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BLOOD, SWEAT AND TEARS TO SALVATION

TEXT: Hebrews 9:22:

"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission."

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ILLUSTRATION: 30 million Red Guards chanting,
"Without the shedding of blood
there is no revolution."

ILLUSTRATION: Former president of student body
-- U.C.L.A.

-- Now Christian.

-- Told one of my associates that blood is the symbol world revolution and now of campus demonstrations.

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He declared he would never have become a Christian had it not been for his having heard the message of "With-

out the shedding of blood".

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LLUSTRATION: Red Star in Moscow.

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ILLUSTRATION: Crime is a shedding of blood.

-- Manhattan /sland, more people mubdered in cold blood than all of Britain where

ILLUSTRATION: Cross stands for blood.

- ILLUSTRATION: One of the most popular films in the world, "In Cold Blood".
 - -- Judaism and Christianity have been called bloody religions, "slaughter house" religions.
 - -- It is true that the <u>Bible</u> is filled with blood.

- Leviticus 17:11:

"For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul."

- Science does not yet know what <u>life</u> is.
- Science is not yet sure when <u>death</u> takes place.
- Five quarts of blood in normal body.

- cell in the body is constantly supplied and cleansed at the same time.
 - Blood carries the garbage out ... Without Contomit
 - Most mysterious tissue of the body and is composed of the life of the body.
 - All are related by the blood of Adam.

 Acts 17:26: Mr. Alan Might Not have been white?

 "And hath made of one blood all

nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth."

- All men have a common origin in Adam.
- every man's veins whether he is black or white, Jew or Gentile, pagan or cultured.
 - This blood carries the <u>sentence</u> of <u>death</u> because of Adam's sin.

Romans 5:12:

"Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned."

"In the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die."

Man suffers from blood poisoning... Design Ill. Laulani - Canar of the Blood - Mo Canar Vet So powerful was this poison that thousands of years later all of us who are related to Adam by human birth still succumb to that poison of sin which is transmitted through the blood. Il In Hami - her wat The penalty is death. It wit - Beloi for day

ILLUSTRATION: Arnold Toymbee has written
"Man's Concern With Death". He
says death is man's greatest
enemy.

→ In a recent Gallup poll, 5% more of Americans believe in life after death than 20 years ago.

ILLUSTRATION: Dr. Rollo May, New York City psychiatr/st, declared recently that he is convinced after much research that man's current/obsession with sex is an attempt to cover up his fear of death.

And this is essentially why sex symbols, such as Marilyn Monroe and Ernest Hemingway, resort to suicide.

ILLUSTRATION: Pope Paul: | "The world is in the throes of an unprecedented and sinster force of evil, and everyone is being dragged away and overcome by an irresistible current as though by a river that carries us away."

ILLUSTRATION: The popular young novelist, Susanne Santag from Oxford and the Sorbonne, says: The United States is /a doomed country. . . I only pray that when America falls it doesn't drag the rest of the planet down too."

ILLUSTRATION: A tiger/went on a 5-day rampage and at 5 people.

- Sin is a <u>lurking</u>/<u>tiger</u>, waiting to devour us, and it is within each one of us.
 - -- You have a tiger in your tank! . Sin
 - THE OLD TESTAMENT:
 - Adam and Eve and the coats of skin.
 - Cain and Abel (Genesis 4).
 - (3) Noah.
 - -- "And Noah builded an altar unto the Lord and took of every clean beast

and of every clean foul and offered burnt offerings on the altar" (Genesis 8:20).

- Abraham and Isaac. Isaac War Tyng a
 - -- "And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold behind him a ram caught in a thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered him up for a burnt offering in the stead of his son" (Genesis 22:13).
 - The doctrine of the blood over and over again.
 - on Mount Moriah.
 - Abraham walked by way of the blood.
- 5. "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall

not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt"

(Exodus 12:13).

- -- Not "When I see your good resolutions, your tears, your agonies, your good works, I will pass over", but "When I see the blood, I will pass over you."
- "The soul that sinneth shall surely die."
- The life of the flesh is the blood.
- Blood must be shed.

II) THE NEW TESTAMENT:

ILLUSTRATION: The <u>Cross</u> as the symbol of Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox.

ILLUSTRATION: The <u>Communion</u>, the heart of our worship, speaks of blood

- -- John the Baptist cried out: "Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).
- The <u>death</u> of <u>Christ</u>.
 - Weeping over Jerusalem.
 - Sweat in the Garden.
 - Blood on the Cross.
 - 14 times <u>Jesus</u> predicted His own death.
 - He said He had come to give His life as a ransom for many.
 - Told <u>Nicodemus</u>: "As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up" (<u>John 3:14</u>).
 - Death of Christ is mentioned 255 times in the New Testament.
 - It is the heart of the Gospel.

