

Eisenhower Church of Christ

How is Baptism Connected to the Blood of Christ?

It is the blood of Christ that contains the power to cleanse the soul from sin. *“The blood of bulls and goats cannot take away sin”* (Hebrews 10:4). It is not material things that redeem the soul, but it is Jesus’ blood that redeems the soul (I Peter 1:18-19). Since it is obvious those living today cannot touch the literal blood of Jesus poured out almost 2,000 years ago to redeem them, there must be something they do to connect to Christ’s blood in a spiritual sense in order to wash away sins.

Baptism is the act in which one contacts the blood of Christ. This is proven by the description of what baptism does. In Acts 22:16, Saul is told to be baptized to have his sins washed away; *“And now why tarriest thou? Arise, and be baptized and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord.”* Baptism washed away Saul’s sins. It is not the power of the water that washes away sins for then any bath or submersion in water would remit sins. It can be inferred that because baptism washes away sins, then baptism must be the point at which contact with the blood of Christ is made. Belief, repentance and confession are never described as washing one’s sins; however, baptism is described as washing away one’s sins only after belief, repentance and confession occur. The following syllogism explains relation between the blood of Christ and baptism. If Christ’s blood washes away sins (Revelation 1:5) and baptism is the act in which sins are washed away (Acts 22:16), then baptism is where the blood of Christ is contacted by the candidate.

Another illustration can be given to show baptism’s connection with Christ blood. The blood of every man flows in his body. This is also true in a spiritual sense in regard to Christ; His blood flows in His body. When one gets into His body, then one will contact Christ’s blood, but if one is outside of the body of Christ one cannot contact His blood. I Corinthians 12:13 tells us that saved people were baptized into one body, so when a candidate is baptized he enters into the body of Christ where he contacts the blood that washes away his sins. Salvation from sin is found in Christ (2 Timothy 2:10). One must be in Christ or put on Christ to enjoy the benefits that Christ offers. In order to enjoy the warmth of a coat in winter, one must put on the coat; likewise, when one puts on Christ in baptism, then the benefits of the remission of sins are enjoyed (Galatians 3:27). Baptism puts one in contact with the blood of Christ.

—Mark Day

Prayer Requests

Charles Wood has bronchitis again and is at home trying to recuperate. He had plans to go out of town for two weeks, but his doctor discouraged it. We need to keep Charles in our prayers that he soon will be well again.

LaDonna Chism is having problems with her Asthma at this time. She is in need of prayers.

Jenny Fuls (sister of Nancy Easlon) underwent a surgical procedure on Tuesday, December 19th in Midland. The surgery went well; however, the doctors were not able to pinpoint the cause of her problem.

Concerns Update

Jurlean Warren’s surgical procedure she had done at the Wheatley Building, Friday, December 15th went well. She received a good report.

Jimmy Weaver was released from the hospital on Friday, December 15th. His kidney #'s were dropping. Jimmy received two blood transfusions before being released to come home; they did not want him to be exposed to too many germs in the hospital.

Prayer List

Tom Bauer; Elsie Bradford; Bill & Mary Brown; Bill Butler; Harold Carrigan; David Castor; Sue Dahlen; Dayton Dennard; James & Joyce Drake; Glenda Driver; Dana Erwin; John Ford; Jennie Fuls; Hattie Gilmore; Maria Guzman; Anna Groves; Opal Hager; Winford Hambright; Glenda Hillis; Janis Laminack; Betty Leeth; Kristen Limb; Eliseo Lopez; Larry May; Glenna McCarty; Russ Montgomery; Tanya Nichols; Curtis Parum; Trina Plyler; Jackie Rex; Russel Rosser; Elvia Ruckman; Charles Simmons; Matthew Simmons; Velma Tolbert; Marilyn Upshaw; Jurlean Warren; Jimmy Weaver; Lisa Wells; Ann Wilson; Glenda Winkley; Charles Wood; John Wood; Jack Wright.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Robertta Hamil; Janis Laminack; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Maxine Newton; Janelle Shirley; and Lester Whisenant.

Youth

Bible Quiz Question...

When did Jesus wash the disciples' feet?

Last Week's Bible Quiz Answer...

Moses threw a tree into the bitter water to make it good for the people to drink.

Events

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" every Sunday morning at 7:00 am on KWES TV 9, (New West 9)

Also, tune in to hear a message from the Brown Trail Church of Christ on the "*Speaking the Truth in Love*" program every Sunday at 8:00 a.m. on ABC.

Thank You

Eisenhower Members,

Thank you, Allen for helping hold daddy's funeral and coming to talk to the family. Thank you, Larry for being with Karolynn and Roy Lee when this sad situation happened. Thank you for the prayers, calls and the cards you have sent. Daddy loved each and every one of you. Love, Diane Carver & the Bell Family

Church Family,

Thank you so much for the wonderful food you prepared for us on the day of daddy's funeral. The macaroni & cheese was a huge hit with the family. Thanks again, (The Carver & Bell family)

To Our Eisenhower Family,

Since October 2014, we have had health issues! Four "Holiday" seasons missed! But we are blessed with brethren & sisters who have provided help and relief and kept us going. You just keep showing love for us no matter what!

God Bless you everyone,

Jack & Wilene Wright

Thank you for all of your prayers. God has been great to me and answered these prayers. I hope that one day real soon I can meet the preacher as I need some spiritual guidance. May you have a wonderful Holiday Season.

In Christian Love,

Lillie Charlene Harris

Congratulations to Julie Driver who graduated from UTPB on Saturday, December 16th with a bachelor's degree in Kinesiology with a minor in psychology. Julie also has a degree in Culinary Arts. Congrats Julie!

New Address...

Josh & Lindsey Wells have moved. Their new address is: 1812 Cody Place, Odessa, TX 79762. Please record this address in your directories.

Office News...

There will be a “**Progressive Dinner**” December 31st at 7:30 p.m. It will start at Tommy and Mirta Garcia’s house. If you have any questions, please ask Sonia Wood.

December 24, 2017	A.M.	P.M.
Announcements	TBA	TBA
Song Leader	John Wood	Jacob Carson
Sermon	Anthony Flunder	Anthony Flunder
Opening Prayer	TBA	TBA
Scripture	Trinidad Wood	Craig Wesson
Second Prayer	Charles Wood	Josh Wells
Closing Prayer	Jr. Munoz	Richard Siler
Lord's Supper		
West...	Don Easlon	Chris Butler
	Mike Roemisch	Communion
	Josh Wells	(In Library)
East...	George Warren	
	Tommy Garcia	
	Bill Ryan	

Other Responsibilities: *Elder* : Allen Weakland 362-1403 *Deacon*: Josh Wells 770-6753 *Pulpit*: Rudy Ochoa 214-0398 *Table*: Josh Wells 770-6753; *Song Leaders*: Denny Wilson 325-340-2291; *Recording Duties*: Dex Dennard 296-1582 Ochoa 214-0398; *Collections*: Dex Dennard 296-1582

Our Records

Bible Class... 64
Morning Worship...113
Evening Worship...54
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