

BLOOD OF JESUS

. . . knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,

but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.

(1 Peter 1:18, 19)

And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

(Hebrews 9:22)

Under the Old Testament, God had a system for forgiveness of sins. It was the blood of bulls and goats that atoned for (covered) the sins of the people.

The problem with this provision was that the blood of bulls and goats could never take away sins forever. It had to be repeated and repeated and repeated. It was a mere shadow, of the reality—Jesus.

At the appointed time in history, Jesus appeared as a High Priest who didn't just cover sins like the blood of bulls and goats or calves. *Jesus took sins away.*

Under the Old Testament, the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies once a year to offer up sacrifices—the blood of bulls and goats, for forgiveness of sins for all the people, and himself as well. Now, follow the contrast in these verses:

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;

and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

(Hebrews 9:11, 12)

Jesus—The Perfect Sacrifice

On the cross, the sins of the entire world were put on Jesus. They were judged, and the verdict was guilty (“All have sinned”—Romans 3:23). The penalty was death (“The wages of sin is death”—Romans 6:23), and the punishment was executed—Jesus died.

On the cross, God dealt with the whole issue of sin. Jesus put away sin by sacrificing Himself.

So, we see that the blood of Jesus played the central role. God reconciled the world to Himself through the death of His Son, so that we can now be saved by the life of His Son.

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.

For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, *we shall be saved by His life.*

(Romans 5:8–10)

Do You Have the Life of Christ?

If you have received Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior, you have received eternal, indestructible life, and forgiveness of your sins. Your sins are under the blood of Jesus.

And the witness is this, that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.

He who has the Son has the life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have the life.

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, in order that you may know that you have eternal life.

(1 John 5:11–13)

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

which He lavished upon us.

(Ephesians 1:7, 8)

And when He had taken a cup and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, “Drink from it, all of you;

for this is My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.”

(Matthew 26: 27, 28)

. . . the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

(Acts 20:28)

Since therefore, brethren, we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,

by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh.

(Hebrews 10:19, 20)

Jesus Christ . . . who loves us, and released us from our sins by His blood,

and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father; to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

(Revelation 1:5, 6)

And they sang a new song, saying,

“Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals; for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

“And Thou hast made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”

(Revelation 5:9, 10)