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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:30 p.m.

## WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....7 p.m.

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**WELCOME!**  
We of the Cambridge church of Christ  
invite you to all our services.

*“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)*

# WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN?

## Acts 22:12-16

1. This question is on par with, “What must I do to be saved?”
2. We sing a hymn that asks this very question.
3. Our being saved and becoming Christians revolves around the answer to this question; let us investigate.

### I. THE SIGNIFICANCE OF BLOOD IN RELIGION

- A. In all ages there has been value and power in blood. The sacrifice of blood has always been the sacrifice of life (Dt. 12:23).
- B. In each dispensation God has demanded a sacrifice of a bloody nature.
  1. In the early dawn of time (Gen. 4), Able brought the firstlings of his flock as a sacrifice to Jehovah God.
  2. Faithful Abraham in Gen 22 hesitated not to offer a blood sacrifice in the form of his only son Isaac.
  3. The institution of the Passover is further proof of the importance of blood in the divine scheme of things. Ex. 12.
  4. The sealing of covenants with blood also shows the importance of blood (Exo. 24:6-8).
  5. The tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry were sanctified and sealed by the blood of animals (Heb. 9:21-22).
  6. The Jewish system was one in which animal sacrifices were offered in multiple numbers, but they could not remove sin (Heb. 10:1-4).
  7. In Hebrews Chs. 9 and 10, we have a clear and forceful analogy with reference to the blood of animals and the blood of Christ.
  8. So, is the blood significant? Heb. 9:22 says... “*without shedding of blood is no remission*”.

### II. CHRIST’S BLOOD WAS SHED FOR HUMAN REDEMPTION.

- A. Isaiah foresaw our being healed by Christ’s blood (cf. Isa. 53:5-6).
- B. Zechariah prophesied of the fountain open for sin (Zech. 13:1).
- C. Christ, in instituting the Lord’s supper (Mt 26:28).
- D. One of the fundamental facts of the scriptures is that Christ died for us according to the scriptures (1 Cor. 15:1-4).
- E. Hear the words of Paul (Rom. 5:8).
- F. Look what the blood did for the Gentiles (Eph 2:11-13).
- G. The blood of Jesus was shed for every race, social class, language, and skin color, for every man on every shore and in every time (Heb. 2:9; Rev. 5:9).

- H. Peter declares that we were redeemed with the blood of Christ. (1 Pet. 1:18-19).
- I. Paul also states we redemption through the blood of Christ (Eph. 1:7
- J. John's vision mentions the blood (Rev. 7:14).

### **III. HOW ARE WE CLEANSED BY THE BLOOD?**

- A. All men who respect the bible readily admit that sinful man is saved by the blood of Christ.
  - 1. But the fact that Christ shed his blood for all men (Heb. 2:9) and that only a minority will be saved (Mat 7:13-14) is certain proof that there is something for man to do in order to obtain the forgiveness and blessings offered by the shed blood of the Saviour.
  - 2. The question is then: Upon what conditions does the blood cleanse us from sin?
  - 3. John 19:34 tells us that Christ shed blood while He was on the cross.
  - 4. Man must come into contact with the redeeming blood of Christ. Is this possible? Yes!
    - a. Rom. 6:3-4. Mk 16:16; Acts 2:38; Acts 22:16.
    - b. In Acts 20:28 we are told of the realm in which the blood cleanses.
      - 1) The blood was shed to purchase the church.
      - 2) If the church was purchased with His blood, then I must be a member of that church to receive the blessings of that shed blood.
      - 3) God added to the church only those who believed, repented and was baptized (Acts 2:37-47).
      - 4) Man today must do the same thing. And it is when man does this-so he can be added to the body of Christ- that he is able to enjoy the promise of salvation (Eph. 5:23).
- B. John tells us how the blood will keep us clean (1 John 1:7).
- C. Anyone who turns from the light of Christ's teaching has therefore brought to themselves a very painful punishment (Heb. 10:29).

### **CONCLUSION:**

- 1. Blood has always had a part in God's system for man.
- 2. Animal sacrifices, however, did not remove sin. It took the blood of the Lamb of God.
- 3. Christ shed His blood for all people of every nation.
- 4. We must come into contact with His blood for it to do us any good. This we do through our obedience in baptism.
- 5. Once we have cleansed by the blood of Christ, it will keep on cleansing us IF WE DO what He tells us to do.

**IN OUR PRAYERS:** Diann Bachmann, Nellie Richard, Jerry & Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Angela Herald, Cathy Jackson, Bruce Johnson, Gary & Debbie Jones, Rick Lambert, and Carol Mitchell.

**SHUT-INS:**  
Nancy Love

**FAMILY AND FRIENDS:** Debra Bates-Phillabaum, Weston Boulet (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), Carter Campbell (John and Mary Smith's grandson), Donna Henthorn (Laura Jamiel's mother), Colleen Kiester (Mo Smith's sister), Linda Potts (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), Addy Reed, Holly Ross (Friend of Betsy Cooke), Mona Stoffer (Flavil Miller's daughter), Bob & Marge Watson, and remember to pray for **one another**.

**Welcome! To our visitors,** we are thankful for your presences. Please fill out one of the blue cards and place it in one the collection plates or leave it on the seat. Allow us to answer any questions you may have.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- *Our sympathy to the family and friends of **Jerry Endly**, who passes away Wednesday afternoon at his home. His services were yesterday.*
- *Our sympathy also to the family of **Laura Jamiel** at the passing of her mother, **Donna Henthorn**. Arrangements are pending at Burrell Funeral Home in Zanesville.*

### REMINDERS:

- ❖ The suggestion has been submitted that we consider changing evening service times to 6 pm for Sunday and Wednesday evening services. The men thought the congregation should decide. Be thinking about this and we will survey the folks most affected by this proposal.
- ❖ Please let John know if and when there are any changes needed (additions / subtraction) to our prayer list.
- ❖ Don't forget about our library in the basement.

## TODAY'S LESSONS

**AM:** What Can Wash Away My Sin (Acts 22:12-16)?

**PM:** We Ought to Obey God (Acts 5:26-29).

Bible Study	AM Worship	PM Worship	Wednesday	Contribution
31	63	33	35	\$2086