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By His blood Pt 2 We have atonement through faith in His blood

This is our second teaching on the phrase and associated phrases– “by His blood”. In our previous study we covered four points– (i) we are justified by His blood, (ii) Christ made peace through the blood of His cross, (iii) Christ has washed us from our sins in His own blood, & (iv) we Gentiles are made nigh by the blood of Christ. In this teaching we cover three points– (I) God set forth Jesus to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, (li) Jesus sanctified the people with his own blood, (iii) Through His blood Christ makes us perfect in every good work.

It is from our search of the scriptures that we establish our three points–

1. God set forth Jesus to be a propitiation through faith in His blood

“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past...” (Rom 3:25).

2. Jesus sanctified the people with his own blood

“Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate” (Heb.13: 12).

3. Through His blood Christ makes us perfect in every good work

“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, [21] Make you perfect in every good work to do his will...” (Heb.13:20, 21).

Illustration

Last week we concluded the teaching with a question I had been asked of a Roman Catholic – “how can Christ’s blood which He shed 2000 years ago cleanse, make atonement for our sins today?” And it came down to faith, first faith in the words of scriptures, then “faith in his blood” (Rom.3: 25).

I am often puzzled about– how a person could read the words– “through faith in his blood” and still believe their sins are washed away during baptism.

Question of the scriptures

So, how can a Roman Catholic believe that their sins are atoned at baptism yet the scriptures are clear– that “Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood” (Rom.3: 25)?

Answers from the scripture

i) “In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not...” (2 Cor.4: 4).

ii) The words of holy scripture are changed.

Jehovah Witness do not believe that Jesus is God, but, that He is a lesser “god” – because they have changed scriptures to read – “the word was a god” (Jn.1: 1 – NWT). The Ignatius Study Bible changes scripture in Rom.3: 25 to read– “whom God put forward as an expiation by His blood, to be received by faith...”. In their notes they say– “an expiation: A sacrifice that wipes away sin...Christ who became an expiation by blood.”

Let us be reminded once again, that our forgiveness of sin, our atonement, our redemption is only by the Blood, and it is only attributed to our account when we believe by faith. Then His precious blood makes us perfect in every good work!