

THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

Ten Scriptural Evidences

Text: Matthew 26: 26-28; I Pet. 1:18-21

INTRODUCTION:

In Matthew, Jesus had gathered his disciples together for the Last Supper. As the men gathered around him, He held up the cup and explained that His blood is the **New Covenant** and that **His Blood** is sufficient. For 4,000 long years, the blood of bulls and goats had been only a shadowy substitute of the requirements of the law, but now He announces: **HIS BLOOD IS SUFFICIENT FOR ALL ETERNITY.**

That is exactly what He meant when he said He had come to fulfill the law and not to destroy it.

Mt. 5:17, “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil.”. The word ‘fulfill’ can also mean - to make complete or execute!

So, you mean the Old Testament Law, with all its tedious requirements, is still in effect? **YES, IT IS!!!!**

In **ONE** selfless, loving act, He would accomplish what no other sacrifice could ever do.

His death established a **New Covenant** with the God of Creation.

A **Blood Covenant** that said - **ANY** and **ALL** who would trust in the **POWER** of **His Blood**, would receive: REDEMPTION, ATONEMENT, and HEALING !

Despite what the blind and **lost** Calvinists would try to tell you!

As the great hymn says, “There is power, power, wonder working power in the precious blood of the Lamb.”

Or the hymn we sing every week, “Redeemed, redeemed, redeemed by the blood of the lamb.”

Luke 1:68 says: “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel; for **he** hath visited and redeemed his people,”

ONLY that **Precious Blood** has the power to take away the sins of the world.

Old Testament law required a sacrifice without blemish or spot.

Blemish - Num. 28:19, 29:2;

Spot - Num. 28:9, 11, 29:17, 26; Both - Num. 19:2

Jesus' life makes **His Blood** powerful and efficacious!

He remained pure "*in Himself*"; blemish - without blame, faultless.

He remained uninfected by the world "*from without*"; spot - morally and physically undefiled.

I Pet. 1:19 "*with the precious*", τιμιω, tim-ee-ō, honored, esteemed, beloved, costly.

Ten Scriptural evidences of the Power of the Blood of Christ

I. The Power of His Innocent Blood, Mt. 27:3-5.

- A. Judas' position as treasurer gave him ample opportunity to watch his Master
- B. If there had ever been "**even one**" questionable act, no such statement would have ever escaped his lips.
- C. Vs. 4 "innocent", ατηωον, ath-ō-on; guiltless.
- D. Even Pilate saw his innocence, Mt. 27:22-25, dikaiou, dik-ah-yu; holy, righteous, just, innocent.
- E. Other verses: Heb. 4:15, 7:26 (holy, harmless, undefiled, separate from sinners), 9:14.

II. The Power of His Agonizing Blood, Lk. 22:40-44.

- A. Vs. 44; "agony", αγωνια, ag-ō-nee-ah; anguish, struggle, agony.
- B. "He filled the silent night with his crying and watered the cold earth with his tears more precious than the dew of Hermon or any moisture next unto his own blood that ever fell on God's earth since the creation.", Puritan Robert Trail (1642-1716)
- C. No wonder Jesus is described as "...the man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief:...", Is. 53:3.
- D. **DO NOT** overlook His "suffering of death", Heb. 2:9.

E. Other verses: Heb. 13:12, I Pet. 1:11, 2:21, 3:18.

III. The Power of His Covenant Blood, Lk. 22:20.

- A. “testament”; διατηκη, dee-ath-ay-kay, a contract, or covenant.
- B. Strong’s 1242; covenant(s) 20 times, and testament 13 times.
- C. Promised from eternity past, Jer. 31:31, ברית, a compact, league, or covenant (promise).
- D. Also promised for the gentiles, Is. 49:6, “grafted in”; Rom. 11:17, 19, 23, & 24.

IV. The Power of His Sanctifying Blood, Heb. 13:12.

- A. “might sanctify”; ηγιαση, hāg-ee-as-ā, to purify or consecrate;
 - 1. Mood is subjunctive - subjoined to some other verb, a thing may or may not happen.
 - 2. Tense is aorist - refers to as a "one-point-in-time" action.
 - 3. Voice is active - the subject is the actual doer of the action described.
- B. His blood cleansed us and made us holy in God’s eyes (positionally not actually).
- C. Literal rendering - HE-SHOULD-BE-HOLYIZING.
- D. Other verses: Heb. 2:11, I Pet. 1:2.

V. The Power of His Justifying Blood, Rom. 5:9.

- A. “being now justified”; δικαιοτηεντες, dik-ah-yo-ōt-en-tes’, to render just or innocent.
- B. The Law demanded complete and total fulfillment.
- C. God pronounced sinners justified by Christ’s fulfillment of the Law.
- D. Other verses: Mt. 12:37 & Ac. 13:39 (negative), Rom. 3:24, Rom. 3:28, Rom. 5:9, & Tit. 3:7.

