

Power in the Blood

1 John 1:7

Life is in the Blood

- Patriarchs were not to eat blood – Gen 9:1-4
- Jews were not to eat blood – Lev 17:10-11
- Blood carries the life
 - Red blood cells carry oxygen
 - White blood cells fight infections and antibodies
 - Platelets heal wounds in clotting

Life for Life

- God has perfect justice – Ps 89:14
- He cannot clear the guilty – Nah 1:3
- The principle of justice is a life for a life – Lev 24:21

The Need for Christ's Blood

- Sin is punishable by destruction – Gen 2:17
- Animal sacrifices instituted – Gen 4:4
- Blood sanctified the Old Law – Ex 24:6-8
- It was not powerful enough to remit sins – Heb 10:4

A Perfect Sacrifice

- Christ lived without sin – Heb 4:15
- He was the Passover Lamb for all – 1 Pet 1:18-20
- We contact that blood in baptism – Rom 6:3,4
- His blood continues to cleanse – 1 John 1:7-9