September 4, 2022 ***Circle Of The Blood*** Pastor Billy Burchfield

**Before** the foundation of the world, the circular path of the Blood began in heaven

(**1 Pet. 1:18-20** below). Before God created man, He knew man would fall, thus before He formed man, He foreordained his redemption with “*precious Blood*.”

Man would be spirit. In God’s image. Therefore, man would be able to fellowship with God. Man would be able to love God. Man would be created to work with God – to have dominion over the works of god’s hands (Gen. 1:28).

Spirit-man would be given a soul**;** mind, will, and emotions. Fallen Lucifer would tempt man’s will. Man would fall into the tempters hand. ***But God*** would redeem man.

God designed man for **redemption** through the blood of Jesus. God called man ***Adam***.

**Heb:** *dam*, blood; *adamob* ground. Both blood and ground are red, *adom*.

God would put spirit-man and his soul into a body of flesh made of the dust of the ground (1 Thes.5:23). The life of the flesh would be in the blood (Lev. 17:11, 14).

Man’s body, an earthen vessel, could be broken and the blood poured out.

**If** a **divine One** would go to earth ***Incarnate*** and ***live without sin*** i*n* “*a body prepared*;” His vessel could be broken and His perfect Life poured out in His Blood for the remission of all sin. ***Jesus***, whom we call Savior, agreed to fulfil the Father’s plan of redemption. First in Heaven, then on Calvary, our Lord Jesus offered Himself through the Eternal Spirit, without spot to God (Heb. 9:14). The Psalmist records Jesus’ words, “*Then said I*, *lo*, *I come***:** *in the volume of the Book it is written of Me*, I delight to do Thy will, *O My God*…” (Ps. 40:7, 8; Heb. 10:5-10). ***God the Son became***, **“…*the Lamb*** *slain from the foundation of the world***”** (**Rev. 13:8**)**.**  **1 Pet 1: 18-20, “***knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers*,19*but* ***with the precious blood of Christ***, *as of a lamb without blemish and without spot* 20***He*** *indeed* ***was foreordained before the foundation of the* *world***, *but was manifest in these last times for you.”* Man’s greatest need is for Salvation. The ***value*** of the human being can be inferred from the ***price paid*** to redeem man (**John 3:16**; 1 Cor. 6:20). *God the Son, the Divine One* through whom the worlds were created, *became flesh* and *died for the sins of humanity*. That He willingly ***shed His blood*** and died for us reveals not only the ***value*** of the human personality, but also the ***importance*** of salvation. Through Christ, believers are ***forgiven***, *reckoned to be* ***righteous***, and by New Birth *are* ***renewed*** *in the image of God*. ***Fallen men and women can only produce the works of the flesh.*** Only the Spirit, by the New Birth, can *renew* and *recover* that which was destroyed by the Fall (John 3:5, 6). To reach highest human potential, to have abundant life, one must accept Jesus Christ by faith.

The bloodline began in Heaven. It circled earthward first in revelation through types and shadows. God revealed to fallen man the place and the power of the blood of the Lamb to redeem him. God Himself shed the first blood in type when He made coats of animal skin. Blood would cover man until he was again fit for glory. The blood of every animal she on the OT altars was to reveal the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Lev. 17:11, “*For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls*; *for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul*.”

The precious Blood was manifested in the earth when Jesus came. John the Baptist looked upon Jesus and said, “*Behold*, *the Lamb of God*, *which taketh away the sin of the world*” (John 1:29). The earthly part of the Blood’s path was consummated when the manifested Lamb poured out His life in His Blood on Calvary’s altar.

The circle of Blood turned upward again on the third day. Christ arose (triumphant over death, hell, and the grave) and carried His own precious Blood into the Heavenly Holy of Holies where it was accepted for man.

The resurrected Lord closed the circle giving glory to God the Father. There before the throne of the Living God, the Blood ever speaks “***mercy***” for man (Heb. 12:24).

**Supplemental Scriptures**

**Gen. 1:28**, Then God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply; fill the earth and subdue it; have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over every living thing that moves on the earth

**1 Thess. 5:23**, Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the \*coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Lev. 17:11, 14**, For ***the life of the flesh is in the blood***, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for ***it is the blood that makes atonement for the sou***l. 14 for ***it is the life of all flesh***. ***Its blood sustains its life***. Therefore, I said to the children of Israel, ‘You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off’.

**Hebrews 9:14,** how much more ***shall the blood of Christ***, who ***through the eternal Spirit*** offered Himself without spot to God, ***cleanse your conscience*** from dead works ***to serve the living God***?

**1 Cor. 6:20**, For you were ***bought*** at a price; ***therefore*** glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.

**John 3:5**, Jesus answered, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit**.**

**Heb. 12:24**, to Jesus the Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of Abel.