
Blood



Important in Nature

□ Essential for life

- Oxygen for cells via lungs
- Nutrients via intestines
- Waste removal via kidneys
- Regulatory hormone transfer
- Immune response
- Temperature regulation

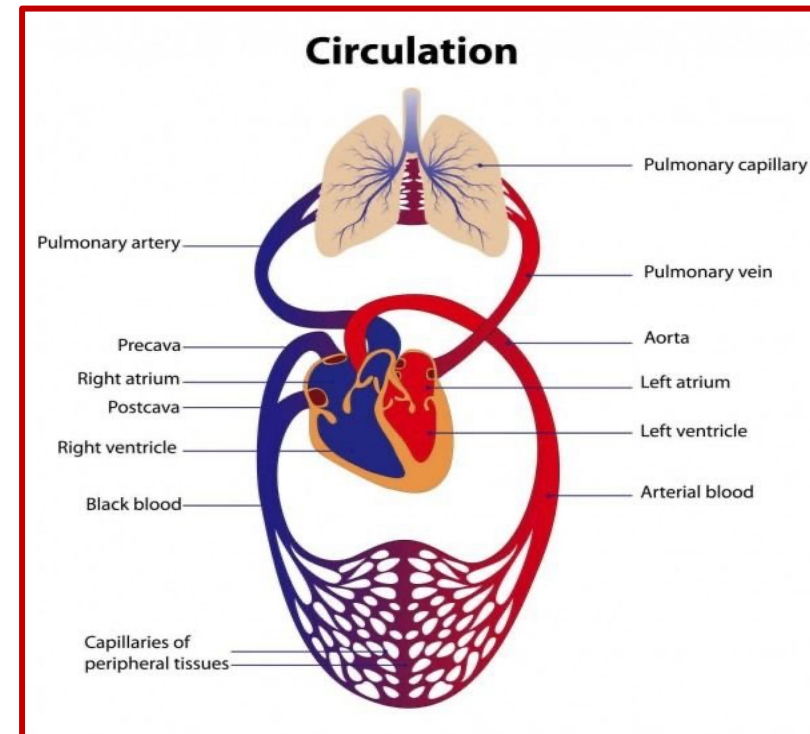
□ Marvelous

- Self-renewal
- Self-repair/clotting

□ Evidence of God's grace and creative power

□ Taken for granted?

- High/low blood pressure
- Heart attack / stroke
- Diabetes
- Hypothermia / frostbite
- Hemophilia



Important in Bible

- >350 verses in NKJV from Genesis to Revelation

- Multiple uses
 - Physical/literal
 - Spiritual/figurative

- Many lessons we can learn...



“In the beginning...”

□ Acts 17:26 One blood

- *“And He has made from one blood every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, ...”*

□ Elsewhere

- Gen. 3:20 *And Adam called his wife’s name Eve; because she was the mother of all living.*

- Col. 3:11 *where there is neither Greek nor Jew, circumcised nor uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave nor free, but Christ is all and in all.*

□ No room for racism



“In the beginning...”

□ Gen. 3:21 Animal sacrifice?

- *Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.*

□ Gen. 4:10 Murder

- *And He said, “What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out to Me from the ground.”*

□ Gen. 9:4 Associated with life and consumption forbidden

- *“But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood.”*
- Acts 15:20 Still



“In the beginning...”

□ Gen. 9:5-6 Capital punishment required

- *“Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; ... From the hand of every man’s brother I will require the life of man. Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.”*
- Law of Moses Ex. 21:12-14; Lev. 24;17
 - *Whoever kills any man shall surely be put to death.*
- Still Rom. 13:1-4 *“...bear the sword”*

□ Gen. 49:11 Similar in appearance to grape juice

- *He washed ... his clothes in the blood of grapes.*



Innocent Blood

- 1 Sam. 19:5 said of King Saul
 - “... *Why then will you sin against innocent blood, to kill David without a cause?*”
- 2 Kings 21:16
 - *Moreover Manasseh shed very much innocent blood, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another, ...*
- Psm. 106:38
 - *And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters, Whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan; And the land was polluted with blood.*
- Modern day equivalent with abortion



Atoning Blood...

□ Ex 30:10

- *“And Aaron shall make atonement upon its horns once a year with the blood of the sin offering of atonement; once a year he shall make atonement upon it throughout your generations. It is most holy to the LORD.”*

□ Lev. 17:11

- *‘For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.’*

□ And yet Heb. 10:1-4

- *For the law, ... can never with these same sacrifices, which they offer continually year by year, make those who approach perfect. ... For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.*

Atoning Blood...

□ The ultimate atoning blood

- Heb. 10:5-19

- *5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said: “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire, But a body You have prepared for Me.” ... 9 then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.” He takes away the first that He may establish the second. By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ... Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,*

- Heb. 9:14

- *how much more shall the blood of Christ, ... cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*



Atoning Blood

□ Matt. 26:26-27 Memorialized via Lord's Supper

- *26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." 27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. 28 For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.*

□ 1 Cor. 11:25

- *In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."*



Covenant Blood...

- Ex. 4:25-26 Associated with Jewish circumcision
 - Vs. 25-26 *Then Zipporah took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses' feet, ... Then she said, “You are a husband of blood!”—because of the circumcision.*
 - Gen. 17:10 A sign of the covenant between God and the descendants of Abraham
- Associated with Christians
 - Col. 2:11-12
 - *In Him (Christ) you were also circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the sins of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, 12 buried with Him in baptism, in which you also were raised with Him through faith in the working of God, who raised Him from the dead.*

Covenant Blood

□ 1 John 1

- Vs. 5-10 *5 This is the message which we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is light and in Him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*
- *8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.*

Conclusion

- ❑ Essential for life (physical and spiritual)
- ❑ Marvelous
 - Rom. 5:8 *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*
- ❑ Evidence of God's gracious love
 - John 3:16 *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.*
- ❑ Taken for granted?



