3 Keys to understanding the importance of blood in the Bible. Hebrews 9:11-14 & 10:11:24



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1. It symbolized ATONEMENT.

Leviticus 17:11 For the life of a creature is in the **blood**, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the **blood** that makes atonement for one's life.

Substitutionary Atonement: Refers to the doctrine that Christ died on the cross as a *substitute* for sinners. God imputed the guilt of our sins to Christ, and He, in our place, bore the punishment that we deserve. This was a full payment for sins, which satisfied both the wrath and the righteousness of God, so that He could forgive sinners without compromising His own holy standard.

<u>Isaiah 53:5</u> But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

<u>2 Corinthians 5:21</u> God made him who had no sin to be sin[a] for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<u>1 Peter 2:24</u> "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

<u>1 Peter 3:18</u> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.

"A careful study of the Five Books of Moses indicates that more chapters are devoted to the subject of sacrifices and offerings than to the subjects of Sabbath observance, high holy days, idolatry, adultery, murder, and theft *combined*."

-Michael Brown, Answering Jewish Objections to Jesus, vol. 2 pg. 73

2. It's a sign that SIN is SERIOUS.

<u>Genesis 3:2</u>3 So the Lord God banished him from the Garden of Eden. <u>Romans 3:23</u> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

3. Because Jesus willingly poured out His blood for you.

<u>John 3:16</u> For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

<u>Luke 22:20</u> In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you.

Christianity tells people to repent and promises them forgiveness. It therefore has nothing (as far as I know) to say to people who do not know they have done anything to repent of and who do not feel that they need any forgiveness. It is after you have realized that there is a real Moral Law, and a Power behind the law, and that you have broken that law and put yourself wrong with that Power—it is after all this, and not a moment sooner, that Christianity begins to talk. *When you know you are sick, you will listen, to the doctor.* - C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity pg. 35

