

Blood Covenant Part 5 “Precious Blood”

1 Peter 1:18-19

- We've been redeemed from our vain conversations or worldly manners of life with the precious blood of Jesus.
 - o Precious comes from a Greek word that also means honored, costly, valuable.
- The reason the blood of Jesus was so precious, honored, costly, and valuable is because it's the only thing that could redeem us.
 - o The word redeem means to buy back from.
 - o For a piece of fruit and a moment of pleasing, his wife Adam sold us to satan and the curse of sin.
 - o The only option for mankind now was to die and suffer the wrath of a holy God who could not look upon sin or allow it to go unpunished.
 - o But God not willing to punish mankind came up with a plan to set us free and reconcile us back to Him.
 - o Since the deal Adam made with the devil broke a blood covenant with God, the only thing that was going to get us out of the situation was the shedding of blood.
 - o So instead of God shedding Adam's blood and wiping out the whole human race that was in his seed, He mercifully allowed Adam to live and worked out a plan to shed the blood of Jesus instead.
 - o Therefore, the blood of Jesus became the payment or the ransom if you will, to buy us back or redeem us out of the clutches of sin, hell, and satan.
 - o Therefore, it's the precious blood of Jesus!!!

Hebrews 10:26

- Most people have taken this verse to mean that if you have already come to the truth about Jesus and are saved, if you willfully sin as opposed to accidentally sinning, then you are screwed because there's no more sacrifice for you. Wrong!!
- First of all, all sin is willful. I don't know where we are getting the idea that we sin sometimes on accident.
- Think about who he was writing to. He was writing to Hebrews or Jews converted from the law who had at one time put their faith in sacrifices and circumcision.
- The willful sin that Jesus was referring to committing after they have received the knowledge of the truth about Jesus being the sacrifice for their sin is the willful sin of unbelief.
 - o The sin of willfully choosing not to believe in Jesus as the sacrifice for sin but choosing rather to put their faith back in the law and animal sacrifices and circumcision.
 - o The only sin that is taking people to hell today is the sin of unbelief.

- John 16:8-9 the Holy Ghost came to convince the world of sin not because they are adulterers, liars, drunks, etc. but because they don't believe on Jesus. He's here to convince them of their sin of unbelief.
- John 3:17-18 you are condemned because you don't believe.
- Therefore, the writer was saying to them if you willfully choose not to trust in Jesus for the sacrifice for your sins, then there is no other sacrifice for sin. It's Jesus or nothing.

Hebrews 10:27

- So, all that remains is a fearful expectation for judgement that will devour the adversaries or unbelievers.
 - What were you before you were reconciled to God? You were an unbeliever.
 - But Romans 5:10 also says you were an enemy or adversary to God.
 - Therefore, an adversary of God according to scripture is an unbeliever.
 - So, if you willfully sin by choosing not to put your faith in Jesus as the sacrifice for your sin after you've already come to the knowledge of that truth, then there is no other sacrifice you can put your faith in and all that's left for you is to fear and expect the judgement of God that is going to devour the unbelievers.

Hebrews 10:28-29

- So, if people that despised the law of Moses and the circumcision and animal sacrifice were sorely punished, how much more do they deserve punishment that has counted the precious, costly, valuable, honorable blood of Jesus unholy or common.
- "Trodden underfoot the Son of God."
 - What do you walk on without thinking about it? Stuff that's not valuable to you.
 - When you choose not to believe in Jesus and see Him as just a common everyday man, it's like you are walking on him as if He is something that's of no value.
 - But folks, we know that the blood of Jesus is not common blood. It wasn't just the common blood of an everyday man being shed. It was the blood of our savior being shed in our place for our sin to redeem us back to God.
- But notice that the blood of Jesus sanctified Him.
 - Sanctified in the Greek means to be separate from profane things, dedicate to God, purify externally and internally.
 - The blood of Jesus sanctified Him and made Him perfect and separated Him from every other human on the face of the earth.

So, let's look in scripture and understand exactly why Jesus' blood sanctified Him.

Lev 17:11

- The life of the flesh is contained in the blood.
- Without blood we don't live.
- In the blood is DNA, oxygen, white blood cells that fight disease, chemicals that pertain to our quality of life.
- The type of life we have is therefore determined by the blood.

Gen 2:7

- When man became a living soul, he had to have blood because the life of the flesh is in the blood.
- The blood of Adam came from God. So, this was God's blood flowing through Adam.
- The life of Adam was coming from the blood of God that was flowing through Him.
- Therefore, Adam had eternal, perfect, righteous, incorruptible life or you could say the God kind of life because he had God's blood flowing through his veins.

The blood changed.

- After Adam sinned, His life changed so therefore that means something had to change in the blood since the life of the flesh is in the blood.
- Man's blood was corrupted and received a sin nature or sin DNA and was no longer able to make Him eternal.
 - o Death therefore reigned in His body (Romans 5:17)
- This is why the bible says that we are shaped in iniquity (Psalms 51:5).
 - o We don't have to sin to be a sinner. We are born sinners because it's in our corrupted blood.
- 1 Corinthians 15:50
 - o Notice it says our blood is corrupted and that it cannot inherit the kingdom.
 - o So, we need a blood transfusion.

John 1:14

- Jesus came from the word, so His blood came from the same place the first Adam's blood came from and that was God.
- If Jesus would've come from man, He would've had man's corrupted blood in Him.
 - o This means the DNA of sin would've been in Him and He would've been no different than any other man.
- But because Jesus had God's blood in Him, the life that Adam had in the beginning Jesus got it back.
- The blood then separated Him, made Him holy, made Him pure, and made Him righteous. Without the blood, He couldn't have been our perfect sacrifice.

- Without the blood of the Father, He would've just died a deserving death on the cross. But because of the blood of the Father that made Him innocent, He didn't have a punishment to bare Himself so therefore He could bare ours.

Mathew 26:27-28 Jesus introduces communion to us.

- Remember that what Jesus is doing here is an element of the blood covenant that man would make in the Jewish culture.
 - o The disciples understood what this was.
 - o In the Jewish culture, part of the blood covenant ceremony was the elders of the family coming together and feeding each other bread and wine.
- Jesus was saying here by giving them the wine that I am giving you my blood and therefore the life of my blood. (blood transfusion)
 - o When God looks at us, He looks at us as if His blood is flowing through us.
- When we do communion, we are by faith drinking in the blood of Jesus that sanctified Him and it's sanctifying us. We are declaring that I have His blood flowing through my veins and therefore the life of that blood.

Acts 17:26

- We are according to God of one blood type which means that we have the same blood flowing through us which is the blood of Jesus.
- This needs to be your faith that the sanctifying blood of Jesus is flowing through me and I have the life of the blood of Jesus.
- Hebrews 13:12
 - o You are now sanctified by the precious blood of Jesus separated from profane things, dedicated to God, purified externally and internally.