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Weekly Devotional

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Precious Blood

"But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot"
(1 Peter 1:19).

Blood has been defined as “a liquid that circulates through the body, carrying oxygen and nutrients to every cell, and carrying away waste products.” The blood produced in the bone marrow of the body eventually makes its way into the blood stream. The force behind the flow of the blood is the heart, which pumps the blood through miles of various blood vessels to reach every part of the body.

The average adult body contains approximately ten pints of blood. Although the constitution of all blood is of the same basic elements, all blood is not exactly alike. There are actually eight different red cell blood types, all of which are decided by the presence or the absence of certain antigens. The four main components of blood are: (1) red blood cells, (2) white blood cells, (3) plasma, and (4) platelets.

This information about the blood in the human body magnifies how valuable our blood really is. Of course, long before these facts were discovered by man, the Lord had stated in the Scriptures, “For the life of the flesh is in the blood” (Leviticus 17:11). But far more valuable than the blood of the human body is the blood of Jesus. In Simon Peter’s second “precious” statement, this truth is clearly declared.

By way of composition, we see that the blood of Jesus is precious! As “the only begotten of the Father” (John 1:14), the Lord Jesus did not have a sin nature. The blood that was shed on the cross was the blood of One Who “knew no sin” (2 Corinthians 5:21), One Who was “without sin” (Heb. 4:15), and One Who “did no sin” (1 Peter 2:22). Thus, we agree with Simon Peter that we were purchased with “the precious blood of Christ.”

By way of consideration, we see that the blood of Jesus is precious! The statements of this text and the previous text assure us that the blood of Christ is the blood by which we have been redeemed to God. The Apostle Paul tells us that it is the blood by which we are justified (see Romans 5:9). In another letter, he wrote that it is the blood by which we are “made nigh” or reconciled to God (Ephesians. 2:13). The blood of Jesus is precious because it makes us acceptable with God.

By way of comparison, we see that the blood of Jesus is precious! In the next verse, which is vitally joined to our text, Jesus is set forth as “a Lamb without blemish and without spot.” Like the Old Testament offerings, the Lord Jesus, the final offering for sin, must be an acceptable sacrifice. Thank God! The blood of God’s Lamb is so satisfactory to God that it is sprinkled on the heavenly mercy seat. No wonder it is called “the precious blood of Christ.”

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