

The Offering of Jesus' Blood

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Matthew 26:26-28 ESV

26 Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body."

27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you,
28 for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

The Offering of Jesus' Body

By becoming our Sin-Bearer, made to be sin with our sin borne in His body, He removed our sins as far as the east is from the west, never to be placed on our account again.

Isaiah 53:6 ESV

6 ...the LORD has laid (paga - to strike with violence) on him the iniquity of us all.

1 Peter 2:24 ESV

24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

Leviticus 16:21-22 ESV

21 And Aaron shall lay both his hands on the head of the live goat, and confess over it all the iniquities of the people of Israel, and all their transgressions, all their sins. And he shall put them on the head of the goat and send it away into the wilderness by the hand of a man who is in readiness.

22 The goat shall bear all their iniquities on itself to a remote (gezerah - a separation, desert, not inhabited) area, and he shall let the goat go free in the wilderness (midbar - desert, a sterile, sandy country).

Psalms 103:12 ESV

12 as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

By becoming our Sin-Bearer, Jesus rent the veil in the temple, removing all obstruction preventing us from entering into the Holy of Holies, and now we are perfected forever in our Heavenly Father's sight.

Hebrews 10:19-20 ESV

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,
20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh.

2 Corinthians 5:21 ESV

21 For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Colossians 1:22 ESV

22 he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him...

Hebrews 10:14 ESV

14 For by a single offering he has perfected (teleioō - to make perfect, complete, accomplish, finish, carry through completely) for all time those who are being sanctified.

When we stand before God to receive our eternal verdict:

- What the process of sanctification has not yet accomplished, the forgiveness of justification will cover. "...by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified." Hebrews 10:14
- We will stand perfect and complete in the righteousness of God, because Jesus bore all our sins away in His body on the cross, leaving not even one sin.
- We will be rewarded for our works that were done by Him, through Him and for Him, resulting from His work of sanctification in our lives.
- Our works done in the flesh, either by the wrong motives or carnal desired, will be burned up, but we will be saved through the fire of judgment.

The Offering of Jesus' Blood

Matthew 26:27-28 ESV

27 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you,
28 for this is my blood of the covenant (diathēkē - testament, disposition, will, covenant), which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

The Blood of Covenant Promise

God was demonstrating to Abraham His intent and desire in this ceremony, that no cost was too much, nothing would stop Him from fulfilling His promise. He was willing to even die to keep His promise.

John 15:13 ESV

13 Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends.

Genesis 15:7-11 ESV

7 And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you out from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land to possess."

8 But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?"

9 He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

10 And he brought him all these, cut them in half, and laid each half over against the other. But he did not cut the birds in half.

11 And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

Genesis 15:17-18 ESV

17 When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces.

18 On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your offspring I give this land...

Exodus 12:7-13 ESV

7 "Then they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it.

8 They shall eat the flesh that night, roasted on the fire; with unleavened bread and bitter herbs they shall eat it.

9 Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted, its head with its legs and its inner parts.

10 And you shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn.

11 In this manner you shall eat it: with your belt fastened, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. And you shall eat it in haste. It is the LORD's Passover.

12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the LORD.

13 The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Hebrews 9:15-18 ESV

15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.

16 For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established.

17 For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.

18 Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.

"No sense of unworthiness, or of ignorance, or of helplessness must cause us to doubt. The blood works in the surrendered soul with a ceaseless power of life." — Andrew Murray, The Power Of The Blood Of Jesus

Hebrews 6:17-19 ESV

17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath,

18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain.

The Propitiation of Jesus' Blood

There could be no forgiveness of sins without God's holy justice being satisfied. God's holy justice has been served and satisfied in the offering of Jesus' life. The death sentence on my life because of my sins has been removed; another has paid my debt.

Ezekiel 18:20 ESV

20 The soul who sins shall die.

Romans 3:23-25 ESV

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

25 whom God put forward as a propitiation (hilastērion - having a placating or expiating force, appeasing) by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

1 John 2:1-2 ESV

1 My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

2 He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 4:10 ESV

10 In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

Hebrews 10:19 ESV

19 Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus...

*"We are not afraid of the law now; its worst thunders cannot affect us, for they are not hurled at us! Its most tremendous lightnings cannot touch us, for we are sheltered beneath the cross of Christ, where the thunder loses its terror and the lightning its fury. We read the law of God with pleasure now; we look upon it as in the ark covered with the mercy seat, and not thundering in tempests from Sinai's fiery brow." —Charles Spurgeon, A Sermon, *The Precious Blood of Christ**

Colossians 1:19-20 ESV

19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,

20 and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

Washed in the Blood of the Lamb

The power in the blood of Jesus to cleanse from sin is not chemical nor antiseptic. Being washed in the blood of Jesus is not literal or actual. Being washed and cleansed in the blood of Jesus is receiving by faith all that the shed blood of Jesus on the cross provides spiritually; specifically, the removal of sin and judgement from our lives.

Leviticus 16:15-20 ESV

15 Then he shall kill the goat of the sin offering that is for the people and bring its blood inside the veil and do with its blood as he did with the blood of the bull, sprinkling it over the mercy seat and in front of the mercy seat.

16 Thus he shall make atonement for the Holy Place, because of the uncleannesses of the people of Israel

and because of their transgressions, all their sins. And so he shall do for the tent of meeting, which dwells with them in the midst of their uncleanness.

17 No one may be in the tent of meeting from the time he enters to make atonement in the Holy Place until he comes out and has made atonement for himself and for his house and for all the assembly of Israel.

18 Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD and make atonement for it, and shall take some of the blood of the bull and some of the blood of the goat, and put it on the horns of the altar all around.

19 And he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it and consecrate it from the uncleannesses of the people of Israel.

20 And when he has made an end of atoning for the Holy Place and the tent of meeting and the altar, he shall present the live goat...

Hebrews 9:11-14 ESV

11 But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation)

12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing (heuriskō - acquire, get, obtain, procure) an eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,

14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Hebrews 9:19-22 ESV

19 For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

20 saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you."

21 And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship.

22 Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

Revelation 1:5 ESV

5 and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood.

- KJV "...and washed us from our sins in his own blood."
- NASB "...released us from our sins by His blood."
- ASV "...and loosed us from our sins by his blood."
- YLT "...and did bathe us from our sins in his blood."

1 John 1:9 ESV

9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just (dikaios - doing what is right judicially) to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

"Now we know it is by the precious blood that sin is cleansed. Murder, adultery, theft, whatever the sin may be, there is power in the veins of Christ to take it away at once and forever. No matter how many, nor how deeply-seated our offences may be, the blood cries, 'Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.' It is the song of heaven, 'We have washed our robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'" —Charles Spurgeon, A Sermon, The Precious Blood of Christ

Ransomed and Redeemed by Jesus' Blood

By the blood of Jesus, we lose all ownership and control of our lives. To be forgiven of our sins by the blood of Jesus, and yet continue in the control of our lives is an impossible contradiction which simply does not exist.

Revelation 5:9 ESV

9 And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed (agorazo - to purchase, redeem) people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation."

1 Peter 1:17-19 ESV

17 And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile,

18 knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold,

19 but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 ESV

19 Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own,

20 for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

"The Lord Jesus did not offer up His own life, and shed His blood to spare us from the sacrifice of our lives. No, indeed! But to make the sacrifice of our lives possible and desirable."

— Andrew Murray, The Power Of The Blood Of Jesus