

THE BLOOD OF JESUS

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When Adam and Eve sinned in the Garden of Eden, God would not accept the work of their own hands as a covering for their sin. The first sin that they became aware of was their nakedness. That is very instructive because they became focused upon the physical rather than fellowship with God. They attempted to cover their sin by sewing fig leaves together, but God would not accept those works of their own hands. Instead, an innocent animal had to be slain to provide coverings of skins. The first crime in the Bible was committed by Cain because he became very wrath (angry) because of God's requirement to bring a blood offering rather than the fruit of his own hands. God rejected man's first attempt to come to him with a bloodless religion. The first persecution of a God fearing man, Abel, came about because of the rejection of the blood bought way by Cain. Man continues to reject the blood to this day. The blood of Jesus is the only way to salvation that God will accept. Jesus said in *John 14:6*: "I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me". The way of Cain is referred to in the book of Jude. It is the way of false religion; a bloodless religion. Just as Satan used Cain to persecute the way of the blood, he has continued to use his children throughout the ages to torture, maim, and kill Bible believing peoples. Religion hates God and hates God's way. Religion hates the blood of Jesus. Religion is man's attempts to get to God. Christianity is God coming down to man. True Bible believing Christianity is NOT a religion, but is rather the reality of God living in you through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. That blood came to us through the Holy Ghost of God. Hallelujah for the blood! What can wash away my sin Nothing but the blood of Jesus. In the words of that glorious old hymn "Nothing But The Blood".

When we look at all the Old Testament sacrificial offerings the death of the innocent animal was of none effect until the blood was offered upon the altar. In every Old Testament type of the sinless Lamb Of God, the blood and NOT the death was the instrument of the atonement. *Leviticus 17:11* says:

¹¹ For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. *Leviticus 17:11*

Though it was obvious that death would result from the sacrifice, the focus was upon the blood and not the death. God required the blood. The innocent had to die for the guilty. The emphasis was not on the death because the sinless Lamb Of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, would not remain in death, but would be resurrected to sprinkle his sinless blood on the mercy seat in heaven. Do not miss the tense of the verb in *Leviticus 17:11* when God says "I HAVE given it to you to make an ATONEMENT for your souls". The word "have" is past tense. In God's mind, the atoning blood of the Lord Jesus Christ had already been given. It was an accomplished fact. From *Revelation 13:8*, we know that God considered the Lamb to have already been slain from the foundation of the world. It is obvious from *Leviticus 17:11* that the blood referred to was THE BLOOD OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST. For some to say as John MacArthur and Robert Thieme Jr. have that it was

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death of the Lord Jesus Christ and not the blood of Christ that saves us from our sins is the equivalent of denying the Christian faith. It is going in the way of Cain. It is HERESY. Why is it that the Mormons, as stated by Brigham Young, believe that there are certain sins a person can commit that the blood of Christ cannot atone for (blasphemy!) It is HERESY. Why is it that heretics such as John MacArthur, Robert Thieme Jr., and Brigham Young can deny the blood of Jesus? Because it was planted in their minds by Satan. *Genesis 9:4* says: "But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat". Human beings have a natural revulsion to drinking blood because God has planted it in their conscious that it is wicked to drink blood. That is why the devils put such strong emphasis on drinking blood in the satanic rituals that drive Satanism, witchcraft, magic, and sorcery. The devils know that it is a direct attack upon God and the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Even the devils know that there is power in the blood!

