

# Question About Whether Jesus Took His Blood with Him When He Ascended to Heaven

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1 Corinthians 15:50 go to sleep for your for your... Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God. Did Jesus take his blood with him when he ascended and is he using it in the sanctuary now?

## Answer:

This is a deep and important question that touches on both **Christ's bodily resurrection**, **His ascension**, and **His ongoing ministry in the heavenly sanctuary**. Let's walk through it biblically and theologically, including what *1 Corinthians 15:50* means, and how Christ's **blood** relates to His **heavenly intercession**.

## 1 Corinthians 15:50 – “Flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God”

“Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption.” (*1 Corinthians 15:50, KJV*)

This verse means that **mortal, corruptible human nature**—as we now have it—**is not fit for eternity**. Paul is emphasizing the need for transformation at the resurrection. He's not saying physical bodies can't go to heaven (Jesus had a glorified body!), but that **fallen, perishable bodies need to be changed**.

## Did Jesus Take His Blood with Him When He Ascended?

### Short Answer:

Yes, in a **heavenly, priestly sense**, Jesus took His **own blood** into the heavenly sanctuary—not in a literal container, but as the **merit of His sacrificial life**—and is using it in the heavenly sanctuary as our High Priest.

Let's explain.

## Biblical Support – Jesus' Blood in Heaven

## 1. Hebrews 9:11–12

“But Christ being come an high priest... by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.”

- This verse is key: **“by His own blood”** He entered heaven’s Most Holy Place—not with the physical blood in a vial, but with the **value of His shed blood**.
- This mirrors how the earthly priest entered the tabernacle with blood to **make atonement**.

## 2. Hebrews 12:24

“To Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.”

- Jesus’ blood continues to “speak” on our behalf. This is **symbolic**, not physical—**His sacrifice remains effective** in heaven.

## Jesus’ Glorified Body and the Resurrection

When Jesus rose from the dead:

- He had **flesh and bones**, as seen in Luke 24:39:

“Behold my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have.”

- Notice: He says **“flesh and bones,”** not **“flesh and blood.”**

Some scholars and early church writers have taken this to imply that His **glorified body** was **not sustained by blood**, the way our fallen bodies are, but rather by **divine life**—immortal and incorruptible.

This lines up with **1 Corinthians 15:45**:

“The last Adam [Jesus] became a life-giving spirit.”

So, in His glorified state, **Jesus no longer operates by the same human biology**, but this does not mean He's no longer human—He is still the **God-Man**, with a **real human body**, now glorified.

### What Is Jesus Doing With His Blood Now?

According to Hebrews 7–10, Jesus is:

- Our **High Priest**
- Ministering in the **heavenly sanctuary**
- Offering the **merits of His blood** before the Father for our **atonement, forgiveness, and cleansing**

This is not a re-sacrificing but a **continual application** of the **finished work** of the cross.

“He ever liveth to make intercession for them.” (*Hebrews 7:25*)

### Summary Table

Concept	Truth
1 Cor. 15:50 – “Flesh and blood”	Mortal humanity cannot inherit eternity; we must be changed
Jesus’ body after resurrection	Glorified, real, physical – “flesh and bones” (Luke 24:39)
Did Jesus take His blood to heaven?	Yes – symbolically as merit of His sacrifice (Heb. 9:12)
Is He using it now?	Yes – intercedes with the power of His shed blood (Heb. 7:25)
Literal or symbolic blood?	Symbolic application, not literal container of blood

### Final Thought

Jesus’ **blood is still active** in the plan of salvation—**not because He re-bleeds**, but because His **sacrifice is once and for all**, and its power **never fades**. In heaven, He still pleads the value of that blood for your forgiveness, sanctification, and eternal life.

“His blood still speaks... not from the cross, but from the throne.”

