTION, RECONCILIATION, PROPITIATION, JUSTIFICATION — these were accomplished by His violent spiritual death, called THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

The physical death of the animal was not efficacious, but rather the saving work of Christ to which it pointed.

IX Biblical understanding of animal blood.

Understanding this definition of animal blood is the key to understanding the New Testament reference to **BLOOD OF CHRIST**. The Bible makes it clear that **animal blood is the seat of animal life**. Remember that animals have no souls. The Seat of human life is the soul.

A human being is not dead when his blood is gone, but is dead when his soul leaves his body.

Leviticus 17:10-11

and any man from the house of Israel, (this is a citizen) or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who eats any blood,
I will set My face against that person (idiom meaning to judge that person) who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

Why? Why will God judge so harshly those who eat any blood?

Because by so doing he is showing that he does not understand these important doctrines that God is trying to teach Israel.

11 'For the life of the flesh (of the animal) is in the blood, The animal has no soul as we understand the soul. The animal's life is in his blood. Your life is not in your blood. Your life is in your soul.

This is one of the great issues in "Evolution vs Creation". The evolutionist would have you believe that all humans are simply a higher animal, and all you have to do is to take care of the human as an animal—meet his animal needs. This is why so many people are so psychotic and under SAD (Stress Anxiety and Depression) in the world. This is why they do not understand the great soul dangers to homosexuals and lesbians, etc. They simply think of man as an animal and his life is in his blood, rejecting the soul existence of man. One of the bases of rejecting the soul is that it is invisible, yet it is real. Animals do not have souls as we do. Our life is in the soul, animal life is in his blood. This does not mean that animals do not have instincts, they do, and all this comes from their material brains. We die in many different ways, illness, cancer, injuries, diseases etc., but whatever the means of dying you are not dead until the soul leaves the body and that is when you are dead.

Often today we mechanically keep the body functioning while the soul has already left the body.

Issue: Humans are not dead until soul leaves the body. Not so with animals.

This is why the whole subject of blood becomes so important. It has to be properly related to the animal.

Human sacrifice is not commanded nor condoned by God.

And why not?

Human sacrifice cannot illustrate the point.

Why?

Because **the life of the human is in the soul** and **you cannot see the soul leave the body**. So to teach of the death of JESUS CHRIST, God uses the animal's blood to` teach spiritual death of JESUS CHRIST.

Leviticus 17:11

11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood (contrasting humans and animals, your life, your soul is not in your blood, your soul is in your cranium, an animal's soul, life is in his blood.) For the soul which gives life to the flesh is in the blood (animals not humans) and I have given it to you on the altar (in other words, animals are sacrificed on the altar because when they are bleeding their life is leaving their bodies) to make atonement for your souls; or to make a propitiatory covering.

When blood is discussed in Old Testament it is seen as a covering. The priest sprinkles it on the altar; he sprinkles it on the **Mercy Seat**. It was daily sprinkled on the altar; it was annually sprinkled on the **Mercy Seat**. The blood always covered something. That is what **atonement** means... a veneer of blood.

- 11 I have given it to you (for your advantage so you can learn about what the coming Messiah is going to do for you) on the altar to make a propitiatory covering for your souls for it is the blood (animal blood) by reason of the life that makes a propitiatory covering .'
- **Kipper** to cover, pacify, make propitiation; to atone; to make atonement; to make reconciliation.
 Today Jews celebrate **Yom kipper** (Yom-Hebrew for day; *kipper* covering) and so they celebrate *Day of Covering; Day of Atonement; Day of Propitiation.*

2. **nephish**

- 2a Used at beginning of verse 11 translated Life in reference to life of an animal.
- 2b Animal life is in the blood.

