Three Great Benefits of the Blood of Christ
John 19:31-37

Introduction:
A. God has always required a blood sacrifice.
   1. Began with Abel (Gen. 4:4) and continued through Old Testament.
   2. Preparing world for the ultimate blood sacrifice.
B. Jesus shed his blood on the cross.
   1. But not in verse 34 — already done in verse 33.
   2. To shed blood meant same being put to death (Gen. 9:6; Matt. 23:35 Acts 22:20; Rev. 16:6)
C. Jesus’s blood brought us there great benefits.

Discussion:
I. **Cleansing from Sin** (Heb. 9:13, 14; 1 John 1:7-9; Rev. 1:5)
   A. Saving us from the guilt and penalty of sin (Rom. 5:8, 9; 6:23; 1 Cor. 6:9-11).
   B. Cleansed when we meet the conditions for cleansing (Acts 22:16; 1 John 1:9).
II. **The New Covenant** (Matt. 26:28; Heb. 9:18-20; 10:29)
   A. Covenant is a contract between parties.
      1. Old was a covenant between God and Israel.
      2. New is a covenant between God and all people.
   B. A better covenant than the old in many ways:
      1. Better promises (Heb. 8:6).
      4. Better priesthood (Heb. 7:11-12)
      5. Better hope. (Heb. 7:19).
   A. Reconciled to God by the blood of the cross (Eph. 2:13-18).
   B. Cleansed by the washing of water by the word (Eph. 5:25-26).
   C. Made up of saved people (Eph. 5:23; Acts 2:47).
   D. Providing great fellowship (Eph. 2:19; 3:6).
      1. A universal general fellowship.
      2. A local special fellowship.
         a. Sharing in worship and work.
         b. Sharing in joys and burdens.

Conclusion:
A. Three great benefits: Cleansing, covenant and church.
B. Have you made contact with the blood? (Rom. 6:3,4)
C. Are you continuing in contact with the blood? (1 John 1:7)