

# Baptism and the Blood

The blood of Jesus saves us from our sins: the blood was "shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28). What does baptism have to do with the blood? Peter preached, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost" (Acts 2:38). Note that the expression "for remission of sins" is the same as in Matthew 26:28. Jesus shed His blood for the remission of sins. How can both be true? The answer is in Romans 6:3-4: "Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death?"

By T. Doy Moyer *Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life.*" This tells us that when we are baptized into Christ we are baptized into His death. We contact Christ's blood when we obey the gospel and are baptized into Christ. What saves us? The blood of Jesus. How do we avail ourselves of the blood? Through baptism into Christ. Is baptism a work of our own merit? No. We simply must submit to the will of God. Now, how can anyone deny the necessity of baptism?



**1 Peter 2:21-23** - For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: <sup>22</sup> "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth"; <sup>23</sup> who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;

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News and Notes
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We had a great VBS! Thanks for all who worked and prayed for this effort!
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> We welcome James Christopher Long to this world, the son of Chris and Candy Long! Both mother and child are doing well.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Our new quarter will begin next Sunday.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Let's continue to remember our expectant mother in our prayers, Terria Burton.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Heath Fowler's grandmother, Lorene Patterson, passed away last week.
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Laura Weldon's grandmother, Birtha Dial, passed away last week.

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Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5:16)

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**Thoughts to Ponder**

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**It's Time to Hate**  
By Steve Klein

The inspired wise man who wrote the book of Ecclesiastes said, "To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven... a time to love and a time to hate" (3:1, 8a). Most of us probably have a pretty negative view of hate. We think of it as a bad emotion. But in and of itself, hate is not any better or worse than love. Both love and hate have proper objects; they are both appropriate feelings to have toward certain things at certain times.

Sometimes love and hate are two sides of the same coin. Love for one thing might necessitate hate for some-thing else (cf. Matt. 6:24). That is the way it is with God and sin. If we love God, we must hate sin. The Psalmist said, "You who love the Lord, hate evil!" (Ps. 97:10).

It is high time for those who claim to love God to start hating sin. We must hate it in ourselves and in others, and hate it with an intensity of passion that is equaled only by the intensity of our love for God.

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Sin should not be hated merely as some abstract, vague concept, but as real and specific instances of transgression. That is to say, we are not only to hate the idea of sin, but also every occurrence of sin. The Bible is very clear about this. Many plain statements of Scripture command or exemplify hatred of specific sins. These passages need to be examined carefully. Each of us needs to ask himself, "Do I really hate this sin?"

Do I really hate pride, arrogance

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and a perverse mouth? Do we fully agree with the wise man who said, "The fear of the Lord is to hate evil; Pride and arrogance and the evil way and the perverse mouth I hate" (**Prov. 8:13**)? Pride, arrogance and perverse speech are common sins in our society. We see them in politicians, sports figures, neighbors, and sometimes in ourselves. When we see our favorite basketball player or politician lifted up with pride and arrogance, spewing forth obscenities, do we hate it as we should?

Do I really hate lying? "A righteous man hates lying" (**Prov. 13:5**). All of us, both righteous and unrighteous, hate being lied to, but the question is, "Do you yourself hate lying?" Some may only hate lying if they are caught at it. The righteous man must loathe every instance of it in his life and in the lives of others.

Do I really hate taking God's name in vain? In **Psalm 139:20-22** the Psalmist says, ". . . Your enemies take Your name in vain. Do I not hate them, O Lord, who hate You? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with perfect hatred; I count them my enemies." There is not a day that goes by in which I do not hear someone take God's name in vain. Expressions such as "Oh my God," "God it" and just plain "God!" are some of the most frequently heard exclamations in the English language. Euphemisms for these expressions are very common as well. "Oh my Gosh," "Oh my word," "Gosh darn it," "Golly" and "Gosh" are merely mild substitutes for the same phrases. Language does not become correct just because it is common. We must not allow continual exposure to this sin to dull our sensitivity to it. God is to be revered. His holy name is to be blessed (**cf. Ps. 89:7; 103:1**). God-fearing people should consistently abhor the practice of profaning God's name.

Do I really hate covetousness? "He who hates covetousness will pro-long his days" (**Prov. 28:16**). The desire for what others possess is commonly depicted as a virtue in our materialistic culture. Covetousness is defined as unlawful desire for that which belongs to another. Rather than allowing cultural influences to lull us into accepting and participating in covetousness, we should hate covetousness with every fiber of our being.

Do I really hate violence? "The Lord tests the righteous, but the wicked and the one who loves violence His soul hates" (**Ps. 11:5**). Since the Lord hates the very soul of the one who loves violence, wouldn't it be wise to completely remove any affection for violence from our hearts. Do you enjoy movies, television programs, or books that contain violence? Do you desire to solve problems at home, in the work place, among neighbors, or in the church through violence or threat of it? Do you hate violence, or do you love it?

Do I really hate false teaching? In **Revelation 2:6 and 1:5**, Jesus makes it plain that he hated the false teaching of the Nicolaitans, and that he expected church members to do the same. Can we honestly say that we really hate false doctrine when we refuse to "mark" and "avoid" those who teach it because they "have been our friends for years," or they "are such kind and caring people"? Toleration of false teaching and those who teach it can scarcely be called hatred (**cf. Rom. 16:17-18**).

Hating evil is not un-Christ-like. It is most Christ-like. Jesus hated evil more than anyone ever hated anything. The book of Hebrews says of him, "You have loved righteousness and hated lawlessness; Therefore God, Your God, has anointed You with the oil of gladness more than Your companions" (Heb. 1:9). Let us be like Christ; let us hate sin. To hate sin is know love, for love "does not rejoice in iniquity, but rejoices in the truth" (**1 Cor. 13:6**).



## It's Not Enough to be "For" the Right

By Aubrey Belue

Strange as it may sound, that is true. One must not only be for the right, but a part of being "for" the right is to be against the wrong! In our day, when the forces of sin and wrongdoing are so vocal, the temptation surely comes to God's servants to have an inward loyalty to that which is right, but to refrain from taking any stand against the wrong which would cause the public spotlight to shine on them.

One of Satan's fondest hopes would be that a majority feeling among the saints is for a "nothing negative, nothing controversial" stand. It is a temptation to elders today to forget their obligation to be "holding fast the faithful word... and to convict the gainsayers..." **Titus 1:9** – and follow a "nothing negative, nothing controversial" course. Today, it is a temptation to the gospel preacher to take the same course, and fall into the habit of proclaiming "nothing negative, nothing controversial". The Bible teacher, in planning content over a period of time, MUST deal with the whole counsel of God (**Acts 20:27**), and that includes items both negative and controversial. How can the Bible teacher rest at night unless the truth

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on ALL Bible matters is presented? How can we act with a clear conscience unless we keep ourselves "free from the blood of all men." In the long ago, David spoke of God's precepts, acknowledging them to be right, and therefore said, "I hate every false way" (**Ps.**

**119:104**). He, as God's servant, could not be FOR the right, and then be passive regarding the wrong! Isaiah said, that for the sake of God's own, "....will I not hold my peace...I will not rest..." (**Isa 62:1**) God spoke to Ezekiel, telling him that the wicked would perish, and that if God's servants did not warn the wicked, "..his blood will I require at thine hand.." **Ezek. 3:18**. The other side was true as well: "Yet, if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not...he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul." (**v. 19**)

Christian brother or sister, are you for the right? You say, "Yes". Then, Test it: Are you against the wrong?" Will you stand against the crowd--against that wrong, and for that right? Remember, it is not enough to be just for the right. We all must be "against" as well as "for".

