

**A Portrait of The Blood – Pt. 2
Hebrews 9:22**

Big Idea – The blood of Jesus Christ alone brings healing from the terminal disease of sin.

“...almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without the shedding of blood is no remission/forgiveness.” (Hebrews 9:22)

At the Passover meal right before Jesus’ death on the cross for our sins, Jesus said, “For this is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the remission/the forgiveness of sins.” Matthew 26:28

1. The Blood Is Perfect

A natural father would have imparted the sin-nature of Adam to Christ and His death would not have provided redemption. The virgin birth is absolutely essential to the salvation of our souls.

The Bible clearly teaches that Jesus was born of a virgin and did not have original sin. Matthew quotes Isaiah the prophet saying,

Matthew 1:23 Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us.

Judas cried out. “I have betrayed innocent blood.”

Paul explained, “For He (God) hath made Him (Jesus) to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him.” 2 Corinthians 5:21

Think of the Roman governor Pontius Pilate who said, “I find in him no fault at all.” John 18:38

Jesus Himself said, “Which of you convinces me of sin?” John 8:46

He was spoken of as, “Holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners, and made higher than the heavens.” Hebrews 7:26

Again, “Who did no sin, neither was guile found in His mouth.” 1 Peter 2:22

John added, “in Him is no sin.” I John 3:5

2. The Blood Is Pure

One of reasons we use grape juice in our Communion Service instead of wine is because wine has to go through a process of fermentation. The process of fermentation is actually bacteria working in the juice. It is a rotting process. This could never give a proper picture of the sinless Blood of Christ.

When the pure blood of the Savior is applied to the sinner, it provides cleansing. John explained, "The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin." I John 1:7b.

"What can wash away my sin?

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

What can make me whole again?

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

Oh, precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow

No other fount I know

Nothing but the Blood of Jesus.

And because it is pure, it is purifying!

3. The Blood Is Perpetual

The animal sacrifices of the Old Testament were continuous year after year.

"He is not like the other priests who had to offer sacrifices every day, first for their own sins, and then for the sins of the people. Christ offered his sacrifice only once and for all time when he offered himself." Hebrews 7:27

"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." Hebrews 9:12

"But now once in the end of the world has he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself." Hebrews 9:26

The Bible states, "But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God." Hebrews 10:12

The Bible speaks of the "blood of the everlasting Covenant." Hebrews 13:20. Our faith in His blood is all it takes to settle it forever and ever.

4. The Blood Is Powerful!

The song writer wrote:

Would you be free from the burden of sin?

There is power in the Blood

Would you over evil a victory win?

There's wonderful power in the Blood

There is power, power wonder working power

In the Blood of the Lamb

There is power, power wonder working power

In the precious Blood of the Lamb

John wrote, "Thou hast redeemed us to God by thy blood." Revelation 5:9

It takes amazing power to do that! Revelation 12:11 says they overcame the wicked one, Satan, by the blood of the Lamb.

It takes a lot of power to do that, too!

False religion has always denied the blood and its power.

"Without the shedding of blood there is no remission." Hebrews 9:22

5. The Blood Is Permanent

Jesus' blood cleanses from our past sins. Isaiah said, "I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee." Isaiah 44:22

David spoke to this when he stated, "As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:12

"I will remember them no more against you forever."

"The Blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin." I John 1:7

Jesus' blood conquers all sin!

6. The Blood Is Precious

We love to sing, "Oh precious is the flow that makes me white as snow. No other fount I know. Nothing but the Blood of Jesus."

Peter used the term "precious" to describe the Blood of Christ. He said, "You are not redeemed with money... but with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." I Peter 1:19

1 Peter 1:7 that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ,

1 Peter 2:4 Coming to Him as to a living stone, rejected indeed by men, but chosen by God and precious,

6 Therefore it is also contained in the Scripture, "Behold, I lay in Zion A chief cornerstone, elect, precious, And he who believes on Him will by no means be put to shame."

7 Therefore, to you who believe, He is precious; but to those who are disobedient, "The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone,"

2 Peter 1:1 Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

4 by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

Recently I read a story of a very wealthy old man who had an elaborate collection of Van Gogh and Monet paintings. His only son shared his father's interest in the rare paintings. They traveled around the world buying these painting wherever they could find them.

The son enlisted in the army and was placed in the medical corps. In a severe battle, while carrying a wounded soldier to safety, the son was seriously wounded himself and died. The mother was dead already and the news of the tragedy devastated the old father. He grieved in loneliness for months.

One day a knock came at his door and when he responded he found a young man with a package. The young man explained that he was one of the several soldiers that the son had carried to safety. Knowing of his interest in paintings he had painted a picture of the son and presented it to the father.

