

THREE RESULTS OF CHRIST'S BLOOD  
in the Book of The Revelation

Intro: The work of Christ on the cross has a major place  
in the book of the Revelation, as you might expect.  
It is referred to in different ways.

I want to take one of these to show just from this book  
what the Lord accomplished by His death -- or to be more  
specific, what He accomplished by His blood. Three times  
in the book John speaks of the blood of Christ's sacrifice  
and shows us three different things which the Lord accom-  
plished in His death.

The first is in chapter 1; the second is in chapter 5; the  
last one is in chapter 12.

I. REVELATION 1:5b, 6.

John has a special liking for triple statements.

Beginning with v. 4, he not only mentions  
the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
but he states  
three things about the Father,  
three things about the Person of Christ,  
and then three things that Christ either has done  
or continues to do.

Of these latter three, his reference to the blood of  
Christ is in the middle, and points in both directions,  
i.e., at the first and at the third.

And the particular point in this passage is what the  
Lord has done for us by His blood,  
why He did it,  
and the particular place that it gives us.

There is a textual problem concerning the word, "wash-  
ed." There seems to be greater manuscript authority  
for the word, "loosed." The NASB says, "released."  
The NIV says, "freed." The Greek verb for "washed" is  
; the verb for "loosed" is .

One good thing about this difficulty is that it really  
does not make a great deal of difference (if any) which  
verb is used, because the resultant meaning is actually  
the same.

The meaning: By the blood of Christ we are released  
from our sins, cleansed, forgiven. The problem is  
settled. It points to past action. Why? Because of

of something that was true then, and it continues to be true: He "loved" us and continues to love us. And what is the result? Those who are thus loved and released are made into a kingdom of priests (the better reading) meaning that we have full and continual access into the very presence of God!

We have all of this by the blood; we would have none of it without the blood of Christ.

So we have reason to praise the Lord as we come to the Lord's Table because of what the blood of Christ has accomplished for us in our salvation.

But, let us look at the second passage. In many respects it is like the first one. But this, instead of giving us the praise which John has offered to the Triune God, is the praise offered by the 24 elders. Turn to:

## II. REVELATION 5:9, 10.

If the emphasis is on "us" in chapter 1 (and it is), the emphasis is upon "God" here. The Lord has "redeemed us to God by" His "blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation."

The Lord has bought us for Himself by the blood of His Son. The redeemed are no longer their own. Cf. 1 Cor. 6:19, 20. We may quibble about this now, but the saints rejoice over it in heaven. It is their glory that they are the Father's special possession.

And what a tonic this is for us in our times of trial and discouragement. The Father has done it of His own will. He has completely done the work. And He has done it because He wants us for Himself.

This should be our glory and joy every day we live!

And again John records for us our resulting priesthood!

But let us look at the third passage. Turn to Rev. 12:11.

The first has to do with "us." The second has to do with "God." The third has to do with -- well, choose any name you want. There are four given, and a fifth implied:

- 1) "The great dragon."
- 2) "That old serpent."
- 3) "The Devil" -- which means accuser.
- 4) "Satan" -- which means adversary.
- 5) "Which deceiveth the whole world."

III. REVELATION 12:9-11.

Notice: Satan's devilish work (as accuser) is incessant! Some of his accusations are false, BUT MANY OF THEM ARE TRUE!

He is wiser than we are. He is mightier than we are. He is unseen, and so are his demonic forces. What hope do we have?

Listen: "And they (the brethren) overcame him by the blood of the Lamb . . ." It is through the blood of Christ that Satan is conquered, beaten, vanquished!

In the words of the hymn:

"I need no other argument,  
I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died,  
And that He died for me.

Concl: This is only the partial testimony of one book of the Bible. There is enough here for us to praise God for all eternity! What will we do with all of the other aspects of the death of Christ -- the blood He shed for us?

We are to remember the Lord Jesus as we take the bread and the cup. He became a man for us; He died for us. And by that death --

- 1) We are forgiven.
- 2) We have become the special possession of God Himself.
- 3) Our foe has been defeated -- a victory which we can claim day by day even now.

Let these be in our thoughts, if the Lord so leads, as we take the Lord's Supper tonight.