Some quick facts about the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ should be noted. The blood of Christ is God's blood (*Acts 20:28*). The blood of Jesus Christ is pure blood (*Matthew 27:4, Hebrews 9:13-14, and 1 Peter 1:18-19*). That is why any Old Testament animal sacrifice that was a type, or a picture, of the Lord Jesus Christ had to be male, firstborn, pure and undefiled, and not marred by any physical defect. The sacrifice had to be perfect in every way. At least fifty (50) different times the Old Testament sacrifices were described as having to be "without spot" or "without blemish". The blood of Jesus Christ is the only atonement that God will accept for our sin (*Romans 5:9-11*). The blood of Jesus was a sweet smelling savour offering unto God (*Ephesians 5:2*). The blood of Jesus was offered only once (*Hebrews 9:12, Hebrews 9:26-28, Hebrews 10:10, and 1 Peter 3:18*). Therefore, any church ritual or tradition such as that in Roman Catholicism that offers up the Lord Jesus Christ as a literal continual sacrifice is not scriptural. It is akin to counting the blood of the covenant an unholy thing and trodding under foot the Son of God (*Hebrews 10:29*). For the blood of Jesus to have any atoning value it had to be sprinkled on the mercy seat in heaven. The blood of Jesus was sprinkled on the mercy seat in heaven (*Hebrews 9:24*). The Old Testament high priest was but a shadow of our perfect High Priest, the Lord Jesus Christ. Because the Lord Jesus Christ was sinless, he was the only one who could enter into the Holy of Holies in heaven to sprinkle his blood on the mercy seat (*Hebrews 4:15 and Hebrews 7:24-8:2*). The blood of Christ was presented almost immediately after his resurrection (*John 20:17*). Why was it important that Mary Magdalene not touch the Lord Jesus Christ before he ascended to the Father in heaven when later the disciples were encouraged to touch him (*John 20:19-30 and Luke 24:36-40*) Could it be that a touch from Mary would have defiled him in his role as The High Priest before he presented the blood at the mercy seat in heaven The events in *Luke 24:36-40* happened after the Lord Jesus Christ had returned from heaven. *Luke 24:39* says in part "a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye see me have". The reason the blood was not mentioned in connection with the flesh and bones is because it had already been offered on the mercy seat in heaven.

When John the Baptist said in *John 1:29* "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world", he knew that the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ would take away the sin of the world. He knew that the Lord Jesus would become our passover. In the first passover, the slaughter of the sinless lamb was of none effect until the blood had been struck on the side and upper door posts. It took the blood for protection and deliverance. Without the blood, the death of the lamb was useless. In *Matthew 26:28*, the Lord Jesus Christ did not tell his disciples that it would be his death

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that was for the remission of sins, but rather HIS BLOOD. Jesus said in *Matthew 26:28*:

²⁸ For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins. *Matthew 26:28*

A brief summary of the New Testament doctrine of the blood of Christ shows that through the blood of Christ we receive propitiation, justification, redemption, spiritual cleansing, reconciliation to God, sanctification, the privilege to come before the Father, and victory over Satan. We see propitiation in *Romans 3:25*; justification in *Romans 5:9*; redemption in *Ephesians 1:7*, *Colossians 1:14*, *Hebrews 9:12*, *1 Peter 1:18-19*, and *Revelation 5:9*; cleansing (purging) in *Hebrews 9:14*; *Hebrews 9:22*; *Hebrews 10:4*; *1 John 1:7*; *Revelation 1:5*; and *Revelation 7:14*; reconciliation in *Ephesians 2:13* and *Colossians 1:20*; the privilege to come before the Father in *Hebrews 10:19-22*; and victory over Satan in *Revelation 12:11*. Read on to see these scriptures discussed in the context of the New Testament

Now, let us take a walk through the New Testament to see what the blood of Jesus has done for us. From *Acts 20:28* we know that the Lord Jesus Christ purchased the church of the Living God with His own blood. *Acts 20:28* says:

²⁸ Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood. *Acts 20:28*

Acts 20:28 also shows that the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ is God's blood. In *Romans 3:23-26*, we see that the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ purchased justification, redemption, propitiation, and remission of sins for all sinners. *Romans 3:23-26* says:

²³For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; ²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: ²⁵ Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; ²⁶ To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. *Romans 3:23-26*

According to *Romans 3:26*, only believers are the recipients of justification, redemption, propitiation, and remission of sins.

Justification is an act of free grace whereby God pardons the sinner and accepts him as righteous, on account of the blood of Christ. This act of justification by the Lord Jesus Christ makes it appear **just-as-if-I'd** never sinned even though all have sinned. Hence, we are justified by the blood of Christ.

Redemption is the purchase of God's favor by the blood of Christ. Redemption is the price paid to God for deliverance of sinners from the bondage of sin and Satan. In other words, we are slaves to our sin and slaves of Satan. Redemption is a ransom paid to GOD and NOT to Satan. As a result

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of that redemption, we are delivered from the just penalties we should suffer for having violated God's law. We deserve hell. Redemption comes through the blood atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ. We are MADE free by the blood of Christ. According to *Romans 6:18*, *Romans 6:22*, and *Romans 8:2* we have been made free to become servants of righteousness, become servants of God, and to be free for the law of sin and death.

Propitiation is the act of the Lord Jesus Christ whereby he appeased the wrath of God toward the sinner. This propitiation came through the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, his blood became our protective covering from the wrath of God. When God looks at the saved person, he does not see the sinner, but instead sees the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank God!

