



ARGUING WITH GOD

Part 2: Why All the Blood?

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“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. “As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

– *Isaiah 55:8-9*

The Argument:

God, your ways don't make sense!

Every person is developing a worldview based on observation and experience.

God's Thoughts and Ways Regarding the Topic of Blood

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything is cleansed with blood and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. – *Hebrews 9:22*

[Christ] did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! – *Hebrews 9:12-14*

The blood of Jesus secures...

Our purity

...and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin. – *1 John 1:7*

Our forgiveness

...in whom we have redemption through this blood, even the forgiveness of sins. – *Colossians 1:14 (King James Version)*

Our substitute

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. – *John 1:29*

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Our access to God

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place, by the blood of Jesus. – *Hebrews 10:19*

Our peace

For God was pleased to have all His fullness dwell in Him and through him to reconcile all things to himself, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. – *Colossians 1:20*

Our purpose

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Every drop of blood which flowed out of Jesus' body is still in existence, and it is, just as is it was 2000 years ago, wiping away the sins of mankind. The blood has been shed — the incorruptible, eternal, divine, sinless, overcoming, precious blood. It availed then. It avails now and throughout all eternity it will never lose its power to bring life.

– Charles Haddon Spurgeon

Small Group Questions

- 1) What's your favorite television show, magazine, or other source of information? How does that influence your worldview?
- 2) What is the first thing you think of when someone says the word "blood?" Why is that your first thought?
- 3) Review the scriptures listed in the outline that refer to the blood of Christ. Is there one that touches your spirit? Why?
- 4) The biblical theme of blood can be confusing. Are there any other themes that cause questions for you? Sharing your questions could allow the group to provide answers, or they could open the door to a quest to find answers together. Don't be afraid to ask the tough questions!
- 5) In what ways is God confusing? Use your answer as the basis for your prayer request this week. The Bible says that God will give wisdom to those who diligently seek Him.
- 6) How can we pray for you right now?

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