VI. The Power of His Reconciling Blood, Col. 1:20

- A. “reconcile”; αποκαταλλαξαι, ap-ok-at-al-lax-ahee, to remove all enmity, to reconcile fully.
- B. Notice the verse says Jesus reconciled “all things unto Himself.”
- C. Jesus’ blood alone could atone for sin.

D. Other verses: Eph. 2:6, Heb. 2:17,

VII. The Power of His Substitutionary Blood, Rom. 3:25

- A. “propitiation”; ηιλαστηριον, hil-as-tay-ree-on; an atoning victim, or mercy seat.
- B. Use only twice. In Rom. 3:25 & Heb. 9:5.
- C. God “*set forth*”; προετηετο, pro-eth-e-to; to place or purpose, literal meaning - “BEFORE-PLACED.
- D. Used in connection with a cover, hence the mercy seat.
- E. God placed Christ’s Blood between Himself and sinful man.
- F. **Literally**, we are covered by the Blood of Christ, judicially.
- G. Other Verses: I Jn. 2:2, & 4:4.

VIII. The Power of His Cleansing Blood, I. Jn. 1:7.

- A. “cleanseth”; katharizei, kath-ar-id-zo; to purge or purify, to cleanse from guilt.
 - 1. Present tense - indicating continuous action, 'action in progress' or 'a state of persistence.'
 - 2. Indicative mood - makes a statement, whether in present, future, or past time.
 - 3. Active voice - subject of the verb is the actual doer of the action being described.
- B. The efficacy of His **Blood** must purge our consciences from dead works, thereby cleansing us.
- C. There is no stain no matter how black and foul that the **Blood** of Christ cannot cleanse it entirely.
- D. Consider the first half of the verse. The **Blood** of Christ and its cleansing efficacy is associated with fellowship.
- E. **ALL** forgiveness flows from this source **ONLY!**
- F. **DO NOT** forget: Faith alone applies the cleansing, purifying blood.
- G. Other verses: Rev. 1:5, & 7:14.

IX. The Power of His Victorious Blood, Rev. 12:11.

- A. “overcame”; ενικησαν, en-i-kā-san, conquer, overcome, victory.

- B. Not by carnal weapons, but by the **Precious Blood** of Christ.
- C. It is victorious by virtue of its having been shed, Heb. 9:22.
- D. Had Christ's blood not been shed, Satan's accusations would have been unanswerable.
- E. The Blood of Christ met and meets every charge!
- F. Christ can say, "I purchased them with my very **Blood**, they are mine forever!"
- G. Other verses: Rom. 8:37, 16:20, I Jn. 2:14.

X. The Power of His Redeeming Blood, Col. 1:14.

- A. "we have", εχνομεν, ekh-o-men; literal translation- "we are having"; it **NEVER** ends, **EVER!**
- B. The law was hard; a curse upon mankind. No one could be pure enough, or good enough, or holy enough to obey the entire law - in **EVERY** point. Not even for one day!
- C. The law held men in bondage, and openly declared every imperfection in humanity.
- D. But the **Blood** of Jesus freed us **FOREVER** from the curse of sin and eternity in Hell!
- E. The law had no completion, it could **NEVER** be fully satisfied.
 1. Today a lamb, tomorrow a dove, next week a goat, the following week a bull; the same year after year after year!
 2. It **NEVER** stopped, the priests constantly trying, and failing, to cover the sins of the nation of Israel.
 3. The high priest entered the Holy of Holies once every year to sprinkle blood upon the Mercy Seat to atone for the sins of the nation of Israel.
- F. But one, single Cry from Jesus, "*It is finished*", and God was no longer separated from man, Heb. 10:16-20.
- G. Other verses: Mt. 26:28, Acts 20:28, Gal. 3:13

CONSIDER: His Blood is: Innocent, Agonizing, Covenant, Sanctifying, Justifying, Reconciling, Substitutionary, Cleansing, Victorious, and Redeeming!

Conclusion:

Many years ago in Detroit, Michigan the great evangelist Dr. Charles Finney preached from the text I John 1:7, "*...the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin.*" After the service, a man asked Dr. Finney to walk home with him. Church officials who knew the man begged Dr. Finney not to go with him, but he went anyway.

The man directed Dr. Finney into an alley and ushered him into the rear of a building. The man locked the door, put the key in his pocket, and said, "Do not be afraid. I am not going to hurt you. I just want to ask you a few questions. Do you believe what you preached tonight?"