The painting was not rare but was very precious to the old man because it was a good resemblance of his son.

The man moved a very valuable painting from the mantle and placed the picture of his son in its place. Hour after hour he sat in a rocker and gazed up at the image of his beloved son.

When death came the art collection was put up for sale by auction. Hundreds of collectors came to bid. The auctioneer announced that the will stated that the picture of his son was to be auctioned first. A moan of disappointment could be heard from the crowd. "Let's get on with the real paintings," one was heard to say.

The son's picture was held up and the auctioneer cried, "Who will give \$100.00, \$50.00, \$25.00. There was no response. A kind old gentleman in the back asked, "Will you take

\$10.00." "Sold," said the auctioneer. "Good", cried the crowd. "Now we can get on with the auction."

"Ladies and gentlemen, that concludes the auction," announced the auctioneer. The crowd was puzzled and upset. Then the statement was given. The will declared that the son's picture was to be sold and the person who took it would get all the rest. The old man who paid \$10.00 for the picture of the son was suddenly amazed at the fact that he now owned all the valuable paintings.

When a person takes the Son of God, everything God has is included. We become heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus. The precious blood has made it all possible.

7. The Blood Is Protective – Exodus 12

God had said, "...the blood on your doorposts will serve as a sign, marking the houses where you are staying. When I see the blood, I will pass over you. This plague of death will not touch you when I strike the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:13

In the O.T. in the book of Exodus, chapter 12 God told the Jews to sacrifice a perfect lamb, one without spot or blemish" (symbolizing the perfect Lamb of God who would come one day as a final sacrifice for the sins of the world). They were told to put the blood on the doorposts of their house so it could be seen when the death angel came over the land of Egypt in the final 10th plague.

Revelation 12:13 speaks of "the Lamb slain before the foundation of the world"

The blood represented their faith in God's words to them through Moses; It was actually their faith that brought them protection. They believed the Word the Lord had given to Moses. They believed it enough to act on it. By following the directions just as the Lord instructed they reaped a great benefit.

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We usually call this event "the Jewish Passover," but the Bible calls it "the Lord's Passover" (vv. 11, 27; Lev. 23:5; Num. 28:16). The observance was more than an "Independence Day" celebration because the feast was kept "unto the Lord" (Ex. 12:48; Num. 9:10, 14). "It is the sacrifice of the Lord's passover" (Ex. 12:27).

The focus of attention is on the Lord because what occurred that special night was because of Him. At least 17 times in Exodus 12 "the Lord" is mentioned because He was the one in charge.

God revealed His power (vv. 29-30). After the Jews held their Passover feast "between the evenings," they waited for God's signal to depart. At midnight, the Lord struck the firstborn, death visited every Egyptian household, and a great cry arose throughout Egypt (11:6; 12:30). Death is no respecter of persons, and that night it touched the family

of the lowest Egyptian prisoner as well as Pharaoh himself. However, not a single death occurred among the Jewish people in the land of Goshen. The lesson here is obvious: Unless you're protected by the blood of Christ, when death comes, you'll be completely unprepared, and you don't know when death is coming.

God kept His promises (vv. 31-36). God told Moses what was going to happen and Moses announced it to Pharaoh (11:1-8), but Pharaoh didn't believe it. However, God's word didn't fail. Just as He said to Moses, the firstborn in Egypt died, there was a great cry in Egypt, Pharaoh told the Israelites to leave, and the Egyptian people freely gave them of their wealth. Promises were fulfilled that night that were made to Abraham centuries before (Gen. 15:13-14).

"There has not failed one word of all His good promise, which He promised through His servant Moses" (1 Kings 8:56)

God delivered His people (vv. 37-42, 51). The Israelites marched boldly out of Egypt in full view of the Egyptians who were busy burying their dead (Num. 33:3-4). If there were about 600,000 Jewish men taking part in the Exodus, then the total number of Jews must have been about 2 million. Like an army with its divisions (Ex. 12:17, 51), they marched quickly in orderly fashion, with their flocks and their herds. Not one Jew was too feeble to march, and the Egyptians were glad to see the Jews get out of their land (Ps. 105:37-38).

We still speak of being "under the Blood." The judgment of eternal death, separation from God for eternity in Hell, will not fall on those who have placed their faith in Christ and accepted Him as their Savior.

If you have not gotten under the protection of the Blood of Jesus Christ, I invite you to do so now before the death angel comes to your house.

Do you get the picture today? Can you see Christ's blood? More importantly, can God see it? If not, all He sees is your sin. Make sure you're covered...one application will do!