Remission is an act of God's forgiveness whereby we are pardoned from the punishment that we justly deserve because of our crimes (sin) against God. Remission is an act of mercy. We deserve hell, but instead we get mercy and grace.

In *Romans 5:8-11* we see the doctrine of justification once again connected to the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. In this passage, reconciliation and the atonement are also tied to the blood of Jesus. From *Romans 5:8-11* we see:

⁸ But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. ¹⁰ For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. ¹¹ And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement. *Romans 5:8-11*

Every Old Testament offering that was done according to the dictates of the Word of God was an atonement. Atonement is an old Middle English word that literally meant an at-one-ment. It is this at-one-ment, or atonement, that makes God and man at one once again. The atonement reconciles man to God. All of the atonements in the Old Testament were nothing but temporary atonements. These atonements held back the righteous judgement of God and were but a temporary covering. Pastor Robert Sargent in his book "Landmarks of Baptist Doctrines Book I", page 218, states that "there are 175 references to the "atonement" in the New Testament. 1 in every 44 verses mentions it". However, the word atonement is only used once in the New Testament. It is here in *Romans 5:11* where it is referred to as THE ATONEMENT . That is, it is THE ONLY ATONEMENT that God will accept for sin. THE ATONEMENT is freely offered through the BLOOD of the Lord Jesus Christ.

In talking about our Lord Jesus Christ in *Ephesians 1:7* the Bible says: ⁷ "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace". It has been said that mercy is not getting what we deserve and that grace is getting what we do not deserve. Put another way, we do not deserve the mercy of God, but it is by his grace that we are saved. Once we are saved we are forgiven of our sins. The Spirit of eternal salvation is the spirit of forgiveness and the spirit of love.

In *Ephesians 2:13-18*, we see that through the blood of Christ that Christ Jesus became our peace

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and brought about peace and reconciliation between the Jews and Gentiles. In *Ephesians 2:13-18*, we see:

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he is our peace, who hath made both one, and hath broken down the middle wall of partition *between us*; ¹⁵ Having abolished in his flesh the enmity, *even* the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances; for to make in himself of twain one new man, *so* making peace; ¹⁶ And that he might reconcile both unto God in one body by the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: ¹⁷ And came and preached peace to you which were afar off, and to them that were nigh. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access by one Spirit unto the Father. *Ephesians 2:13-18*

In *Ephesians 2:13-18*, we see the portrayal of the Lord Jesus Christ as our peace offering. The peace offering was the sweet savour offering that is prominently described in Leviticus chapters 3 and 7. Not only did the blood of Christ make reconciliation possible between the Jew and the Gentile, but also between God and all of mankind. According to the scriptures here, we are at enmity with God. We have offended God and have need to be reconciled unto him. That reconciliation is made possible by the blood of Christ.

Reconciliation is the means whereby man can be restored to friendship with God. Our sin put us at enmity with God. A state of war exists between God and man. Man is the aggressor. Reconciliation results in the destruction of the enmity between God and man. The blood of Christ is that means of reconciliation. There is reconciliation in the atonement. According to Webster's 1828 reconciliation means: "In Scripture, the means by which sinners are reconciled and brought into a state of favor with God, after natural estrangement or enmity; the atonement".

In *Colossians 1:12-21* we see that the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ brought about redemption, peace, and reconciliation. Here is what *Colossians 1:12-21* has to say:

¹² Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: ¹³ Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated *us* into the kingdom of his dear Son: ¹⁴ In whom we have redemption through his blood, *even* the forgiveness of sins: ¹⁵ Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: ¹⁶ For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether *they be* thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: ¹⁷ And he is before all things, and by him all things consist. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all *things* he might have the preeminence. ¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father* that in him should all fulness dwell; ²⁰ And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, *I say*, whether *they be* things in earth, or things in heaven. ²¹ And you, that were sometime alienated and

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enemies in *your* mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled *Colossians 1:12-21*

It is through his blood that we have redemption and the forgiveness of sins. As stated earlier, the Lord Jesus Christ became our peace offering. It is through his blood that we have peace with God (*Romans 5:1*) and the peace of God which passeth all understanding (*Philippians 4:7*). Through reconciliation we can have fellowship with God through the Holy Ghost of God. God desires to have fellowship with man. That is why he sent his Son to the cross to die for our sins. A prominent theme in relation to the blood atonement of the Lord Jesus Christ is reconciliation. We see the words reconcile, reconciled, reconciling, and reconciliation used ten different times in the New Testament in relation to the Lord Jesus Christ. For verification, see *Romans 5:10-11*, *2 Corinthians 5:16-21*, *Ephesians 2:14-16*, *Colossians 1:20-21*, and *Hebrews 2:14-17*.