ILLUSTRATION: Death of great men intrigues the world. The largest television audience in history/(estimated 350 million) watched the funera of Sir Winston Churchill in 1965.

ILLUSTRATION: New book / "In Memorium", about John Kennedy, asked the question, "Where were you at 1:33 p.m. on November 22, 1963? Whatever you thought, said or did, binds you forever to that single/tragic moment in history."

- The shock was total.

ILLUSTRATION:

New Long-play record, "The Last Hour of Robert Kennedy"

1) The blood redeemed:

____ | Peter 1:18:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot."

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Though salvation is free to us, yet it cost God all that He had.

- Redemption means "buying someone from slavery".
- He promises in <u>Psalm 130:8</u>: "And he shall redeem Israel from all his iniquities."
- Jesus said: "I have come to give My life as a ransom for many" (Mark 10:45).

- when <u>Peter</u> said this, nobody needed to explain it because half of the world was slaves. Men were constantly bought and sold and most of them were white.
- When a man was held in bondage as a slave, his family or a friend could redeem the man with gold or silver or precious stones.

The slavery of sin:

"Whosoever committeth sin is the slave of sin" (John 8:34).

ILLUSTRATION: Somerset Maughn, "Human Bondage", rejected God and became a slave of sin.

ILLUSTRATION: Friend in New York has
written book in which he
depicts how he rejected
God and has come to be a
slave of sin.

Christ will set you free:

John 8:36: "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed."

ILLUSTRATION:

Other day in Tennessee,

18-year-old in jail cut a

hole 9 inches across in

the top of his cell.

Rubbed hair grease over

his body and tried to

squeeze out, but half way
through he got stuck and
had to call for help.

- Man has been sentenced to death for his sins and tries every way to slip out but he can't get out. We one Stuck
- Only Christ can bring deliverance.
- Every true Christian is a condemned man sprung from death row.

2. We are justified by the blood:

- Romans 5:9:

- "Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him."
- It means the making just of one who has been unjust.
- God could not make light of sin.
- That is why He chose blood as the emblem of salvation.
- -- Christ died as our <u>substitute</u>.
- God remained just and yet the justifier.
- Man is not only pardoned and set free, but <u>made righteous</u>.
- 3. The blood of Christ makes us all equal.
 - One tongue, one language, one race.

He may not be able to talk the same language but his language has the same spirit.

ILLUSTRATION: Robert E. Lee at the Communion table.

4) The blood of Christ brings peace:

<u>Colossians 1:20:</u>

"And, having made peace through the blood of His cross."

ILLUSTRATION: President Nixon rightly said the greatest honor history can bestow is that of a peacemaker.

- Man craves peace.
- Only Christ can ultimately bring peace.

- -- 41 cents of every dollar of our national budget is spent on trying to keep peace.
- Peace!", there have been <u>51 wars</u> since World War II.

5. The blood of Christ cleanses:

-- Revelation 1:5:

"Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood."

ILLUSTRATION: Lady told me recently that Jesus never mentioned blood.

- Matthew 26:28:

"For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

the American Psychiatric Assoc. in
Pittsburgh the other
day that suicide prevention centers generally are a failure
throughout the United
States.

- Psychiatrists themselves commit suicide at 4 times the national average.
- We'll do anything to get <u>rid</u> of our guilt.

ILLUSTRATION:

Man Cita Impha, a telephone answering service which simply answers people whose consciences are screaming, and listens to their crying and confessions.

ILLUSTRATION: The most popular song in America at the moment is "Oh Happy Day When Jesus Washed My Sins Away.

ILLUSTRATION:

New York)Times recently described an Episcopal church/where sinners would go blindfolded into the basement of the hurch and be led into/the searing light of a bathroom where a man with toilet paper around his neck would pronounce absolution of gyilt and then he would flush the sins down the drain.

The blood of Christ reconciles:

"Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, that he will not hear.

ILLUSTRATION: Read story of husband and wife who were separated.

> - Several years passed, he returned to the city on business.

Heard a step behind him.

Saw his separated wife.

- Both started to turn away but soon had clasped hands and were reconciled over the grave of their son.

-- It took death to reconcile them.

ILLUSTRATION:

- Man dreamed that he was building a ladder to heaven.
- Every good deed was another rung higher.
- He got closer and closer; then he heard a voice: "He that climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber," and his ladder fell.
- He awoke from his sleep and thought to himself: "If I go to heaven I must go a different way."

ILLUSTRATION: Blood banks.

ILLUSTRATION: My own blood transfusion.

There is a "blood bank" that we can apply to by <u>faith</u> that will take our guilt and our sin away.

- -- Heart transplants are the medical sensation of our time. Two factors determine their success or failure:
 - 1) There must be a donor.
 - Jesus Christ has given us His life.
 - 2. The patient can accept or reject the heart he receives.
 - -- Tonight you can accept or reject Christ.

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