

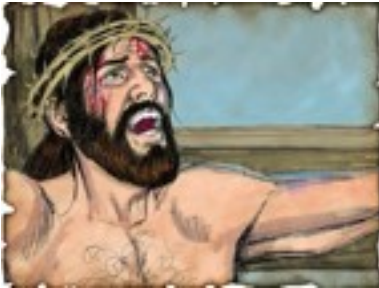
BLOOD OF JESUS

TEXT:

1 Peter 1:2: Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the Blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

When the Blood of Jesus occupies the place in our minds and hearts as it does in God's, we shall enter into the full relationship that believers must have to obtain the benefits of heirs of God in Christ Jesus.

Christ is the only Mediator between God and man. He is the only One to reconcile us to God through His Blood shed on Calvary. He is the Lamb of God Who shed His Blood, the only worthy sacrifice of which the Bible speaks.



We have been made nigh [near] the Father by the Blood. We have liberty to enter the Holy Place through the Blood.

Revelation 1:5: And from Jesus Christ, Who is the faithful witness, and the First Begotten of the dead, and the Prince of the kings of the earth. Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His Own Blood,

Hebrews 9:11: But Christ being come an High Priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect Tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

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?

1 John 1:7: But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Through Jesus' Blood, sacrifice and offering, God takes delight in His Son. When redeemed, it is the joy of a sinner who has sought salvation through the Blood. It

is here the heart of God and the sinner meet, and the miracle of the new birth takes place.

God ordained it is the Blood of His Son that cleanses, washes. When we accept it and call on Jesus for this washing, we are saved. The sprinkling of Blood is what He did for us and to us, but our obedience is what He expects from us. The Fall was the turning from doing God's Will to self-will. Jesus came to bring us back to God again, to obedience, by deliverance from the nature of rebellion. These two words are inseparable: **obedience**, and **sprinkling**.



Jesus became obedient to death, even to death on the cross. If He had not been obedient to death, there would have been no shedding of His Blood, and there would have been no salvation. We are not saved by the mere fact that He lived a good, exemplary life.

The disposition or nature manifested by Christ in the shedding of His Blood — obedience, even unto death — must become the disposition of those on whom it is sprinkled. To have the benefits of His cleansing Blood, we must submit to the **obedience of faith** in the terms of the Gospel.

“Thy will, oh God, unto death!”

The Spirit of Obedience

Those who truly trust in Jesus as their Saviour and Lord will manifest a spirit of obedience. **If you don't have the joy and peace coming from the cleansing of the Blood, it is certain you have not fully surrendered to the obedience the Word of God teaches.**



- **Do you find something within rebelling against these words?**
- **Are you discouraged because the blessedness of Blood Cleansing are not realities?**

Then there is **disobedience** in your very nature. Note what comes next.

Holy Spirit

The word “holy” is applied more often to Him, the Holy Spirit, than to the Father or the Son, because the Holy Spirit is the One who transfers holiness to the heart of the redeemed. He is called **Spirit of Sanctification** holiness. He fills us with desire and power to live holy, strengthened by might and power by His Spirit in the inner man. He is so united to believers that He produces conviction against worldliness, sin, and works of the flesh, and He gives us the willingness to obey. To disregard Him is to grieve Him; while being Christlike and maintaining a trustful confidence in the Holy Spirit, we grow.



Failure here is failure to mature spiritually; failure in growth, in grace, and in experience gives us little power to stand against the wiles of the devil, temptation, seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils. Ask for the Holy Spirit to give you a clearer understanding of the Word of God. HE will guide you into all truth and into deeper spiritual insight.

Do you know the power of Jesus' Blood? It cleanses from all sin. The Holy Spirit witnesses to the Blood-cleansing conscience.

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?

The Spirit works to apply the Blood.

Foreknowledge of the Father

Ephesians 1:11: Whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of Him Who worketh all things after the counsel of His Own Will:

John 3:16: For God so loved the world, that He gave His Only Begotten

Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have Everlasting Life.

1 John 3:16: Hereby perceive we the Love of God, because He laid down His Life for us: and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

2 Corinthians 5:19: To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

John 8:25-28:

25 Then said they unto Him, "Who art thou?" And Jesus saith unto them, "Even the same that I said unto you from the beginning.

26 I have many things to say and to judge of you: but He [Father God] that sent Me is True; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of Him."

27 They understood not that He spake to them of the Father.

28 Then said Jesus unto them, "When ye have lifted up the Son of Man, then shall ye know that I am He, and that I do nothing of Myself; but as My Father hath taught Me, I speak these things."

1 Peter 1:18-19:

18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:



Believers, saints who have come to the knowledge of the preciousness of the Blood, come nearer and let Him teach you. Open your soul in faith to receive fuller effects of that preciousness of Blood than you have ever experienced before.

