

References in this leaflet are from the Bible:
1. 1 Peter 1:18-19; 2. Ephesians 1:7

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For years I have been a Blood Donor. It was a real achievement to be awarded my 'Gold' badge! The Doctor who presented it said, *"When you started donating, it may have been your wish to save some lives. Well you've done that and more. Your blood type is used in the Premature Baby Packs. Already you have saved fifty babies' lives"*.

I immediately thought, *"God didn't give me babies of my own but He has allowed me to save fifty babies!"* I cried all the way home and was forced to wear my sunglasses even though the rain was pouring down! I got some 'odd' looks at the bus stop!

Recently I was invited to donate bone marrow. The patient who needed it had leukaemia. In the end, my samples were inadequate and another donor was a better match so I was reinstated as a platelet donor and discovered I had enough platelets for a treble dose. The doctor joked that as they'd had nothing from me for several months, it was the least I could do!

The main point in all this is that *nothing at all is required from the patient*, other than to accept the donated blood, believing it will give them a new lease of life.

Did you know that the most precious blood of all - spotless and sinless - was freely given for you by the Lord Jesus Christ when He died on the cross?

*"... you were ransomed ... not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot."*¹

The price for our sins was paid in blood - Christ's blood. All He asks of you is to accept that He took the blame for all your sins and by being punished in your place, blotted them out forever. If you invite Jesus into your life, you will confidently be able to say:

*"In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace."*²