



# Rockwood Church of Christ

## The Proclaimer

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## LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD

Recently my doctor had me take a blood test to check on my cholesterol. As he was showing me the results of the test, I noticed that a lot of other elements were listed, as well. I remember from science class many moons ago that the blood delivers nutrients and oxygen to the body's cells. But in looking at the report on my blood, I was amazed at how much information it provided. For example, I saw results on the amount of glucose, sodium, potassium, calcium, and protein that was in my system. And that's just the ones I recognized. I also noticed test results for things I did not know what they were or what they did for me (but I'm sure were very vital), like: creatinine, albumin, globulin, bilirubin, and alanine transaminase. Truly the importance of blood cannot be underestimated. It carries many life-sustaining substances.

Humans have not always known the importance of blood. Many people died in the olden days due to barbaric bloodletting processes that was designed to get the "bad blood" out of a person's system. No, people have not always known of the importance of blood, but they should have. All they had to do was read their Bibles. In **Genesis 9**, God gave Noah and family some important instructions concerning matters in the new world after the flood. One of these instructions was, *"Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. But you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood"* (**Genesis 9:3-4**). And the Lord spoke to Moses to deliver to the people the reason that blood sacrifices were required, *"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...for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life..."* (**Leviticus 17:11, 14**).

Yes, through modern medical research, we now know more than ever that blood is very important. God, of course, knew this all along since He created us and knows how our bodies function. Without a doubt, blood equals life. Also, this is a great reminder of how Christ's blood equals eternal life (**Matthew 26:28; John 6:53-56; Ephesians 1:7; I Peter 1:18-19; Revelation 1:5**). Knowing how important it truly is, are you sure that you have truly contacted Christ's blood? (See **Romans 6:3-5**).

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## WOMEN!

There are at least four women mentioned in the genealogy of Jesus; Tamar, Rahab, Ruth and Bathsheba. Each of these women have a story all their own.

Tamar was cheated by her father-in-law from having his younger son as a husband as the custom was. She then played the harlot and became pregnant by Judah her father-in-law. She gave birth to twins.

Rahab had a house on the wall of Jericho. She and her family were saved by God when Israel killed the entire town. She had hidden the spies so they could escape. She obeyed God by hanging the scarlet cord from the window. She was a harlot.

Ruth is really an interesting story. She was a Moabite woman. She married an Israelite man who died. Her second husband was Boaz another Israelite. She impressed him because she was such a kind person.

Bathsheba and David had some sons. Solomon became king after his father. Bathsheba played a very important role in both David and Solomon's lives.

It is interesting that God only mentioned these four women in the ancestry of Jesus.

Some people feel as if they are not important. If you are one of those people, you will need to study about the people in the Bible. God took ordinary people and used them to do His will. *"Listen, my beloved brethren: Has God not chosen the poor of this world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom which He promised to those who love Him?"* **James 2:5**

The church grows because of ordinary people such as the four women mentioned. Church growth is not brought about by people's greatness. The Gospel is the power of God unto salvation. All Christians are capable of spreading the gospel. You can teach your family and friends. You may be the only one they know who is a Christian. You may be the light in their world.

Big congregations make the news because they have big projects and big events. Small congregations are just as important! Their projects or events may be small by comparison. The small congregation in a small community is the light in that community.

Each of these women had a story all their own. You also have a story all your own. You are important to the Lord. *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven"* **Matthew 5:16.**

**Vernon Curry**