Hebrews chapter 9:6 through 10:30 is an extended passage on the importance and necessity of the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ in God's plan for the redemption of man. Hebrews chapters 9:6 through 10:30 say:

⁶ Now when these things were thus ordained, the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service of God. ⁷ But into the second *went* the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and *for* the errors of the people: ⁸ The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing: ⁹ Which *was* a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience; ¹⁰ Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation. ¹¹ But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; ¹² Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption *for us*. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: ¹⁴ How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? ¹⁵ And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions *that were* under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. ¹⁶ For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. ¹⁷ For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. ¹⁸ Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood. ¹⁹ For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, ²⁰ Saying, This *is* the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. ²¹ Moreover he

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sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. ²² And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. ²³ *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: ²⁵ Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; ²⁶ For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: ²⁸ So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation. *Hebrews 9:6-28*

¹ For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. ² For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. ³ But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. ⁴ For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. ⁵ Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: ⁶ In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure. ⁷ Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. ⁸ Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are offered by the law; ⁹ Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. ¹⁰ By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*. ¹¹ And every priest standeth daily ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins: ¹² But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; ¹³ From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. ¹⁵ *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, ¹⁶ This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; ¹⁷ And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. ¹⁸ Now where remission of these *is, there is* no more offering for sin. ¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; ²¹ And *having* an high priest over the house of God; ²² Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. ²³ Let us hold fast the

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profession of *our* faith without wavering; (for he *is* faithful that promised;) ²⁴ And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: ²⁵ Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching. ²⁶ For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins, ²⁷ But a certain fearful looking for of judgment and fiery indignation, which shall devour the adversaries. ²⁸ He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses: ²⁹ Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace? ³⁰ For we know him that hath said, Vengeance *belongeth* unto me, I will recompense, saith the Lord. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. *Hebrews 10:1-30*

The book of Hebrews is the bloodiest book in the New Testament. It contains twenty references to blood. All of these references with the exception of one are to the blood of Christ in type (shadows or figures) or to the blood of Christ in fact. The types were pictures that showed over and over that the innocent had to die for the guilty (us sinners). These offerings were repeated over and over again whereas the sacrifice of Christ was a one time event (*Hebrews 9:12, Hebrews 9:25-28; Hebrews 10:10-18*). Entry into the Holy of Holies was denied without the blood. It is in the Holy of Holies where mercy is obtained. The sacrifice required the sinless blood of the Lamb of God (*Hebrews 9:14*). Without the shedding of His blood there is no remission (*Hebrews 9:22*). The veil in the Tabernacle and the Temple were representative of the flesh of the Lord Jesus Christ (*Hebrews 10:20*). That is why the veil of the Temple was rent from top to bottom (*Matthew 27:51, Hebrews 6:19*). Until the body of Christ was rent for us, we could have no access to the Most Holy Place. We are instructed to come boldly before the throne of grace. We can come boldly before the throne of grace and into the Holy of Holies because Jesus ever liveth to make intercession for us (*Hebrews 4:14, Hebrews 7:25, and Hebrews 10:19*). Because of His blood, the Lord Jesus Christ is our eternal High Priest (*Psalms 110:4, Hebrews 5:6, Hebrews 6:20, Hebrews 7:17, and Hebrews 7:21*). The whole theme of Hebrews 10:1-6 is that the animal sacrifices were not sufficient in the sight of God. See also *Hebrews 9:12*. It is very instructive that church attendance comes up in the middle of a discussion about the blood of Christ (*Hebrews 10:25*). *Hebrews 10:29* should be considered in light of church attendance. Can it be that when we deliberately lay out of church that we are doing despite unto the Spirit of grace "Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood" (*Acts 20:28*). The church was important enough that Christ gave His blood for it.

Hebrews 13:11-12 describes the sin offering of Jesus thus:

¹¹ For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp. ¹² Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. *Hebrews*

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13:11-12

The sin offering is described in detail in *Leviticus 4:1-21*. The sin offering was given for the guilt of sin (*Leviticus 4:13*). *Leviticus 4:12*, *Leviticus 4:21*, and *Leviticus 16:27* required that the sin offering had to be carried “forth without the camp”. That is the reason the Lord Jesus Christ was taken “without the gate” and crucified because of our sin.