- 2c Now used in middle of verse 11 and translated *soul* to show that this is in reference to human race and is different than in animals. Our life is in the soul. The Animal's life is in the blood.
- 2d So when used here of the animal—translated life;
 when used of humans—translated soul.
 Our Life Is In The Soul; The Animal's life is in blood.
- 2e When we come to sacrifice of JESUS CHRIST Representative Analogy-blood of the animal equals the life of animal is used to represent the spiritual death of JESUS CHRIST on cross.
- There is a an analogy between the literal and real blood of the animal sacrifice and the figurative blood of JESUS CHRIST which represents Redemption, Reconciliation, Propitiation and Justification.
- 4. Representative analogy is one in which the **physical** death of the animal on the altar portrays the **spiritual** death of JESUS CHRIST on the cross.
- 5. There is no relationship between the animal sacrifice and the physical death of JESUS CHRIST.
- 6. JESUS CHRIST did not bleed to death on the cross. In fact He bled very little and His blood was in His body after His physical death. And since the animal dies by shedding his blood, such a ritual is a representative analogy of the spiritual death of JESUS CHRIST providing propitiation for

all the human race and Eternal Salvation to all who believe.

Propitiation toward God the Father;

Redemption toward sin and Reconciliation for mankind, and Justification involving +R (Perfect Righteousness).

- 7. When an animal gives his blood, that is, his soul (his life.) When we give our blood it is part of our bodies, but it is not our souls. The blood of the animal contains the soul of the animal, hence animal life is in animal blood.
- Therefore, God used animal blood to portray the propitiatory work of Christ on the cross and relating it to the +R (Perfect Righteousness) of God. That is the work of JESUS CHRIST on cross provides satisfaction to the Holiness of God.

God, therefore, assigned animal blood to the altar to illustrate propitiation, and once a year. He assigned it to the **Mercy Seat**, to enforce this teaching.

Since annually they observed the Day of Atonement, on which they shed blood, you should begin to realize that one of the most important doctrines in all human history is the one we are here studying... DOCTRINE OF THE BLOOD. Understanding this should make the difference between getting rid of arrogance and Self-Righteousness in anything you do and realizing just how evil distorting the gospel really is.

Leviticus 17:12

- 12 **"Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'No person among you may eat blood,** (that is blood of an animal) **nor may any alien who sojourns among you eat blood.'**
 - ^{8a} What does the blood represent?Spiritual death of JESUS CHRIST on cross.
 - ^{8b} The animal blood is related to the altar upon which it is sprinkled in front of the tabernacle and it is related to the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies. It is not related to the stomach or even the body of humans.

Therefore, animal blood was prohibited as food, not the animal meat but animal blood. The blood was to be sprinkled on the altar and **Mercy Seat** not eaten.

Leviticus 17:12 and Gospel of John 6

Communion Passage by John.

- 1 This verse is extremely important in light of the Gospel of John 6 where our Lord commanded the people to eat of His flesh and to drink of His blood.
- 2 In Leviticus 17:12 our Lord commands that they shall not drink of the blood of the animal sacrifice, So, what is going on here? Is JESUS CHRIST countering His words in the Old Testament? The answer is found in correctly understanding rituals and understanding representative analogies.

3 In Leviticus 17, we have a ritual where the blood of the animal represents the propitiatory work of JESUS CHRIST on the cross. In the Old Testament they would eat the flesh, and eating of the flesh was a picture of Faith in JESUS CHRIST; However, the blood of the animal was sprinkled or poured out on the **Mercy Seat** taught propitiation to God.

So two directions are taught;

First:

Eating of flesh is related to man—Faith in JESUS CHRIST; Second:

Blood poured out and covering the mercy seat was a picture of the spiritual death of JESUS CHRIST propitiating the holiness of God, therefore not eaten or drink but offered to God.

4 In the Gospel of John 6 passage there is no ritual involved; there is no representative analogy. There is only spiritual analogy where the eating of the flesh and drinking of the blood were not literal—no one actually ate of the flesh of JESUS CHRIST, nor did anyone drink of the blood of JESUS CHRIST.

They are used to teach simple Faith in JESUS CHRIST; the eating of the flesh and the drinking of the blood are used to teach simple faith.

5 Many did not understand what JESUS CHRIST was teaching—Gospel of John 6:52 and 60.

52 Then the Jews began to argue with one another, saying, "How can this man give us His flesh to eat?"

60 Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said, "This is a difficult statement; who can listen to it?"

Now read 61-63

61 But Jesus, conscious that His disciples grumbled at this, said to them, "Does this cause you to stumble?

62 What then if you see the Son of Man ascending to where He was before?

63 It is the spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing; The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life.

