

**The Blood That Speaks Of Better Things – The Blood Of Jesus**  
Heb. 12:22-24

***Introduction:***

- A. Read: Genesis 4:1-10
- B. About the Text:
  - 1. Abel's blood cried from the ground unto God for vengeance.
  - 2. God heard the cry and acted upon it.
  - 3. Consequently, Cain was punished for his transgression.
- C. Read: Hebrews 12:22-24
  - 1. In comparing the Old Covenant with the New, the Hebrew writer speaks of two bloods.
  - 2. The blood of sprinkling concerning which he speaks is different to that of Abel's.
  - 3. Abel's blood cried out for vengeance.
  - 4. The blood of Jesus cries out for salvation.
  - 5. Jesus' blood speaks better than that of Abel's.
  - 6. Abel's dead blood cried unto God from the dirt; how much more shall the living blood of Jesus Christ shed upon the cross cry unto God for salvation to those who seek its cleansing power?

**I. *The Blood That Speaks Of Better Things Speaks Of The Church***

- A. The Church was purchased by the blood of Jesus - Acts 20:28
  - 1. Since the church was purchased by the blood, then each member in the church had to be purchased by the blood - 1 Cor 6:20; Rev. 5:9
  - 2. Therefore, to whom do we belong?
- B. Reconciliation occurs in the church through the blood - Eph 2:13-19 See also Rev. 5:9
  - 1. The church is not a segregated institution.
  - 2. All men may be saved through the blood of Christ.
  - 3. Children's song—Jesus loves the little children.
- C. The church is a priesthood through the blood - Heb 10:19
  - 1. Only the priests could enter into the holiest place in the tabernacle.
  - 2. Priests were dedicated with blood.
  - 3. Peter speaks of our priesthood - 1 Pet 2:5, 9
  - 4. The Blessings of the church are only to those who have washed their robes in the blood - Rev. 7:14ff

**II. *The Blood That Speaks Of Better Things Speaks Of Salvation***

- A. Prerequisite - Rom 3:24, 25
  - 1. The prerequisite to salvation is faith, which God has always demanded of his people - Heb 11:6
- B. Propitiation
  - 1. A propitiation is something which satisfies or appeases
  - 2. The blood of Jesus satisfied God's demand for a sacrifice that would forgive sins - Rom 3:25 1 John 2:2
  - 3. This is the ultimate manifestation of God's love for us - 1 Jn 4:10
- C. Redemption - Eph 1:7; Rev. 5:9 (above)
  - 1. Redemption means to buy back (like we do with coupons).
  - 2. Christ paid the price for our soul's salvation with his blood.

3. This shows how much God values our souls.
- D. Forgiveness of Sins - Eph 1:7; Matt 26:28; Mk 14:24; Lk 22:20
- E. Access to Heaven - Heb 9:14-15, 10:19; Rev. 12:11

### III. *The Blood That Speaks Of Better Things Speaks Of Our Responsibility*

- A. Service to it - Heb 9:14
  1. We must be willing to serve as the one who shed the blood served.
- B. Warning to those who reject it - Heb 10:28-29
  1. Under the old law, no mercy was shown
  2. But under the new law men have more time to repent
  3. Those who have been given greater opportunity shall be judged harsher who reject the blood of Christ under which greater opportunity to repent is given.

#### ***Conclusion:***

- A. Read Hebrews 13:11-15
- B. How does one contact the blood of Jesus? Romans 6
- C. The blood is the cleansing agent in baptism!