- **Reconciliation thru Blood**
- **Cleansing thru Blood**
- **Sanctification thru Blood**
- **Victory thru Blood**
- **Life thru Blood**

What gives Jesus' Blood such preciousness and power? It is Divine Blood.

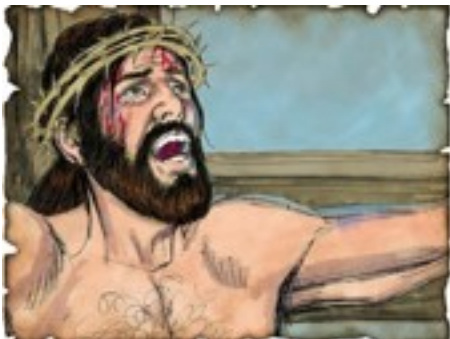
Acts 20:28: Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Spirit hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His Own Blood.

There is No other means of Redemption but the Blood of Jesus. The devil tries to say: He slept in the tomb, but never died. The life of the flesh is in the Blood, as we are told in **Leviticus 17:11**:

Leviticus 17:11: For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

When the blood is gone out of a person, his life is gone, also. Jesus' shed Blood brought death to His Body. Jesus' Blood alone opens Heaven to sinners who are reconciled and washed by it.

Jesus' Blood opened the grave. God raised Jesus up from the grave and death.



Hebrews 13:20: Now the God of Peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the Blood of the everlasting Covenant,

Hebrews 9:12: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His Own Blood He entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal Redemption for us.

John 14:3: And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto Myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.

Redeemed, delivered from slavery — all by His purchase.

Sinners are cursed, doomed, and condemned by the Law of God that says:

Romans 3:23: For all have sinned, and come short of the Glory of God;

Redemption includes everything God does for the sinner, and pardon from sin.

Ephesians 1:14: Which is the earnest of our inheritance until the Redemption of the purchased possession, unto the praise of His Glory.

Ephesians 4:30: And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the Day of Redemption.

Full deliverance of our bodies in resurrection

Romans 8:24: For we are saved by hope: but hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for?

Every true believer is an illustration of the wonderful power of the Blood. The “redeemed” message kills self-righteousness of the natural heart, deceived by satan who causes sinners to reject Jesus.

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When is the Blood applied? — When there is conviction, contrition, conversion, and confession of faith in Jesus’ Blood.

Many Christians know of the Blood only in Salvation. That is insufficient knowledge of its preciousness. God’s Word teaches deeper meaning.

Feeble conceptions of its power show that the Holy Ghost is not their teacher. Jesus’ Blood keeps us clean like a bath does for the body:

1 John 1:7-9:

⁷ But if we walk in the Light, as He is in the Light, we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

⁸ If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

⁹ If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Jesus’ shed Blood is a fountain opened for sin and uncleanness.

The Spirit of God works only where the Blood is applied.

1 John 5:8: And there are Three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the Blood [atonement]: and these Three agree in One.

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?

The Spirit witnesses in the heart of man when Blood cleanses.

1 John 3:24: And he that keepeth His Commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us.

1 John 4:13: Hereby know we that we dwell in Him, and He in us, because He hath given us of His Spirit.

We must know more about the Blessedness or Preciousness of the Blood of Jesus to experience its power now. God, be with me and lead me to the Holy Spirit's school to find deeper knowledge of Redemption by Your Son's Blood.

Do you see a deeper need? For those of us who are redeemed by the Blood of Jesus, we recognize we have sinned against His Perfect Will for us, in so many ways. **His Blood works in the heart of the surrendered life as a ceaseless power of deliverance and perfecting by the cleansing and the supplying of Divine Life.**



The Children of Israel, in contrast, saw daily sacrifices for cleansing. Every day they would see smoke arise from the Temple where sacrifices were being offered for sin. This served as a daily reminder to them that sin caused death, along with their need for repentance and forgiveness.

In addition, once a year on Yom Kippur — the Day of Atonement — the high priest would enter into the

Holy of Holies in the Temple, and would sprinkle the blood of the animal that had been scarified onto the Mercy Seat.

This was done to seek atonement for his own sins, the sins of his family, the sins of the priests, and the sins of the nation. If accepted by God, it served to make atonement for the people's sins.



Unlike in the times of animal blood sacrifices on the Mercy Seat, you can receive atonement for your sins through the precious Blood of Jesus by accepting Him into your heart as your personal Lord and Savior.

Hebrews 9:12: Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His Own Blood He [Jesus] entered in once into the Holy Place, having obtained eternal Redemption for us.

It is Jesus Who offered Himself as the only acceptable sacrifice for the cleansing of your sins. He paid that price, *once and for ALL*, in order that you might have Eternal Life - Eternal Salvation.

Do you have His Blood applied daily for your sins? If not, won't you invite Jesus into your heart and center of your life today?

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