

The Precious Blood of Jesus Christ

Matthew 26:28- For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. (KJV)

Jesus Christ voluntarily shedding His blood is always to be central in our lives. The serious Christian life is inseparable with the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Life in Jesus Christ involves regularly partaking of the Christ's Body and Blood. Hunger in the soul remains unsatisfied without the Body and Blood of Christ. God's Holy Church is where to partake of Christ's Precious Body and Blood.

Luke 22:4-And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground. (KJV)

Jesus Christ is the example to pray with the greatest fervor in times of agony. Jesus prayed with such fervor He seemed to emit blood as He experienced agony. Our conscience will tell us if we are praying with fervor as did Jesus Christ. Strength awaits the believer fervently praying as Jesus did in life's hardest times. Great love for Jesus Christ is demonstrated in following the ways of Jesus Christ.

John 6:53- Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. (KJV)

Heeding Jesus' words to eat His flesh and drink His blood is essential for life. The Church offers the Precious Body and Blood of Christ at each Divine Liturgy. The choice to partake of the Precious Body and Blood is completely voluntary. Choosing to partake is the firm step toward eternal life and the Kingdom of God. Partaking of the Precious Body and Blood of Jesus Christ is an expression of love.

John 6:56- He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. (KJV)

Love for Jesus Christ and Christ's love for the believer unite during communion. Believers show love for Jesus Christ and Christ's love is present in the partaking. The Church offers the divine experience of Holy Communion to each believer. Each believer has the opportunity to unite with Jesus Christ when communing. Partaking of the Precious Body and Blood of Christ is life's divine experience.

Hebrews 9:14- How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? (KJV)

Jesus' blood renews the believer and Jesus Christ shines forth in his or her life. Jesus Christ guides believers' daily actions when believers are united with Christ. Believer united with Christ through His blood joyfully follow His commandments. Life is blessed and full of joy when lived inseparably with the blood of Christ. God's Holy Church is where to always experience Jesus Christ's Body and Blood.

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