

## **The Wednesday Word, November 17, 2021: God's Blood?**

*"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over which the Holy Ghost has made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He has purchased with His own blood" Acts 20:28.*

Since when, we must ask, did God ever have blood? Surely God is a Spirit (John 4:24) and a Spirit does not have blood? ... True ... But that does not mean God does not have blood!

"Explain?"

Jesus Christ, the man who was God, as a man had blood and this blood is clearly called 'God's blood' which proves once more that Jesus is God.

Let me say the same thing another way. Since this scripture plainly tells us that God purchased the Church with His own blood and we know that it was Christ Jesus who shed His blood for the purchase, then we must conclude once more that Jesus Christ is God.

To know that He who hung upon the cross was our Lord, Master and God must surely move us to lives of dedication to His purposes. It is this very knowledge that He who shed His blood was none other than the Lord God that has motivated innumerable Christian workers through the ages.

But of course, the detractors say this verse (Acts 20:28) is not really in the Bible or it is a mistranslation and surprise, surprise, according to them, it means something entirely different than what it says. We need, they say, a thorough working knowledge of the Greek before we attempt to understand this verse for ourselves. And where would we be, after all, if we did not have them to teach us the true meaning?

Ah well! As the old farmer said, "What else do you expect from a pig but a grunt?" This verse plainly states that God and Jesus Christ are one and the same. Don't ever listen to those who are so confused they tell you that Paul never called Jesus God. He just did it in this verse.

Think of it, the Eternal God came here to go to the cross and buy us back with His blood.  
God nailed to a cross? Who could possibly conceive of such a thing?  
God nailed to a cross? What madness of judgment on the part of those who put him there!  
God nailed to a cross? What a journey from the glory to the gory!  
God nailed to a cross? What amazing restraint on the part of the Almighty to allow His creatures to nail him to the wood!  
God on a cross? As someone once observed, 'Humanity at its worst, Deity at its best!'

The great Henry Law said,

----- look then from other things towards this cross. Look with assured faith. He, who hangs there is verily the mighty God. Therefore, divinity belongs to those deep wounds. They have infinity

of merit to expiate infinity of guilt. He wears your form—He bears your nature—that His sufferings may be accounted, as your own. In Him all power—all fitness—all sufficiency combine ... He is God's glory in the highest.

That which gives the blood its authority and worth is that it is God's blood. If Jesus had been merely a good upstanding man, a noble martyr or even a saintly person the shedding of His blood would have accomplished nothing. If He had been merely a man, His blood would have been worthless because all men of Adam's line are born sinners. Spurgeon takes this up saying,

"If Christ were a mere man...there would be no power in His blood to save; but Christ was "very God of very God;" .... It was the blood of man, for He was man like ourselves; but the divinity was so allied with the manhood, that the blood derived efficacy (*effectiveness*) from it... the unceasing wonder of eternity, that God should become a man to die ... Because He is divine, He is "able to save to the uttermost, them that come unto God by him." His blood is the blood whereby ye may escape the anger and the wrath of God" (C. H. Spurgeon, "The Blood," (*The New Park Street Pulpit*, Vol 5).

And that's the Gospel Truth!