

“The Blood of Jesus”

Revelation 1:5

April 14, 2022

Maundy Service

Introduction: Sunday we will celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus. On this Thursday night, we will celebrate the blood of Jesus.

- It is called Maundy Thursday.
- The word “Maundy” comes from the Latin word “mandatum” and refers to the instructions Jesus gave His disciples in the Upper Room.
- It is translated in most of our English Bibles “command or commandment” (John 13:34).

Question: Would it not be better to say “remember” the blood of Jesus rather than “celebrate” the blood of Jesus?

Answer: No, it would not. When we remember the blood of Jesus it results in celebration.

T.S. We celebrate the blood of Jesus because...

1. The blood of Jesus satisfies God (Romans 3:25).

- Romans 3:25
- 1 John 2:2
- 1 John 4:10

Illustration:

1. From the beginning of the Bible, blood was very important. God placed skins from animals on Adam and Even to cover their nakedness. Animals had to die and shed blood for this to happen.
 2. God saved His people in Egypt by telling them to apply the blood of an unblemished lamb to their door post.
 3. All the sacrifices in the Old Testament involved blood.
- Now Jesus was and is the Son of God.
 - Born of a virgin but conceived by the Holy Spirit which means there was no sin transferred to Him from Adam.
 - Jesus was and is the unblemished sacrifice for the sins of the whole world.

- Only His blood can satisfy God's anger and wrath against sin.

T.S. We should celebrate the blood of Jesus because...

2. The blood of Jesus saves sinners (Ephesians 1:7).

- Ephesians 1:7
- Hebrews 9:12
- Hebrews 9:22
- Revelation 1:5
- 2 Corinthians 5:21

Illustration: "All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way...(Isaiah 53:6).

Application: Though healthy, Jesus took our disease upon Himself. Because of His blood we are more than pardoned, we are declared innocent.

T.S. We should celebrate the blood of Jesus because...

3. The blood of Jesus silences Satan (Revelation 12:11).

- Every Christian is saved from eternal condemnation by Christ's blood.
- In this life, those who defeat Satan's schemes do so by the blood and their public testimony.

Application: Those who are saved but operate undercover, so to speak, (secret agent Christians) will listen to Satan and experience defeat. The blood of Jesus gives believers authority to silence Satan.

Conclusion: The blood that saves us sustains us. This is the reason tonight that we celebrate the blood of Jesus.