

The Blood Donation Made for You

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Scripture Reader and Reading: Paul Hannan – John 19.31–35
Song Leader and Song Suggestions: Larry Amberg – Songs on the blood of Christ

Prelude:

I. I hope that you read the "Stories of Hope,"

- A. that we put in the bulletin in anticipation of our Blood Drives.
- B. They show how donated blood,
 - 1. helps people either
 - 2. to live or to live a better life.
 - a) The stories touch the heart.
 - b) The recipients of the donations are truly thankful.
- C. Blood given by members of this congregation and
 - 1. others who came to our last drive,
 - 2. helped people at:
 - a) Tuality Community Hospital in Hillsboro,
 - b) OHSU in Portland, and
 - c) Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Washington.

II. Donating your blood for others

- A. should lead us to think
- B. of the blood donation that Jesus made for us.
 - 1. I know of no other world religion
 - 2. in which the founder offered his blood for the people of the world.

III. Truly, he donated his blood for all people,

- A. not just the Jews, and
- B. not just one person, but

C. for all people, as they sing in heaven:

9 And they sang a new song, saying:

**“You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;
For You were slain,
And have redeemed us to God by Your blood
Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,
And have made us kings and priests to our God;
And we shall reign on the earth.”**

– Revelation 5.9–10

IV. Thank God for those of you who give blood.

A. As great as your gift is,

B. let us consider what Jesus did when he donated his blood.

Persuasion:

I. We Donate a Pint; Jesus Donated His Life

A. After you give blood, you need

1. to eat something and
2. to sit down and relax.
 - a) Once you have recovered a little,
 - b) you can resume your normal activities.

B. After Jesus gave his blood on the cross,

1. they did not release him, but
2. they allowed him to die.

37 And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, and breathed His last.

– Mark 15.37

- a) Those who need blood transfusions had something go wrong bodily.

- b) Those who need the blood of Christ had something go wrong spiritually.
 - (1) If you have lost enough blood,
 - (2) you will die unless you get a transfusion.
 - (a) If you do not get your spiritual problem fixed,
 - (b) you will die in the spirit.
 - i) The blood that Jesus donated
 - ii) fixes that problem

II. We Give in Comfortable and Sterile Conditions

- A. The Red Cross tells me to have the temperature set at 68 degrees.
 - 1. They do everything they can to make people comfortable.
 - 2. They figure that you are doing a great thing, and
 - a) so they want to make you comfortable,
 - b) so that you will want to give again.
- B. I don't think the Romans and Jews cared whether Jesus was comfortable.
 - 1. Truly, they hoped that he would go away.
 - 2. They hoped that what they did would stop everything.
 - a) They made him suffer greatly before the crucifixion.
 - b) Then they stripped him for the crucifixion.

III. We Give Painlessly Relatively Speaking

- A. Yet, his was not painless.
- B. It was not quick.
 - 1. He hung there alive for six hours.

25 Now it was the third hour, and they crucified Him.

– Mark 15.25

34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, "Eloi,

Eloi, lama sabachthani?" which is translated, "My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?"

– Mark 15.34

IV. Our Blood Expires

A. Yet, the blood of Jesus

1. still cleanses anyone, anywhere in the world,
2. even after 1,992 years since he gave it!

B. The Red Cross has notified me several times

1. that they are running short on blood.
2. Not only has the pandemic kept people back from donating, but
 - a) summer is always a slow time for them, because
 - b) people are vacationing and so forth.

C. However, Jesus offered his blood only once, and

1. it was good enough for his generation and
2. for every generation that shall come until the end:

23 Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another— 26 He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. 27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment, 28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

– Hebrews 9.23–28

V. Our Blood May Be Rejected

- A. Perhaps we have a disease or something else
 - 1. that makes it so we cannot give blood.
 - 2. For example, my mother gave me CMV...
- B. However, the blood of Jesus was pure because he never sinned.

17 And if you call on the Father, who without partiality judges according to each one's work, conduct yourselves throughout the time of your stay here in fear; 18 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 21 who through Him believe in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

– 1 Peter 1.17–21

VI. Our Blood Can Save Only a Few Lives

- A. Yet, the blood of Christ saves the world.

16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."

– John 3.16

- B. Jesus donated his blood for you.
- C. You have an opportunity to accept it now.