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## **Lesson 5: The Power of the Blood of Jesus**

**Today we learn:**

- 1. God had a redemption plan since the foundation of the World.**
- 2. The power of the blood of Jesus: What does it do for you?**
- 3. Where and when did Jesus shed his blood?**
- 4. How do we remember/partake of his blood?**

**Goal:** The blood of Jesus is precious to God and is the core of the Gospel. It cost Jesus everything. You will understand what his blood accomplished for you. Let us remember daily the Lord's great sacrifice on our behalf.

### **1. God's redemption plan.**

**In Exodus 33:18-23 we find an interesting story:**

In short Moses asked God: "Now show me your glory."

And God responded: "You cannot see my face, for no one may see me and live."

**Why must we die if we see God?**

Because God is holy, and we are not. Hebrews 12:29 says "He is a consuming fire" – that means he destroys everything that isn't good. All of us have sinned (Romans 3:23). Therefore, we are all destined to die (Romans 6:23) and live forever separated from God.

**But we have good news: God knew this all along and he has provided a solution.**

The scriptures confirm this:

**Acts 2:23** This Jesus, delivered up according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God

**Revelation 13:8** The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world

**When Israel was delivered out of Egypt (symbolic for us being delivered out of this world), we see the lamb foreshadowing Jesus.**

**Exodus 12** in summary describes Israel's exodus from Egypt. God commanded them to sacrifice a "spotless lamb" (Exodus 12:3-5). Each family had to smear its blood on their doorposts. God promised to "pass over" the houses with the blood-marked doorposts, sparing their firstborn from death (Exodus 12:13). The blood of the lamb was lifesaving.

**Also in the Old Testament law, which is a shadow of things to come (Col 2:17), we see once more that the sacrifice of Jesus, the lamb of God (John 1:29), was God's plan from the beginning:**

**In Leviticus 17:11:** For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life.

**Hebrews 9:22** In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For **without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.**

**The Passover celebration**, which God commanded Israel to keep, was also to foreshadow the victorious death of Jesus that brought us life. After Jesus celebrated the passover with his disciples, he initiated what we now celebrate as "Communion". Why Communion? Because we have fellowship with the Holy Spirit through the death and resurrection of Christ.

**The blood of animals didn't have the power to take sins away – that is why Jesus had to be sacrificed.**

**Hebrews 10:4-5 says:**

<sup>4</sup> It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.<sup>5</sup> Therefore, when Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me;

<sup>6</sup> with burnt offerings and sin offerings you were not pleased.

<sup>7</sup> Then I said, 'Here I am—it is written about me in the scroll—I have come to do your will, my God.'"<sup>[a]</sup>

## 2. The power of the blood of Jesus: what did his blood accomplish for us?

### 1 FORGIVENESS OF SINS.

**Matthew 26:28** (Jesus speaking)... for this is My blood, which confirms the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out as a sacrifice to **forgive the sins** of many.

**Ephesians 1:7** He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and **forgave our sins**.

**Hebrews 10:17** And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

**Revelation 1:5**....Jesus Christ....the first to rise from the dead, and the ruler of all the kings of the world. All glory to him who loves us and has **freed us from our sins by shedding His blood for us**.

### 2 HIS BLOOD CLEANSSES US FROM SIN.

**1. John 1:7**....If we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

**Hebrews 9:14** Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins.

**Revelation 7:14** (John sees in a vision people from all nations and tribes in front of the throne of God and an elder told him): “These are the ones who died in the great tribulation. They have washed their robes in the blood of the Lamb and made them white. -→ they stayed in fellowship with the Word & Spirit, they had good works (righteous deeds).”

**Revelation 19:8** It was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright and pure”—for the fine linen is the **righteous deeds** of the saints.

### 3 HIS BLOOD RECONCILES US TO GOD AND BRINGS US PEACE.

(to reconcile = to restore friendly relations, cause to coexist in harmony)

**In other words, his blood made atonement** = the reconciliation of God and humankind through Jesus Christ.

**Romans 3:25** God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness,

**Ephesians 2:13** But now you have been united with Christ Jesus. Once you were far away from God, but now you have been brought near to him through the blood of Christ.

**Colossians 1:20** ...and through him (Jesus) God reconciled everything to himself. He made **peace with everything in heaven and on earth through Christ's blood on the cross.**

#### **4 HIS BLOOD REDEEMED US.**

(to redeem: regain possession of something in exchange for payment: Purchase of believers.)

