

Strengthening Apostolic Families Everywhere



"And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission." Hebrews 9:22



The Blood Still Works

"There is power, power, wondering-working power in the blood of the Lamb!" These are the words to a song often sung in Pentecostal worship services. But what exactly does it mean? With Easter approaching soon, let's explore the significance of the blood of Jesus.

In the beginning of time Adam and Eve were placed in the beautiful Garden of Eden. Each day God would come and walk with them in the cool of the day. This was His purpose for creating man in the first place- to have a relationship with him. But one day all of that changed.

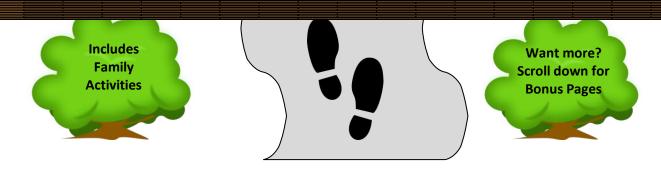
God gave man dominion over the plants and animals in the Garden, but there was one tree that they were commanded not to eat from, the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Satan used his power of deception on Eve to convince her that God wasn't treating her fairly by denying her the pleasure of this one tree. Sadly, Eve succumbed to his lies and ate from the tree and gave some to her husband and he ate, too.

Immediately sin entered into their lives through their disobedience! No longer would they enjoy the sweet communion with God. They realized they were naked and attempted to cover themselves with fig leaves. When God confronted them with their wrong, he took the skins of animals and made coverings for them. The blood of innocent animals was shed to cover their sin. This set the pattern for God's plan of redemption.

Centuries later when the Israelites were being delivered from Egyptian bondage, the people were commanded to put the blood of a perfect lamb upon the doorpost of their home so that they would be protected from the death angel. Those who obeyed were kept safe.

Although Adam and Eve broke communion through their disobedience, Jesus made a way to restore that communion. "And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross." (Philippians 2:8). What a contrast! Romans 5:19 tells us, "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Because of the sacrifice of Jesus we can have remission of sins. The blood still works!

Family Prayer: "Lord Jesus, thank You for offering the perfect sacrifice, Your own precious blood, to redeem us from sin. In Jesus' Name, amen."





Many denominational churches have removed songs from their hymnals which mention the blood, saying it is too gory.

How sad, when Jesus' blood is what atones for our sins! Make a list of all the songs you can think of which mention the blood. How about designing your own music book to use during your family devotions? Make it special!

Let's talk

What type of lamb was required for a sacrifice in the Old Testament? (Do some research, if necessary). How does this relate to John the Baptist's introduction of Jesus in the first chapter of John? Why was Jesus the only one who could meet this requirement?

How about taking a few moments to send in photos or comments to let us know what these devotionals have meant to you? We would love to hear from you! Also, please add S.A.F.E. HOMES Devotions to your personal prayer time each day this week. Pray for those who volunteer their time to this ministry and to those who are touched by the Apostolic message around the world through these devotions.



Additional Challenges

Let's do a short study on the significance of the blood throughout the Bible.

Genesis 3:21	"Unto	also and to hi	S	did the LORD God make
	of	, and clothe	d them.	
Exodus 12				
3 Speak ye unto	all the con	gregation of Israel, saying	g, In the tenth day of t	his month they shall take to them
every man a		, according to the	house of their fathers	, afor an house:
5 Your lamb sha	all be			, a male of the first year: ye shall
take it out from	the sheep,	or from the goats:		
7 And they shal	l take of the	<u> </u>	, and strike it on	the two side posts and on the upper
door post of the	e houses, wh	erein they shall eat it.		
13 And the		shall be to you for a	token upon the house	s where ye are: and when I see
the		_, I will pass over you, an	d the plague shall not	be upon you to destroy you, when I
smite the land o	of Egypt.			
John 1:29 "Th	ne next day	John seeth	coming un	to him, and saith, Behold the
		, which	taketh away the sin o	of the world."
Matt 26:28 "I	For this is m	y	of the	,
which is shed fo	or many for	the remission of	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	
1 John 1:7 "Bւ	ut if we wall	x in the	, as he is in the	, we have
		one with another, and	the	of Jesus Christ his Son
cleanseth us fro	om all	,, •		

 $The \ Blood \ of \ Jesus \ still \ cleanses \ from \ sin \ to day!$

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Jesus, Our Perfect Lamb

