

“What Must I Do To Be Saved?”

Acts 16:30

Learn The Gospel

John 6:45; Romans 10:17; James 1:22-25

Believe In CHRIST

Hebrews 11:6; John 3:16; James 2:14-26

Confess CHRIST

Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33; 7:21

Repent Of Sin

Acts 3:19; Matthew 3:8

Be Baptized

Mark 16:16; Romans 6:3-6; 1st Peter 3:21

Remain Steadfast

1st Corinthians 15:58; Revelation 2:10

“Let The Word Of Christ Dwell In You”

Colossians 3:16

Within the theme of anger control, the new memory assignment is:

“Be angry, and do not sin: do not let the sun go down on your wrath” (Ephesians 4:26).

Commit this passage to memory by hearing it, saying it, reading, writing it, and putting it into practice.

“Sound Doctrine”

Titus 2:1

“WITHOUT BLOOD”

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*“Not even the first covenant was dedicated **without blood**” (Hebrews 9:18), for blood has always been an active agent in the spiritual realm. Being “the life of the flesh,” it is “blood that makes atonement for the soul” (Leviticus 17:11). Therefore, “when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats... and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, ‘This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you’” (Hebrews 9:19-20).*

*“According to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and **without shedding of blood there is no remission**” (Hebrews 9:22). For this purpose, Christ spilt His blood, as He testified, “this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matthew 26:28). In what miserable condition we would be without this blood!*

Without the blood of Christ, we would be alienated from Almighty God, “but now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians 2:13). Only the lifeblood of the Savior can bring such intimacy with God!

For us, Jesus “made peace through the blood of His cross” (Colossians 1:20). Such peace is derived from the justification and salvation His blood affords (Romans 5:9), that blood being the price of our redemption (Revelation 5:9), for we “were not redeemed with corruptible things, ...but with the precious blood of Christ” (1st Peter 1:18-19). In Him alone “we

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“The Assembling Of Ourselves Together”

Hebrews 10:24-25

Sunday

10:15 am.....Worship

Las Vegas Library

833 Las Vegas Boulevard North

Monday

7:00 pm.....Acts Study

On hiatus.

Tuesday

7:00 pm.....Ladies' Study

Rachel Dockens residence

Wednesday

7:00 pm.....Various Studies

Jerry & Beverly Dockens residence

“Give Attention To Reading”

1st Timothy 4:13

Your reading assignments for this week are as follows:

Sunday.....Numbers 4-6

Monday.....Numbers 7-12

Tuesday.....Numbers 13-15

Wednesday.....Numbers 16-18

Thursday.....Numbers 19-21

Friday.....Numbers 22-24

Saturday.....Numbers 25-27

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have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Colossians 1:14; cf. Ephesians 1:7). Being "washed... from our sins in His own blood" (Revelation 1:5) we may overcome Satan (Revelation 12:11)!

To be "without blood" is to be without God and without peace. "Without blood" one is unjustified, unsaved, unredeemed, unforgiven. He who is "without blood" must access that blood immediately!

"This is He who came by water and blood – Jesus Christ; not only by water, but by water and blood" (1st John 5:6). Only in death did Jesus shed both water and blood (John 19:33-34). Therefore, for His blood to be effective, one must contact it in death. To touch Him in death, one must be baptized, "or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?" (Romans 6:3). Yes, baptism activates the blood, because the Lord's blood was shed for the same reason one must be baptized: "for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28; Acts 2:38).

Upon baptism, one is added by the Lord to His church (Acts 2:41, 47), which is the realm wherein the blood of Christ is effective, being "the church of God, which He purchased with His own blood" (Acts 20:28). Only in the blood-bought church is the blood itself truly honored, for "when you come together as a church" (1st Corinthians 11:18), "in one place" (1st Corinthians 11:20), you may "eat the Lord's Supper" (1st Corinthians 11:20), where "the cup is the new covenant in [Jesus'] blood" (Luke 22:20).

A faithful commitment to Christ keeps His blood effective on behalf of the believer. "If we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1st John 1:7). However, to scorn that precious blood through sin is to invoke the severity of God. "For if we sin willfully after we have received the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of

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SPACE EXPLORATION MISHAP PROVES THE NEED FOR DIVINE AUTHORITY

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On September 23rd, 1999 NASA confirmed the loss of its Mars Climate Orbiter which had been launched into space nine months earlier in order to explore atmospheric conditions of the Red Planet. Engineers on the ground calculated the size of the rocket-firing using feet-per-second of thrust, a value based on the Imperial measure of feet and inches. However, the spacecraft computer interpreted the instructions in Newtons-per-second, a Metric measure of thrust. The difference is 1.3 meters per second, a difference which destroyed the spacecraft and was completely avoidable. Similarly, a great many people are engaged in religious error today, error that will eventually lead to their destruction, but error that is completely avoidable. In the case of the Mars Climate Orbiter, the ground crew and the spacecraft failed to agree on a single standard of authority. Instead, one party communicated in Metric, while the other party communicated in Imperial. Likewise, many religious people base their practices on standards of authority that differ from the divine standard. The divine standard is the word of God as revealed in the writings of His inspired apostles and prophets.

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God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know Him who said, 'Vengeance is Mine; I will repay,' says the Lord. And again, 'The Lord will judge His people.' It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God" (Hebrews 10:26-31).

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Romans 16:16

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