

Episode 032: A Bowl of What? (Exodus 24:1-11)

Blood was a part of nearly every biblical covenant between God and His people. Some of these covenants were two-sided; others were completely one-sided. Unfortunately, some Christians think salvation is one of those two-sided covenants, and they have to do *their part* to be saved.

- What are some ways Christians feel they must contribute toward their own salvation?
- In what ways are you tempted to take credit for your standing as a child of God?

When it comes to our salvation, it is impossible for us to save ourselves or even make the smallest contribution toward that salvation. God has to do it all. As a result, God's covenant of salvation is completely one-sided. God made a promise to us that *He alone* could fulfill. Since we were powerless to save ourselves, God sent His Son to accomplish salvation for us.

That's where the blood of the covenant comes in. It is a powerful reminder of the wages of our sin—death, as well as the overwhelming debt we owed God for our sins—eternal death in hell. The only way we could be saved was for Jesus Christ to come as our Substitute and satisfy God's wrath through His suffering and death in our place on the cross.

- Why are some Christians so resistant to want to think about the blood of Christ?
- What encouragement do you find in thinking about the blood of Christ shed for you?