Note because of confusion... verses 66-69.

66 As a result of this many of His disciples withdrew and were not walking with Him anymore.

67 So Jesus said to the twelve, "You do not want to go away also, so you?

68 Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life.

69 We have believed and have come to know YOU are the HOLY ONE of GOD."

And multitudes are still confused to this day on the blood of Christ

I give to make atonement for your souls.

There is no meat involved, there is no blood involved in the Gospel of John 6.

But if we look now at Leviticus 17:11

6 You should begin to understand WHY JESUS CHRIST or HOW JESUS CHRIST went from bread out of heaven, to flesh (6:51) the bread – analogous to His flesh which JESUS CHRIST gave on the cross, to blood in (verses 53 and 56)

But LIFE is in the blood – therefore 53 and 56.

Bread = body of JESUS CHRIST on the cross; Blood = life - spirit life So eating the bread, drinking the blood, are pictures of Faith in JESUS CHRIST.

7 In the ritual they were commanded not to drink of the blood. They could eat the flesh but not the blood for in the ritual the blood served to teach the Doctrine of Propitiation – poured out on the Mercy Seat, but the eating presented Faith.

Now in the Gospel of John 6 they are told to do both eat of His flesh and drink of His blood – but there is no ritual involved, there is only the Spiritual lessons, spiritual pictures, to demonstrate that one believed in the work of JESUS CHRIST on cross. That this Jesus was the fulfillment of Old Testament sacrifice.

8 Why the eating and drinking, is further explained in verses 54-55, where the blood contains the life--and if you drink of the blood you possess His life; If you believe in JESUS CHRIST you possess His life and by the way by joining the eating and the drinking, JESUS CHRIST is preparing for the Communion ordinance of Church Age.

Leviticus 17:12

12 **"Therefore I said to the sons of Israel, 'No person among you may eat blood,** (that is blood of an animal) **nor may any alien who sojourns among you eat blood.'** Now continue in Leviticus 17:13

- 13 "So when any man from the sons of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, in hunting (note they hunted, hunting is condoned by God) catches a beast or a bird which may be eaten, he shall pour out (or drain) its blood and cover it (the blood) with earth. Again, this is important to our whole representative analogy.
 - 8a 1. This is the burial of the real animal. Remember the life (the soul) of the animal is in the blood, so here is the burial of the real animal. His soul is in his blood, his life is in his blood and to show this they buried the blood. Even wild animal blood is not excluded from the prohibition of the previous verse.
 - 8b 2. In worship domestic animals were sacrificed, in hunting wild animals were killed, but in all cases the blood of animals was never eaten, but buried. And for the record God condones hunting of wild animals. He does not condemn it! You can kill and eat wild animals—they do not have a soul as humans do.
 - 8c 3. The Blood of the animal represents propitiation or satisfaction of the Holiness of God. Blood of the animal is an issue in rituals but not in fact. It is amazing what legalists and other Christian people that do not correctly understand Scripture come up with!

They pay more attention to the analogy than they do to the true lesson being taught.

Read Leviticus 17:10

and any man from the house of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, who eats any blood, I will set My face against that person who eats blood, and will cut him off from among his people.

Animal blood as a propitiatory covering

- (1) Animal blood isn't the basis for salvation, but represents what Christ would do on the cross in the fullness of time.
- (2) Eating animal blood brought the most severe penalty. "Cutting off" here refers to complete alienation. Why? The animal's life resides in his blood, while human life resides in the human soul. Therefore, you do not eat animal life, even after it's been shed. This was *a* very strong prohibition because the representative analogy had to be maintained. Since the animal dies by the shedding of blood, such *a* ritual portrays the spiritual death of Christ on the cross providing our so-great Salvation.
- (3) **Atonement** means *a* propitiatory covering of Blood Atonement.

Expiation and **Propitiation** are actually synonymous terms.

(4) To teach propitiation, the blood of the animal was taken into the Holy of Holies. There was the Mercy Seat, a solid gold throne. On each side was a Cherub, one representing the Righteousness of God, the other Cherub representing the Justice of God. The combination of these two Cherubs represented the Holiness of God.

