

The Blood

Concept:

As we begin to examine the scriptures on the significance of blood, I think we would all have to say, our basic understanding of these scriptures is minute. Especially in our Western culture, we are very ignorant about things like the blood covenant and blood pacts. We have read in scripture the statements like without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness, but I am not sure that there is any revelation of that statement.

Everything about the forgiveness of our sin hinges on the shed blood of Christ. A just God has justified all of us sinners because of the value that was placed on the shed blood of Jesus Christ. We need to be able to comprehend the power of Christ's offering of His own blood, as it was offered through the Eternal Spirit the very root of sin was dealt with once and for all. After the revelation comes, we can with confidence say that sin no longer has dominion over us. We are free from the slave market of the devil because the blood of Christ has purchased our salvation. We will be able to walk in the truth of the Word that declares that we are washed clean because our sins have been removed by the blood. Condemnation and guilt is released by that blood and we can serve the living God with a pure conscience.

Why are the pictures of sacrifices so vividly painted in the Old Testament? Why was the blood put on the Mercy Seat of the Arc of the Covenant and then on the ground? Why was the blood of the animals placed on the right ear, right thumb, and the right toe of those that were cleansed? Why were all those animals sacrificed and why so much BLOOD? Obviously, there is a lot that we need the Holy Spirit to reveal to us. We certainly don't want to take lightly the blood. Our church fathers made much of the blood and we have not emphasized it very much. They pleaded the blood over everything and we don't use it as a weapon in very many cases. Where is the balance?

As the Israelites brought their animals to be sacrificed there was a lot of time and money and hopefully repentance involved. We go to Jesus our High Priest and confess our sins with little effort and I wonder about our repentance. Is grace used without proper appreciation? That is something of course that only each individual can answer. I am certainly not making a case for animal sacrifices again but I am making a case for a correct appreciation and appreciation of the blood of Christ. We need to take the time necessary to meditate the meaning and application of the sacrifice that were made in order to appreciate the full impact of the sacrifice that Christ made. We need to fully understand the communion elements which represent the sacrifice of Christ on the cross and not wrongly discern the Lord's body as I Corinthians 11:29 warns.

The blood of Christ is certainly a fundamental block in our Christianity. We all need to examine ourselves and ask the Lord to show us His heart on His blood. Without seeing through His eyes we will not be placing the right value on that shed blood. The life that was poured out in His blood was so powerful that it wiped away all of the death and debt that was waiting to be paid. The devil has no more legal right to extract payment out of us because the Lord paid the full price. The debt that sin demanded was cancelled, the death that was ours was nailed on that tree of Calvary, and the brokenness that sin had inflicted was healed on that day we commonly call Good Friday.

Scriptural Concepts:

Places That Jesus' Blood Was Shed

1. Luke 22:44 Pours
2. Isaiah 50:6 Beard
3. Mark 15:17-19 Crown of Thorns
4. John 19:1 Back
5. John 20:27 Hands
6. Psalms 22:16 Feet
7. John 19:34 Side

Old Testament Sacrifices Paint a New Testament Truth

1. Leviticus 1:3-9 Sin Offering
2. Leviticus 3:1-5 Fellowship Offering
3. Leviticus 4:13-21 Sin Offering
4. Leviticus 5:14-19 Guilt Offering
5. Leviticus 14 Cleansing of Leper
6. Leviticus 16 Day of Atonement

Scripture On The Blood

1. Genesis 3:8,9,21
2. Genesis 4:6,7
3. Genesis 4:10,11
4. Genesis 9:6
5. Genesis 15:9-21
6. Genesis 17:24-27

7. Genesis 22:1-19
8. Exodus 4:25
9. Exodus 12
10. Exodus 24:6-8
11. Exodus 29:10-13
12. Exodus 29:15-21
13. Exodus 30:10
14. Leviticus 1:5
15. Leviticus 3:2
16. Leviticus 4:5-12
17. Leviticus 4:16-18
18. Leviticus 8:22-24
19. Leviticus 14:6
20. Leviticus 14:14
21. Leviticus 14:25
22. Leviticus 14: 28
23. Leviticus 16:19
24. Leviticus 17:11
25. Leviticus 20:9
26. Numbers 35:33
27. Deuteronomy 12:23,24
28. Joshua 2:19
29. II Samuel 3:29
30. II Kings 21:16

31. II Kings 24:4
32. Psalms 72:14
33. Psalms 79:10
34. Isaiah 1:15
35. Ezekiel 3:20
36. Ezekiel 16:9
37. Ezekiel 24:7,8
38. Ezekiel 33:6
39. Zechariah 9:11
40. Matthew 26:28
41. Matthew 27:25
42. Luke 11:50,51
43. John 6:53-59
44. Acts 20:28-31
45. Romans 3:25
46. I Corinthians 11:25,26
47. Ephesians 1:7
48. Ephesians 2:13
49. Colossians 1:20
50. Hebrews 2:14
51. Hebrews 9:7
52. Hebrews 9:12-14
53. Hebrews 9:18-22

54. Hebrews 9:25
55. Hebrews 10:19
56. Hebrews 10:29
57. Hebrews 11:28
58. Hebrews 12:24
59. Hebrews 13:11,12
60. Hebrews 13:20
61. I Peter 1:19
62. I John 1:7
63. I John 5:6-8
64. Revelation 1:5
65. Revelation 5:9
66. Revelation 7:14
67. Revelation 12:11
68. Revelation 17:6
69. Revelation 18:24
70. Revelation 19:13

Summary:

When scriptures make the statement, that there is life in the blood, can you imagine how much life came out when Christ blood was shed. There was so much life that all the sins of man's past and present and future were completely washed away once and for all when Jesus became our Passover lamb. Imagine the amount of payment that was necessary to pay the wages that sin was demanding. I am sure that I couldn't even imagine the amount of life that was necessary to cover the wages that sin demanded. Each sacrifice that was offered in the Old Testament was painting a picture of what would happen when Jesus went to that cross. Each drop of blood that was put on the mercy seat was declaring that when a drop of the blood of Christ was placed on the Mercy Seat in the Holy of Holies in heaven; all of the sins of mankind were going to be paid. No longer would the enemy have any right to put death on forgiven believers. I am sure there was great excitement on the Day of Atonement when the Israelites knew that they were covered for another year,

we are covered for a lifetime. Our sins are not covered over they are removed as far as the East is from the West. Is it any wonder why the devil doesn't want us to teach and preach about the blood? The Blood of Christ is our covering and guarantees that we are going into the Promised Land and that we will be able to conquer in His Name. We are washed on the inside and the death from the outside that the devil tries to put on us has no place to reside (Proverbs 26:2). Give the Lord a shout of praise.

Action:

Take Leviticus 17:11 and begin to ask the Lord to explain to you what it is saying and the power that is wrapped up in the blood. Then meditate Hebrews 9:14 and ask the Lord to cleanse your consciences of anything that is keeping you from serving the Living God. We want to be washed with the revelation of the cleansing power of the blood of the lamb. We want to serve the Lord with our whole mind that is free of rerun movies about my past. We are not going to receive the devils condemnation from our past because it is washed away and lost in the sea of forgetfulness. Praise the Lord!