

Revelation Series

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Revelation 1:4, “John, to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne,”

**Revelation 1:5, “To Him who loved us
and washed us from our sins in His
own blood,”**

To him who Loves Us.

Loves us OR Loved US?

λύσαντι, *lusanti* OR

λούσαντι, *lousanti*

λύω *luō* OR

λούω, *louō*

to release OR *to wash*

“In the New Testament, the expression ‘the blood of Christ’ is the figure *Metalepsis*; because first the “blood” is put (by *Synecdoche*) for blood-shedding: *i.e.*, the death of Christ, as distinct from His life; and then His death is put for the perfect satisfaction made by it, for all the merits of the atonement effected by it: *i.e.*, it means not merely the actual blood corpuscles, neither does it mean His death as an act, but the merits of the atonement effected by it and associated with it.”

~Bullinger

Hebrews 9:22, “And according to the law almost all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”

Doctrine of the “Blood of Christ”

1. The phrase Blood of Christ or His blood or the blood of the Lamb is a common biblical phrase describing the death of Christ.

2. Unfortunately this is a much misunderstood phrase and is often taken as a literal description.

3. Following the basic rules of word study we see the idea of the phrase “shedding of blood” takes its meaning from the murder of Abel by Cain who was the first murder.

**Genesis 9:6, “Whoever sheds man’s
blood, by man his blood shall be shed,
for in the image of God He made man.”**

4. This is clearly recognized by the standard Lexicons.

“A third level of the same problem was painfully exemplified in three recent articles about the blood of Christ in *Christianity Today*. The author did an admirable job of explaining the wonderful things that science has discovered that the blood can do. What a wonderful picture, we are told, of how the blood of Jesus purifies every sin. In fact, it is nothing of the kind! Worse, it is irresponsible, mystical, and theologically misleading. The phrase ‘the blood of Jesus’ refers to our Lord's violent, sacrificial death. In general, the blessings that the Scripture shows to be accomplished or achieved by the blood of Jesus are equally said to be accomplished or achieved by the death on the cross.”

~D. A. Carson

**5. When our Lord died on the Cross
He shed very little physical blood.**

6. Therefore the term “blood of Christ” is a figure of speech for His substitutionary atonement on the Cross.

7. The substitutionary death of Christ was to pay a penalty for sin. The penalty was not physical death but spiritual death.

8. Therefore it was not His physical death, or physical bleeding, that was efficacious, but His spiritual death, when God the Father judged Him for our sins.