

The Blood of Christ
Rev 1:5
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Thesis: I want to remind us about the power that is the blood of Christ.

- Intro:
1. Revelation is a book full of symbols (Rev 1:1)
 2. The blood of Christ is emphasized in Revelation both in symbolic & literal language.
 3. Today, we will be reminded of what Christ's blood is all about.

I. Christ's Blood & Our Sin (Rev 1:5)

1. The word "loosed" (washed, KJV) means that we have been cleansed from sin.
2. The blood of Christ cleanses the conscience so guilt no longer destroys our peace
(Rom 5:1)
3. The shame of sin is taken away (*Acts 22:16*)
4. Those who have been "washed" or "loosed" from sin have received forgiveness
(Col 1:14)

II. Christ's Blood & Our Redemption (Rev 5:9)

- A. The blood of Christ is the ransom paid so we might be set free from the law (rule) of sin over our lives.
 1. Sin enslaves people (**Jn 8:34**)
 2. Sin brings people into moral bondage (**2 Pt 2:19**)
 3. Ironically, people enslaved to and by sin often imagine that they are free to do as they please.
- B. The blood of Christ is that by which we are purchased from sin (**1 Pt 1:18-19**)
- C. We are purchased to be God's own people (**Tit 2:14**)
 1. God has purchased us by the blood of His Son so we can be set free from sin's dominion (*Rom 6:1-14*).
 2. In Christ we are free to be God's people (**Gal 5:1**).

III. Christ's Blood & Our Preparation for Heaven (Rev 7:14)

- A. John was privileged to behold a countless multitude before God's throne & the Lamb (**Rev 7:9**).
- B. Their "great voice" was praising God's salvation (**Rev 7:10**).
- C. One of the elders identified these people who are now safe with God (**Rev 7:14**).
 1. They had experienced "great tribulation"
 2. Trouble can be a vital part in the development of Christian character (**James 1:2-3**).

IV. Christ's Blood & Overcoming Satan (Rev 12:10-11)

- A. Satan is clearly identified by John (*Rev 12:10-11*)
 1. "Satan" means "adversary" (**1 Pt 5:8**)
 2. "Devil" means "slander" (**Rev 12:10**)
 - a. Notice "the accuser of the brethren" He slandered (Job 1 & 2).

3. “Deceiver”
 - a. He uses devices, or tricks (**2 Cor 2:11**)
 - b. He uses wiles, or cunning attacks (**Eph 6:11**)
- B. The blood of Christ redeems us from Satan’s dominion (**Col 1:12-14**)
- C. The blood of Christ keeps cleansing us as we walk in the light of God (**1 Jn 1:7**)
- D. Our appreciation for the blood of Christ motivates us to do right (*Rom 6:6-14*)
- E. There is power in Christ’s blood to give us a sure victory over Satan (**1 Cor 15:57**).

Application & Conclusion:

1. Only through the blood of Christ can our sins be removed and give us the victory over Satan.
2. Let’s never forget the power found in the blood of Christ.
3. Full Invitation

Non-Christians must:

Hear – James 1:22, Romans 10:15,17

Believe – Jn 12:44, Jn 8:24, Mt 16:16

Repent – Luke 13:2-3

Confess – John 12:42, Romans 10:9

Be Baptized – 1 Pt 3:21, Acts 22:16, Col 2:11, Mk 16:16, Rom 6:3-4

Live faithfully – John 14:15, Rev 2:10

Christians must:

Repent: Acts 17:20, Acts 8:37, Lk 13:3

Pray: James 5:16, 1 Jn 1:9