

# THE BLOOD OF CHRIST AND WATER BAPTISM

## Introduction

- 1) The relationship between the **blood of Christ** and **water baptism** is very important to understand – sadly, it is not properly understood in the religious world today
- 2) The doctrines and opinions of men will not help us to arrive at truth on this matter; we must consult the will of God for the absolute and unchanging truth of God
- 3) What, if any, is the connection between the blood of Christ and water baptism? What does each have to do with our salvation?

## I) Bible Facts About the Blood of Christ and Water Baptism

### A) *Blood of Christ*

- 1) Shed by Jesus on the cross (Jn. 19:34)
- 2) Necessary for remission of sins (Heb. 9:11-12, 22)
- 3) Action of God to provide by grace the free gift of salvation for man to receive (Jn. 3:16; Rom. 3:24-25; Eph. 1:7; 1 Pet. 1:18-19)

### B) *Water Baptism*

- 1) Command of God (Acts 2:38; 8:36; 10:47-48; 22:10, 16; *the one baptism* Eph. 4:5)
- 2) Burial (*baptizo – to immerse*; Acts 8:38; Col. 2:12)
- 3) Action of man to receive through faith the free gift of salvation provided by God (Acts 2:37-38; Mk. 16:16; 1 Pet. 3:21; Eph. 2:8-9)

## II) The Bible Connection Between the Blood of Christ and Water Baptism (Rom. 6:3)

BLOOD OF CHRIST	WATER BAPTISM
1) For the remission of sins (Matt. 26:28)	For the remission of sins (Acts 2:38)
2) Sins washed away (Rev. 1:5)	Sins washed away (Acts 22:16)
3) Purge conscience (Heb. 9:13-14)	Purge conscience (Heb. 10:22; 1 Pet. 3:21)
4) Into one body (Eph. 2:13, 16)	Into one body (1 Cor. 12:13)
5) Justified (Rom. 5:9)	Justified (Jas. 2:24; 1 Cor. 6:11–Acts 18:8)

## III) The Gospel of Christ is God's Power unto Salvation (Rom. 1:16)

- A) The Gospel reveals the love of God toward man – ***Blood of Christ*** (Rom. 5:6-9)
- B) The Gospel reveals the commands of God that man must obey – ***Baptism*** (Rom. 6:3-4, 17)
- C) When one faithfully obeys the divine command to be baptized in water, the grace of God is extended to him at that moment in the cleansing of sin by the blood of Jesus
  - 1) Not an attempt to earn salvation, but to obey God's command to receive what we could not get by our own effort alone; an act of faith trusting fully in God's grace
  - 2) The power to cleanse the soul is not in the water itself, but in God who applies the atoning blood of Jesus to the obedient soul buried by baptism into the death of Jesus

## Conclusion

The ***blood of Christ*** and ***water baptism*** work together in God's plan to save the soul of the sinner. One cannot be saved without both. Rejoice in God's gracious provisions and obey His will today.