The Lord Jesus Christ was raised from the dead “through the blood of the everlasting covenant”. *Hebrews 13:20* states:

²⁰ Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, *Hebrews 13:20*

According to *1 Peter 1:2* salvation was made available to us through the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ:

² Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied. *1 Peter 1:2*

The blood of Jesus cannot be bought with money or works. God has stated the worth of the blood of Christ in *1 Peter 1:18-19*:

¹⁸ Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹ But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot: *1 Peter 1:18-19*

There is power, power wonder working power in the precious blood of the Lamb. Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world. He is the perfect Lamb of God that is without blemish and without spot. Corruptible things such as silver, gold, and our works cannot redeem us. All of our righteousness is as filthy rags before God.

According to *1 John 1:7*, *Revelation 1:5*, and *Revelation 7:14* we have been washed in the blood of the Lamb:

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. *1 John 1:7*

⁵ And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, *Revelation 1:5*

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¹⁴ And I said unto him, Sir, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. *Revelation 7:14*

Are you washed in the blood; the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb The blood of Jesus Christ has the power to take away all our sins; past, present, and future. "Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool" (*Isaiah 1:18*).

According to *Revelation 5:9*, the blood of Jesus will put a new song in your heart. Hallelujah!

⁹ And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; *Revelation 5:9*

The reason that many professing "Christians" do not have any power in their lives is because they have not overcome that Wicked one, the Devil and Satan. There is power in the blood to overcome that old accuser. We have victory in the blood of Jesus, the sinless Lamb Of God.

⁹ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. ¹¹ And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death. *Revelation 12:9-11*

The blood of Jesus is a SCARLET THREAD woven throughout the pages of Scripture from Genesis 3 all the way through to *Revelation 12:9-11*. Sin made the blood atonement necessary. Sin put enmity between the seed of Eve and the seed of Satan, that old serpent. *Genesis 3:15* says: "And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel". This prophecy in *Genesis 3:15* is the first prophecy concerning the coming sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ and the destruction of Satan. Shortly after this statement an innocent animal had to be slain because of Adam and Eve's sin. This fulfillment of the prophecy of enmity first came to pass when Cain, the seed of the Satan, murdered Abel. Why did Cain kill Abel. Cain slew Abel because Cain got angry over God's requirement for a blood sacrifice. Many in apostate American Christianity have gone in the way of Cain because they are demanding an ungodly bloodless sacrifice. Then we have the other extreme in apostate Christianity that demands the daily re-sacrifice of Christ on their Satanic altars through the ungodly sacrifice of the Mass. The Scriptural answer to both heresies of a bloodless sacrifice and a continual blood sacrifice is that the blood is **REQUIRED, BUT ONLY ONCE**. I repeat that the blood is **REQUIRED, BUT ONLY ONCE**.

Not only did God require a bloody sacrifice, but he also required the death of the sacrifice. The

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instrument of death was the old rugged cross. The cross is first pictured in *Exodus 12:22-24* in the instructions concerning the very first Passover. These verses read:

²² And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the bason, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that *is* in the bason; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. ²³ For the LORD will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the LORD will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite *you*. ²⁴ And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. *Exodus 12:22-24*

The lintel was the top post of the door. When the blood was struck across the top post and then down the two sides it outlined a cross that both pictured how Christ would die and that the only way to everlasting life was through the door of the cross. In *John 10:9*, the Lord Jesus Christ said "I am the door". He is the door and since his blood is struck across the door, the eternal grim reaper who is death, hell and Satan cannot enter in.

There are at least 50 Bible prophecies concerning the birth, ministry, crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of the Lord Jesus Christ. At least 18 of these prophecies were literally fulfilled in the birth and ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. At least 29 of these prophecies were literally fulfilled in the 24 hour period leading up to and including the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. Three more of these prophecies were literally fulfilled in the fifty days following his crucifixion. The statistical probability that all 50 of these prophecies would be exactly fulfilled by chance is one in one followed by 180 zeroes. That would make it statistically impossible! What an amazing book the Bible is! Add to this the fact that the prophet Daniel predicted the exact day of the crucifixion at least 490 prophetic years before the event took place and it adds a God sized exclamation point to the accuracy of Bible prophecy. Let's look at some of these prophecies

