

Baptism and Blood

Rom 6:3-5

Or do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus have been baptized into His death? Therefore we have been buried with Him through baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have become united with Him in the likeness of His death, certainly we shall also be in the likeness of His resurrection
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It is a Bible fact to which no exception can be taken that an alien sinner must contact the blood of Christ in order to receive remission of sin and the promise of everlasting life. Every church should stand firmly behind the proposition that since Christ's blood was shed in His death on the tree, we must then, in the words of Paul "be planted in the likeness of his death" in order to "be in the likeness of his resurrection." The Word of God is clear that baptism alone could not save; since faith and repentance are essential to a real conversion. But the same Word is also clear in showing us that the answer of a clear conscience and obedience to the "form of doctrine" delivered to us, is found in the act of immersion. See Romans 6:17 and 1 Peter 3:21, 21. Therefore Peter informed the sinners on the Day of Pentecost that baptism was for the "remission of sins" when performed in a contrite (repentant) spirit. See Acts 2:38.

In order to see the biblical connection between water baptism and the blood of Christ, please study the chart below showing what blood accomplishes and what baptism accomplishes. Remember the rule of logic that states that things equal to the same things are equal to each other.



Ephesians 5:25, 26

Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her, 26 so that He might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word

1 John 1:7

the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Remits

Acts 2:38

Repent, and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Heb 9:22

all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Washes

Acts 22:16

be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.

Rev 1:5-6

To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood-- 6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father

It is worth noticing that baptism and the blood are shown to accomplish the same things. In baptism we contact the blood!!! Those who refuse to grant to baptism its proper place in the plan of salvation are destroying the last plank in the bridge by which we approach Calvary. Since we believe that "by his stripes we are healed" and that he was the "propitiation for our sins" (See Is. 53:5 and 1 Jn. 2:2), then we must appropriate his shed blood when we are "buried with him" and raised with him "to walk in the newness of life."

— Phil Young, Evangelist