Dr. Finney answered, "I most certainly do!"

The man continued, "We are in the back of a saloon. I am the sole proprietor. Mothers come in here with their babies and beg me not to sell liquor to their husbands. I turn a deaf ear to their desperate cries. I see to it that when a man leaves here, he is well under the influence. Many times men leaving here have been killed by the express train down at the tracks. Dr. Finney tell me, can God forgive a man like me?"

Dr. Finney quickly replied, "I have but one authority, the Word of God which says, '*...the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin.*'"

"But that's not all,' the man continued. "In yet another room, I run a gambling hall. If a man does not spend all his money on liquor, I bring him back here and with marked cards, I see to it that he is fleeced out of his last dollar. I send him home penniless to a hungry family. Dr. Finney tell me honestly, can God forgive a man with such an evil heart as that?"

Again Dr. Finney replied, "I have but one authority, the Word of God which says, "*...the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin.*"

The man spoke again. "That's not all. Across the street is my home where my wife and little daughter live. Neither one has heard a kind word from me in years. Their bodies bear the marks of my cruel attacks. Dr. Finney, do you really think God could forgive a man who would do that?"

Dr. Finney lowered his head. His eyes filled with tears as he said, "My friend, you have painted one of the most hideous pictures I have ever gazed upon, but I still have one authority which says, "...*the blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth us from all sin.*"

The man opened the door and ushered Dr. Finney into the night. The man sat alone in the dark for hours. Just before daybreak he ripped up every deck of cards and poured the contents of every bottle of liquor down the sink. He crossed the road, and sat alone in his living room. His little girl came into the room and said, "Daddy, Mother says breakfast is ready." He smiled and answered his little girl kindly. She ran back to the kitchen and cried out, "Mother, Daddy spoke kindly to me! Something is the matter!"

The mother followed the little girl into the living room. The man beckoned to them both. He explained, to their utter amazement, that they had a new husband and a new daddy. He told them, "I'm done with that filthy business across the street!" The man later became a member and leader in a large Detroit church. When asked to explain how his life changed so drastically, his immediate reply was, "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

Yes dear friends, the Blood of Jesus Christ can save even a vile, mean, despicable, hateful man like that.

What can wash away your sin? **Nothing** but the Blood of Jesus!
What can make you whole again? **Nothing** but the blood of Jesus!
Nothing, **NOTHING, NOTHING** but the Blood of Jesus!

He stepped down from His Throne in Heaven.
He was born of a virgin.
He became poor that we might become rich.

He was laid in a filthy, dirty manger.

A grimy, dirty feed bunk for animals.

Imagine the dirt as those animals rubbed their dirty behinds on it.

Imagine the filth as they chewed and slobbered upon it.

Imagine the dust that coated everything as they milled about.

That was the cradle for the Sinless Son of God!

He committed not one sin during His entire life.

He was obedient to His parent every single day of His life.

He performed great and mighty miracles.

He wept and agonized in the garden.

He was mocked and insulted by His own people.

He was spit upon.

He was slapped and beaten by the Roman guard.

He dragged the heavy, rough cross up the Via Dolorosa.

He was nailed to that cross.

He was hung up on that cross naked for all to see.

He was forsaken by His Father.

NOT ONE of those was enough to satisfy God's wrath!

NOT EVEN ALL of them combined was enough to satisfy God's wrath!

If any, or even all, of those great things could have satisfied God's wrath, Jesus' prayer in the Garden would have been answered.

CAN YOUR MIND GRASP THAT !!!!!

Nothing, **NOTHING**, **NOTHING** but the Blood of Jesus!

What was the greatest gift in the history of mankind?

Jesus' absolute and total obedience to the Father.

Do we really understand the Value and the Power of the **Blood of Christ**?

No - we do not. If we did, our lives would be different.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE WITH THAT GREAT GIFT?

GOD DOES NOT WANT YOUR PROMISES.

HE WANTS YOUR OBEDIENCE.

Mt. 27: 3-5: “Then Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, Saying, I have sinned in that I have betrayed the **innocent** blood. And they said, What is that to us? see thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself.”

Luke 22:40-44, “And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. And he was withdrawn from them about a stone's cast, and kneeled down, and prayed, Saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven, strengthening him. And being in an **agony** he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.”

Luke 22: 20, “Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup is the **new testament** in my blood, which is shed for you.”

Heb. 13:12, “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might **sanctify** the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.”

Rom. 5:9, “Much more then, being now **justified** by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”

Col. 1:20, “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.”

Rom. 3:25, “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;”

I John 1:7, “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.”

Rev. 12:11, “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.”

Col. 1:14, “In whom we have **redemption** through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins:”