The Blood
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I. Introduction.

    A. Text: Hebrews 9:22.

II. Without the shedding of blood, sin cannot be forgiven.

    A. This is strange even though it is prominent.

        1. The oldest religions have blood in a prominent place.

        2. The New Testament talks about blood over 250 times.

        3. There is shedding of blood all around - even today.

    B. The life is in the blood. (Leviticus 17).

        1. Life has to be given as atonement for sin.

        2. The life we have in us carries a sentence of death because of Adam's death. We have blood poisoning called sin that ultimately ends in death.

        3. You are going to die physically once and then spiritually after for those who are under God's judgment.

        4. Death is man's greatest enemy.

        5. Sin is a lurking tiger, and it is in our "tanks."

        6. Man in his freedom chose to break God's law and has ever since. But God did something about it.

    C. Throughout the Old Testament, God required sacrifice to appease him.

    D. The Christian must plead the blood of Christ to get into heaven.

        1. When Jesus Christ died on the cross the possibility of our salvation was accomplished.

        2. The blood of Christ is what redeems us. Christ buys us back from the slavery of sin. The Bible says that Christ can set us free. (1 Peter 1:18)

        3. We are justified by Christ. God places you in His sight as though you had never committed a single sin.

        4. We are all equal by the blood in the Body of Christ.

        5. The blood of Christ cleanses us. Jesus is our donor. (Matthew 26:28)

E. What you have to do to meet God.

       1. You have to be willing to repent of your sins.

       2. You have to say to God you are sorry.

       3. You have to receive God by faith.

       4. You have to understand that Christ died for you and that God loves you.

Application questions

1. What explains the presence of blood in all religions and the necessity of it in Christianity?
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2. Why can it be said that we are in slavery?
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3. What must you do to meet God? Have you done this? If not, consider taking this step and sharing with a close friend.
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