

# *Water and Blood*

**1 John 5:5-6**

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5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ;

This is one of those passages that probably every man who has ever preached a sermon has looked at for his material. It obviously lends itself so well to a discussion of what God has done for man through Christ. Jesus Christ came by the water and the blood. There isn't anything new to be seen here, at least nothing that hasn't been discussed before, but there are so thoughts of doctrine that, to me, stand out for discussion. There are four points that stand out to me...

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- 1) Jesus
- 2) Water
- 3) Christ
- 4) Blood

Now, these thoughts are so closely intertwined that they are almost the same, but they do tell individual stories that when combined give us a complete picture of our Lord and Savior.

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- 1) Jesus

It is interesting to note the slight differences in the introductions to the four Gospels. In...

**Matt 1:1**

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1 The record of the genealogy of Jesus the Messiah, the son of David, the son of Abraham:

Matt. presents a very straight forward statement. This is the record of Jesus, a descendant of Abraham, the man who was to be the messiah, the deliverer.

**Mark 1:1**

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1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

Mark is somewhat similar, but there are some noticeable differences. Where Matt. notes the lineage of Jesus from Abraham, Mark does not note the humanity of Jesus in his intro but does note the fact of His deity that Matt. does not necessarily address, though in hind sight we understand that being the messiah involves that aspect. The people then, did not. Matt. starts by describing the genealogy of Jesus through Joseph, Mary's husband, the legal claim to heritage under the Old Law, Mark, on the other hand, traces the genealogy of Jesus through Mary, illustrating that the birth of Jesus was a miracle, that He indeed was a true...

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## *Son of God*

The humanity of Jesus is an important factor in His being the messiah.

**Heb 2:9**

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9 But we do see Him who was made for a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.

The Hebrew writer points out that not only was Jesus made a man, a little lower than the angels, but He had to suffer death as a man so that the unmerited favor of God could be experienced by everyone who would so choose.

**Heb 5:8** 8

**8** Although He was a Son, He learned obedience from the things which He suffered.

The writer later illustrates that Jesus, the messiah, the Son of God, learned what it meant to be a man by the things that He endured. He was tempted in all things like as man is, He did not want to experience what the penalty for sin demanded, separation from God, and He died a cruel and physically horrendous death upon the cross so that He could accomplish the will of His Father. Jesus was a man, just as we are all men. He had the same frailties, the same emotions and desires, and the same capacity for love. But Jesus completely controlled His humanity where everyone else doesn't. That is why...

**Rom 3:23** 9

**23** for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

Jesus understands the problems we have being human, because He experienced everything, just as we do...

**Heb 4:14-15** 10

**14** Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. **15** For we do not have a high priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but One who has been tempted in all things as we are, yet without sin.

Next...

11 2) Water

This idea of being born of water speaks to a couple of different ideas, I think...

12 A) Baptism

Jesus was baptized by John, and note what He tells John in...

**Matt 3:13-15** 13

**13** Then Jesus arrived from Galilee at the Jordan coming to John, to be baptized by him. **14** But John tried to prevent Him, saying, "I have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?" **15** But Jesus answering said to him, "Permit it at this time; for in this way it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

When John tried to demure from baptizing Him, Jesus says "It is fitting." It was fitting that Jesus do what the rest of the people were being told to do in order to "Fulfill all righteousness." The other thought that is often seen is...

14 B) Birth

In the action of physically being born there is water. I think this further illustrates the humanity of Jesus in that He was born into this world the same as every other man. There is also the

thought that this is talking about when Christ's side was pierced at the cross and the water and blood gushed forth...

**John 19:34** 15

**34** But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out.

The thought is that this satisfies the idea in the verse of being born of water and blood. Take that for what it is worth. But I do see in this the idea of purification. The terms "water" and "blood" can be understood as those elements of purification and under the Old Law.

**Num 19:9** 16

**9** 'Now a man who is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer and deposit them outside the camp in a clean place, and the congregation of the sons of Israel shall keep it as water to remove impurity; it is purification from sin.

To the Israelites, water was an agent used in purifying themselves from uncleanness they came into contact with in the world.

This brings us to our next point...

17 3) Christ

The word comes from the Greek...

Christos (NT:5547) 18

It means "anointed," translates, in the Septuagint, as the word "Messiah," a term applied to the priests who were anointed with the holy oil, particularly the high priest, e. g., Lev 4:3,5,16. Here now we see Luke's and John's introductions. Luke doesn't include any identifier just says here then is the beginning. John, on the other hand is very specific in his statement...