**Galatians 3:13** His blood redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us.

**Psalms 107:2** Let the redeemed of the Lord **say** so.

Note: Say so, not think so. We have to speak it out. Jesus cast out demons with his words and not his thoughts. There is power as we speak the Word.

**Ephesians 1:7** He is so rich in kindness and grace that He purchased our freedom with the blood of His Son and forgave our sins.

**Hebrews 9:12** With His own blood—not the blood of goats and calves—He entered the Most Holy Place once for all time and secured our redemption forever.

**Acts 20:28** So guard yourselves and God's people. Feed and shepherd God's flock—His church, purchased with His own blood—over which the Holy Spirit has appointed you as elders.

**1 Peter 1:18-20** For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom He paid was not mere gold or silver. 19 It was the precious blood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God. 20 God chose him as your ransom long before the world began, but He has now revealed him to you in these last days.

**Revelation 5:9** And they sang a new song with these words: "You are worthy to take the scroll and break its seals and open it. For you were slaughtered, and your blood has ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation.

## 5 HIS BLOOD JUSTIFIES US.

**The price for our sin has been paid – the justice of God has been fulfilled.**

**Romans 5:9** Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

## 6 HIS BLOOD ENABLES US TO BE RIGHTEOUS.

**2. Corinthians 5:21** God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that **in him we might become the righteousness of God.**

In him = in faith, in obedience, in the spirit, in trust.

**Romans 3:21** tells us that Jesus is the righteous one.

## 7 HIS BLOOD SANCTIFIES US.

**(Sanctification: process of being purified with the result of holiness.)**

**Hebrews 13:12**

So Jesus also suffered outside the gate in order to sanctify the people through his own blood. (Comment: The blood of animals in the OT was used to enter the holy of holies and the bodies of these animals were burned outside the gate.)

**Hebrews 10:10** .... we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (Comment: The sacrifice doesn't need to be repeated like in the OT.)

### **God commands us to be sanctified:**

**1Thessalonians 4:3-8**

<sup>3</sup> It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; <sup>4</sup> that each of you should learn to control your own body in a way that is holy and honorable, <sup>5</sup> not in passionate lust like the pagans, who do not know God; <sup>6</sup> and that in this matter no one should wrong or take advantage of a brother or sister.

The Lord will punish all those who commit such sins, as we told you and warned you before. <sup>7</sup> For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. <sup>8</sup> Therefore, anyone who rejects this instruction does not reject a human being but God, the very God who gives you his Holy Spirit.

**2 Corinthians 7:1 We have to cleanse ourselves from all filthiness.**

(Having therefore these promises,)... dearly beloved, let **us cleanse ourselves** from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness **in the fear of God.**

## **7 HIS BLOOD GIVES US ENTRANCE INTO THE HOLY PLACE/PRESENCE OF GOD.**

**Hebrews 10:19** And so, dear brothers and sisters, we can boldly enter heaven's Most Holy Place because of the blood of Jesus.

## **8 HIS BLOOD GIVES US PROTECTION.**

**Hebrews 11:28** It was by faith that Moses commanded the people of Israel to keep the Passover and to sprinkle blood on the doorposts so that the angel of death would not kill their firstborn sons.

**Isaiah 43:1-3** (paraphrased): No power can destroy a servant of God without the permission of God: neither water nor fire.

## **9 HIS BLOOD IS OUR VICTORY OVER SATAN.**

**We have authority over him.**

**Luke 10:19** Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**Revelation 12:11** And they (believers) have defeated him (the devil) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die.

## **10 HIS BLOOD HEALS US.**

**Isaiah 53:5** But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

## **11 HIS BLOOD DESTROYED THE POWER OF DEATH – THE DEVIL.**

**Hebrews 2:14** Inasmuch then as the children have partaken of flesh and blood, He Himself likewise shared in the same, that through death He (Jesus) might destroy him who had the power of death, that is, the devil,

## **12 HIS BLOOD GIVES US VICTORY OVER SIN AND DEATH.**

**1 Cor 15:57**

But thanks be to God who gives us victory (over sin and death) through our Lord Jesus Christ.

### 13 HIS BLOOD SAVES US FROM GOD'S WRATH.

**Romans 5:9** Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

### 14 HIS BLOOD GIVES US ETERNAL LIFE.

**Romans 6:23** For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**John 6:53-56** <sup>53</sup> So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, unless **you eat the flesh** (unleavened Bread/Word of God) of the Son of Man and drink His blood (Life=holy spirit), you cannot have eternal life within you. <sup>54</sup> But anyone who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person the last day. <sup>55</sup> For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Anyone who eats My flesh and drinks My blood remains in me, and I in him.

