**The Biological Function of Blood in the Human Body   
and the Biblical/Theological Metaphor**

| **Blood Function** | **Biological** | **Theological Parallel** |
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| Transports Oxygen | Delivers oxygen to body tissue, removes CO₂ | Jesus' blood brings spiritual “life” and releases from the death of sin |
| Immune Defense | White blood cells fight diseased organisms; antibodies neutralize threats | Christ’s blood “cleanses” and brings spiritual protection |
| Clotting and Healing | Platelets stop bleeding,  initiates healing | Blood of Christ “heals” the breach between God and humanity |
| pH/Balance Regulation | Maintains stable environment, pH, and temperature | Christ’s sacrifice establishes a new, pure covenant (“purifies” believers) |
| Nutrient/Waste Transport | Distributes nutrients, removes waste, supports metabolism | Christ’s blood establishes the “new way” (access to God; sustenance) |