*Once a year, on the Day of Atonement, the high priest would slay a lamb without spot and without blemish on the altar. The altar was outside, since Christ was crucified outside the gate. The animal's blood was caught in a basin.

**Then the high priest alone would carry it into the* Holy of Holies; no one else could enter the Holy of Holies.

Under the mercy throne was the ark of the covenant, a box made of acacia wood and gold plated.

The acacia wood represented the humanity of Christ; the gold represented the Deity of Christ.



The box itself represented Christ in hypostatic union. There were three items in this box or ark:

- 1) Aaron's rod that budded,
- 2) the tables of law, and
- 3) a pot of manna.

Each one represented some aspect of Sin.

*Aaron's rod that budded represents sin as rejection of Divinely appointed human authority.

*the tables of law represented personal sins in rejection of God's holiness

*the pot of manna was sin in the sense of rejection of Divine provision.

So the high priest would sprinkle the blood of the lamb over the top of the **Mercy Seat**. The righteousness of God the Father looks down and is satisfied with the work of Christ as portrayed by the blood of the Sacrificial Lamb.

The Holiness of the Father looks down and is satisfied.

Satisfaction is called both **propitiation** and **expiation**, and

atonement.

Atonement means covering,—that is the blood covered the sins of people.

(5) Note:

The analogy between the **literal** real blood in the animal sacrifice and the **figurative** blood of Christ which represents **redemption**, **reconciliation**, **propitiation** and **justification**.

Hence, **the representative analogy** is one in which the physical death of the animal on the altar portrays the spiritual death of Christ on the cross.

Since the animal dies by the shedding of His blood, such a ritual portrays the spiritual death of Christ, providing eternal salvation through **redemption** toward sin, reconciliation toward man, **propitiation** toward God, and **justification** toward **perfect righteousness**.

Leviticus 17:12-13

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- 32 "So when any man from the sons of Israel, or from the aliens who sojourn among them, in hunting catches a beast or a bird which may be eaten, he shall pour out (or drain) its blood and cover it (the blood) with earth.
- 1st Note that animal blood was prohibited for food, but not animal meat.
- 2nd The blood was to be offered as a sacrifice, but it was never to be used for food.
- 3rd Since God has assigned animal blood to the altar and the sprinkling over the mercy seat, it was absolutely forbidden to be used for food.
- 4th Therefore, there is no literal analogy between the blood of animal sacrifices and the blood of Christ.
 BECAUSE CHRIST DID NOT BLEED TO DEATH ON THE CROSS.
- 5th Therefore, a representative analogy exists between the literal, physical death of the animal and the literal, spiritual death of our Lord Jesus Christ on the cross.
- 6th When Christ had finished His saving work on the cross, He was still physically alive; not dead. But when the animal finished his "work," as it were, on the altar, he was physically dead.

Therefore, the physical death of Christ cannot be part of the analogy. There is no analogy between the physical death of the animal and the physical death of Christ.

- 7th However, remember that Christ died twice on the cross. This is taught in Isaiah 53:9
 His grave was assigned with wicked men, (criminals) Yet He was with a rich man (Joseph of Aramathea) in His death, (Hebrew has plural...) in His deaths Because He had done no violence, Nor was there any deceit in His mouth.
- 8th And in the Gospel of John 19:30 When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" and He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit. It is finished (Spiritual death—the price for our Salvation is paid in full) Bowed His head (Physical death the shedding of animal blood on the altar was the shadow and analogy to the spiritual death of Christ on the cross.)

JESUS CHRIST is our substitute. When He received the imputation of all sins on the cross... God the Father judged every one of them. After Christ finished this spiritual death He said "**It is finished**." He could not have said anything if He were dead physically.

Again there is no analogy between the physical death of the animal and the physical death of Christ.

The analogy exists between the physical death of the animal and the spiritual death of Christ.

If Jesus had died physically for our sins... He could not have said **tetelestai** as in John 19:30.

9th Eating the meat of the sacrifice is a representative analogy of saving faith in JESUS CHRIST.

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14 For as for the life (or) Because the life of all flesh (that is) every animal it's blood (that is) in its blood is identified with its life... the soul. Therefore (or) this is why I said to the sons of Israel, "You are not to eat the blood of any animal, because the life of every animal is in its blood. Whoever eats it will be cut off."