¹ My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? *why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my roaring?* ⁷ All they that see me laugh me to scorn: they shoot out the lip, they shake the head, *saying*, ⁸ He trusted on the LORD *that* he would deliver him: let him deliver him, seeing he delighted in him. ¹⁴ I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint: my heart is like wax; it is melted in the midst of my bowels. ¹⁵ My strength is dried up like a potsherd; and my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; and thou hast brought me into the dust of death. ¹⁶ For dogs have compassed me: the assembly of the wicked have inclosed me: they pierced my hands and my feet. ¹⁷ I may tell all my bones: they look *and* stare upon me. ¹⁸ They part my garments among them, and cast lots upon my vesture. *Psalms 22:1, 7-8, 14-18*

⁵ Into thine hand I commit my spirit: thou hast redeemed me, O LORD God of truth. *Psalms 31:5*

²⁰ He keepeth all his bones: not one of them is broken. *Psalms 34:20*

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¹¹ False witnesses did rise up; they laid to my charge *things* that I knew not. *Psalm 35:11*

⁹ Yea, mine own familiar friend, in whom I trusted, which did eat of my bread, hath lifted up *his* heel against me. *Psalm 41:9*

¹² For *it was* not an enemy *that* reproached me; then I could have borne *it*: neither *was it* he that hated me *that* did magnify *himself* against me; then I would have hid myself from him: ¹³ But *it was* thou, a man mine equal, my guide, and mine acquaintance.

¹⁴ We took sweet counsel together, *and* walked unto the house of God in company. *Psalm 55:12-14*

⁴ They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of mine head: they that would destroy me, *being* mine enemies wrongfully, are mighty: then I restored *that* which I took not away. *Psalm 69:4*

²¹ They gave me also gall for my meat; and in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink. *Psalm 69:21*

²⁴ My knees are weak through fasting; and my flesh faileth of fatness. ²⁵ I became also a reproach unto them: *when* they looked upon me they shaked their heads. *Psalm 109:24-25*

¹⁴ As many were astonied at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men: *Isaiah 52:14*

¹² And I said unto them, If ye think good, give *me* my price; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my price thirty *pieces* of silver. ¹³ And the LORD said unto me, Cast it unto the potter: a goodly price that I was prised at of them. And I took the thirty *pieces* of silver, and cast them to the potter in the house of the LORD. *Zechariah 11:12-13*

¹⁰ And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for *his* only *son*, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for *his* firstborn. *Zechariah 12:10*

⁷ Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the man *that is* my fellow, saith the LORD of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered: and I will turn mine hand upon the little ones. *Zechariah 13:7*

¹ Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the LORD revealed? ² For

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he shall grow up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor comeliness; and when we shall see him, *there is* no beauty that we should desire him. ³ He is despised and rejected of men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief: and we hid as it were *our* faces from him; he was despised, and we esteemed him not. ⁴ Surely he hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. ⁵ But he *was* wounded for our transgressions, *he was* bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace *was* upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. ⁶ All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and the LORD hath laid on him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. ⁸ He was taken from prison and from judgment: and who shall declare his generation? for he was cut off out of the land of the living: for the transgression of my people was he stricken. ⁹ And he made his grave with the wicked, and with the rich in his death; because he had done no violence, neither *was any* deceit in his mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. ¹¹ He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors. *Isaiah 53*

All these prophecies were fulfilled in every detail in the events involving the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ recorded in *Matthew 26, Matthew 27, Mark 14, Luke 23, and John 19*. Amazing! What a perfect King James Bible we have!

GOD FORBID THAT I SHOULD GLORY IN ANYTHING EXCEPT THE CROSS OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST!! So, I'll cherish the old rugged cross til my trophies at last I lay down. Hallelujah to the Lamb! Praise God for the blood of the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb to receive glory and honour and power! Worthy is the Lamb to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing! Bless the name! Bless the name! Bless the name! Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Bless his Holy name!

If your lost out there today somebody loves you. His name is the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are lost out there today, somebody died for you. His name is the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are lost out there today, somebody will save you if you will repent of your sin and put your faith in him. His name is the Lord Jesus Christ. Come, every soul by sin oppressed, there's mercy with the Lord. And he will surely give you rest by trusting in his word. Only trust Him, only trust Him, only trust Him now. He will save you, He will save you, He will save you now. God bless and God speed until we meet again.