### 15 HIS BLOOD ESTABLISHED A NEW COVENANT.

**He established a new covenant with his blood** which replaces the old covenant given to Moses through the law.

**Matthew 26:27-28** Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them (his disciples), saying, "Drink from it, all of you. <sup>28</sup> **This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.**

### 16 WITH HIS BLOOD AN ETERNAL COVENANT WAS SIGNED.

**Hebrews 13:20** Now may the God of peace—who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great Shepherd of the sheep, and **ratified** (signed, making it officially valid) **an eternal covenant with His blood**—equip you with every good thing for doing his will.

### 3. WHERE AND WHEN DID JESUS SHED HIS BLOOD?

**Garden of Gethsemane: He sweated blood.**

**Luke 22:44** And being in anguish, he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat was like drops of blood falling to the ground.

**With the Sanhedrin at the House of Caiaphas, the high priest: They plucked out his beard.**

**Matthew 26: 63-**The high priest said to him, "I charge you under oath by the living God: Tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God."<sup>64</sup> "You have said so," Jesus replied. "But I say to all of you: From now on you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven."<sup>65</sup> Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, "He has spoken blasphemy! Why do we need any more witnesses? Look, now you have heard the blasphemy."<sup>66</sup> What do you think?" "He is worthy of death," they answered.<sup>67</sup> Then they spit in his face and struck him with their fists. Others slapped him <sup>68</sup> and said, "Prophecy to us, Messiah. Who hit you?"

→ Fulfillment of Prophecy in **Isaiah 50:6** I offered my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those **who pulled out my beard**;  
I did not hide my face from mocking and spitting.

**Before Pilate: His blood was shed due to flogging, thorns, and beating.**

**Matthew 27:26-31** Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus **flogged**, and handed him over to be crucified.<sup>27</sup> Then the governor's soldiers took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole company of soldiers around him. <sup>28</sup> They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, <sup>29</sup> and then **twisted together a crown of thorns and set it on his head**. They put a staff in his right hand. Then they knelt in front of him and mocked him. "Hail, king of the Jews!" they said. <sup>30</sup> They spit on him, and took the staff and **struck him on the head again and again**. <sup>31</sup> After they had mocked him, they took off the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

**At the cross of Golgotha: His blood ran out from his hands and feet.**

**John 19:23** When the soldiers crucified Jesus, they took his clothes, dividing them into four shares, one for each of them, with the undergarment remaining.

**At the cross after he died: He was pierced on the side.**

**John 19:34** Instead, one of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, bringing a sudden flow of blood and water.

→ Fulfillment of Prophecy in **Isaiah 53:5**

But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities;  
the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed.

## 4. How do we remember/partake of his blood?

After celebrating his last Passover meal, Jesus initiated what we call today, Holy Communion.

**Matthew 26:26-29:** "While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take and eat; this is my body.' Then he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will not drink from this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.'

**See similar accounts: Mark 14:22-25 and Luke 22:19-20.**

**1. Corinthians 11:23-30:** For I pass on to you what I received from the Lord himself. On the night when he was betrayed, the Lord Jesus took some bread <sup>24</sup> and gave thanks to God for it. Then he broke it in pieces and said, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." <sup>25</sup> In the same way, he took the cup of wine after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant between God and his people—an agreement confirmed with my blood. Do this in remembrance of me as often as you drink it." <sup>26</sup> For every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are announcing the Lord's death until he comes again.

<sup>27</sup> So anyone who eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord unworthily is guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> That is why you should examine yourself before eating the bread and drinking the cup. <sup>29</sup> For if you eat the bread or drink the cup without honoring the body of Christ, you are eating and drinking God's judgment upon yourself. <sup>30</sup> That is why many of you are weak and sick and some have even died.

**1. Corinthians 10:16-17:** <sup>16</sup> When we bless the cup at the Lord's Table, aren't we sharing in the blood of Christ? And when we break the bread, aren't we sharing in the body of Christ? <sup>17</sup> And though we are many, we all eat from one loaf of bread, showing that we are one body.

**John 6:53-56:** So Jesus said again, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you cannot have eternal life within you. <sup>54</sup> But anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise that person at the last day. <sup>55</sup> For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. <sup>56</sup> Anyone who eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him.

**Summary:** The blood of Jesus gives us forgiveness of sins and life everlasting! He gave his blood so we can live! We find our life in his blood!