Here is as clear as it can get—**representative analogy!**

The **life of the animal is in the blood** while it is in the soul of humans and therefore to show the price JESUS CHRIST paid the animal sacrifice was used to represent what JESUS CHRIST paid in truth.

X The representative analogy is completed in

Hebrews 13:11-12

11 For the bodies of those animals whose blood is brought into the holy place by the high priest as an offering for sin, are burned outside camp

Note that even the body of the animals on the Day of Atonement was not eaten but burned outside the camp.

12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

Just as Golgotha was outside the gate of Jerusalem, so the brass altar was outside the gate of the Tabernacle.

The New Testament commentary on all of this is found in Hebrews 9:11-28.

Where the reality is superior to the type the reality of JESUS CHRIST does what the Old Testament sacrifices could not do, namely propitiate God and provide forgiveness of sins and offer of Eternal Life with the God.

11 But (conjunction- contrasting the reality with the shadow) when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, (or) good things realized (in time during the Church Age

1 Corinthians 2:9

and in future, Millennium and Eternity Future **He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;** Tabernacle on earth was patterned after this perfect, heavenly tabernacle.

What is going on here?

"the kind of tabernacle the priest officiates in,

determines the quality of his work. "

The priest throughout the Old Testament officiated in an earthly tabernacle, a mere type of the reality, therefore, his work was but a type of reality and not provide Salvation any more than an animal could provide propitiation. These are but types of Reality of JESUS CHRIST. JESUS CHRIST in His Resurrected Body entered heaven after He died on cross in contrast to the Levitical High priest, who entered the Holy of Holies once a year as a teaching mechanism. JESUS CHRIST fulfilled the shadow teaching of the Old Testament sacrifices by dying on cross and entering heaven as Resurrected humanity acceptable to God the Father.

Not of this creation-(not material, just as His blood does not refer to material blood, but spiritual.) In verse 11 the tabernacle was different, now in verse 12 **the blood is different.**

12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, (sacrifices of the Old Testament, which were a shadow for the teaching of the reality of the Spiritual death of JESUS CHRIST on cross) but through His own blood, (the Greek for) his own (denotes a unique relationship; a unique kind of blood.

The efficacy of the Lord's blood was not in the fact that it was human blood, but that it represented something more than simple life, but the spiritual life being given for all mankind.

Remember life of animal is in blood, life of humans is in soul. This is what made His sacrifice efficacious. It was the only sacrifice that would be put on the Mercy Seat of the heavenly Holy of Holies. Failure to understand BLOOD OF CHRIST has caused the heresy that JESUS CHRIST actually carried His blood into heaven and poured it on the heavenly Mercy Seat. He (JESUS CHRIST) entered the holy place once for all, (this is in contrast with the earthly priest who entered the Holy of Holies annually—over and over. But JESUS CHRIST entered once and for all... having paid the final debt of sin.. The Old Testament sacrifices are over.

having obtained eternal redemption.

Something the animal sacrifices could never provide but merely foreshadowed.

The Greek word for **having obtained** means to find that which is sought!!

Here sought by God the Father and obtained by the Son!

Redemption we studied the Doctrine of Redemption—to release on receipt of ransom, to redeem or liberate by payment of a ransom and that ransom price was not blood of animals but the Spiritual Death of the Lamb of God...

Sinners are slaves of sin, of Satan, of the Law, and of the flesh, but the Messiah by His work on Cross paid for their liberation.

The ransom price – spiritual death, for the wages of sin is death. And this spiritual death is seen in the outpouring of blood of animals... teaching of the Spiritual Death of JESUS CHRIST.

Eternal redemption

Do not blaspheme the work of JESUS CHRIST on cross and say someone can lose their Redemption, their Salvation.

Never!! It is **Eternal**.

Here is where some HERESY set in and we will talk about that next Communion Sunday.

Amen

Now, for further comfort: While the heavens and the earth will be destroyed the Bible is unchangeable, His Word abideth forever. You have more comfort, more stability in the Word of God than you do in the universe. You can rest in His Faithfulness of your Eternal existence with Him.