**John 1:1** 19

**1** In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Where Mark revealed that Jesus was the Son of God through Mary, John is very specific in stating that Jesus was not only the Son of God, He was God. This lends weight to what John records as the words of Christ...

**John 12:47** 20

**47** If anyone hears My sayings and does not keep them, I do not judge him; for I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world.

Jesus Himself, says he came to save the world, and in...

**John 4:25-26** 21

**25** The woman said to Him, "I know that Messiah is coming (He who is called Christ); when that One comes, He will declare all things to us." **26** Jesus said to her, "I who speak to you am He."

Jesus was anointed, chosen, by God to be the Savior of mankind. Through His sacrifice man received the opportunity for salvation...

**Acts 4:10-12** 22

**10** let it be known to all of you and to all the people of Israel, that by the name of Jesus Christ the Nazarene, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the dead—by this name this man stands here before you in good health. **11** He is the **STONE WHICH WAS REJECTED** by you, **THE BUILDERS**, but **WHICH BECAME THE CHIEF CORNER** stone. **12** And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved."

Salvation, that which man had longed for and sought since being cast out of the Garden for his sin, was now attainable through the free will gift of Jesus the Christ that He offered in His sacrifice. He came to purify man from the power of sin that he might no longer have to live under it. He offered a better way to live, a life not bound by the constraints of sin, but a life freed from this world and its limitations. This world breeds anger, frustration, vindictiveness, hate, all the internal emotions and reactions to the trials and difficulties that are inherent to it. Look around at what is happening in the world, just in the last month or so. We have people that are killing the very people that have taken an oath to protect them and their way of life from the criminals that would steal it from them. We have some of those who have taken that oath who have chosen to violate it in their response to said criminals. There are so-called religious people in the world that think that it is their duty to eliminate anyone else who doesn't believe the way they do, by any means available, including driving a truck into innocent bystanders. We have an election coming up in which the main candidates that will be chosen between will make the selection of one of them difficult at best. Moses had a reaction to the crumbling of the people which is very easy to understand, but which God said was the wrong reaction. It is so easy to become discouraged by out there. But that is what Christ has done for man. He has given us the ability, the tools, the opportunity to have a better life than what this world, what Satan offers. I can see in that the idea that He came by "water," the agent of purification under the Old Law. Christ has given the man the opportunity to be purified from this world by the "water" of His word. But, He also came to put away the guilt of sin, that man might not be condemned for it. This is our last point...

**23** 4) Blood

**Heb 10:3-4**

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**4** For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

**Heb 9:11-14**

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**11** But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; **12** and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. **13** For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, **14** how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

The book of Hebrews tells of the fulfilling and the ultimate removal of the Law of Moses as the viable and governing Law of God's people. It speaks of the New Law as being better in every way. Note some of the things that the Hebrew letter shows as being better...

- 26** A) Christ's superiority over the angels 1:4 ff  
 1) Because he is a Son 1:4-6  
 2) Because His reign is eternal 1:7 ff
- 27** B) Christ as Son superior to Moses as servant 3:1-6
- 28** C) God's appointment of Christ as Priest 5:4-10  
 1) God's oath the basis of Christ's priesthood 6:13 ff  
 2) Christ a priest after the order of Melchizedek 7:1 ff
- 29** D) The history of Melchizedek 7:1-3  
 1) The superiority of his order over that of Aaron 7:4-10  
 2) Supersession of the Aaronic priesthood 7:11-19
- 30** E) Superiority of Christ's priesthood 7:20-24
- 31** F) Christ a priest befitting spiritual people 7:24 ff  
 1) Christ the true high priest 8:1-10:18  
 2) He is priest of the New Covenant 8:6 ff
- 32** G) Ineffectiveness of the Old Law's sacrifices 9:8-10  
 1) Superiority of Christ's sacrifice 9:11-14  
 2) The one satisfactory sacrifice 10:10-18

The Law, the old way of worship had been done away with and was no longer viable. That is what the book of Hebrews is about because Christ had fulfilled and accomplished all that had been prophesied.

**Matt 5:17**

**33**

17 "Do not think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I did not come to abolish but to fulfill.

Christ didn't come to destroy anything, He came as a man, Jesus, to show all men that they did not have to slaves to this world of sin, that they could be purified from it by following after Him in love and faithful obedience through the waters of life. And He came to bring to man the opportunity to be saved from His sin through the shedding of His blood and paying the price for man's sin in His sacrifice. That is what Christ has done for man...

**1 John 5:5-6**

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5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is the One who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ;

What have we allowed Him to do for us?

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