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BIBLE TALK

Question: Why is blood such an issue in the Bible?

Answer: This is a very good question! From the sprinkling of the door post in Egypt (Ex. 12:21-23) to referencing of the Lamb in Rev. 21:22ff, blood is the predominant theme.

The blood in Egypt represented their means of deliverance as the blood of Jesus, administered in baptism, provides us deliverance from the bondage and guilt of sin today (I Cor. 5:7; Eph. 1:7). Man has been separated from God by sin (Isa. 59:2) constituting "spiritual death" necessitating redemption. This process of being "bought back" has occurred through the blood of Jesus (I Pet. 1:18-19). We are informed in Heb. 9:22, that "*without shedding of blood is no remission.*" Those many years of bloodshed, during the Mosaical period of God's dealing with His people, only "atoned" or temporarily appeased God until the next year. That blood meant they were made "at-one-ment" with Him having been estranged by sin (Heb. 10:4, 12). The blood represents LIFE, in this case, spiritual life.

Jesus shed His blood in death. When we are baptized into Christ, we come in contact with His death (Rom. 6:3). Upon becoming a believer (Jn. 8:24), one will desire to repent (turn or stop) of sins (Lk. 13:3) and confess Jesus as Savior and submit to His Lordship (Matt. 10:32). After the heart has been adequately conditioned, a burial (baptism) in water symbolizing the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus and our death to sin naturally follow (I Pet. 3:21; Rom. 6:5-6; Acts 2:38; 22:16). In the words of the Hebrew writer, "*How shall we escape if we neglect such great salvation?*" (Heb. 2:3-4).

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