

The Blood of Christ



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ONE OF THE important statements in the Bible is this: *Without shedding of blood there is no remission for sin.* ^{He.9:22} God says, *It is the blood that makes an atonement for the soul.* ^{Lev.17:11}

Jesus said, *This is my blood which is shed for the remission of your sins.* ^{Mt.26:28}

In the beginning, God created Adam and Eve without sin, placing them in the Garden of Eden where everything good and beautiful was theirs. But they were forbidden to eat of the *tree of the knowledge of good and evil.* God said, *In the day that you eat of it, you will die.* ^{Gen.2:2} But Satan lied to them saying, *You will not die.* ^{Gen.2:4} They believed his lie, ate the forbidden fruit (which was the original sin), and were therefore banished from the Garden of God's presence.

The Bible says, *The soul that sins shall die.* ^{Eze.18:4} When Adam and Eve sinned, deterioration and death were engendered in the human race. ^{Rom.5:12}

The prophet Isaiah said, *Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you.* ^{Is.59:2} Paul, the apostle, said, *The wages of sin is death.* ^{Ro.6:23}

People want peace with God and search to find Him, but Jesus said, *Their heart is waxed gross, and their ears are dull*

of hearing, and their eyes they have closed; lest they should be converted, and I should heal them. ^{Mat.13:15}

Sin blinds the way, preventing people from finding peace with God.

Religious leaders in nations around the world, constantly ordain rituals and procedures in a search for divine peace. People worship gods of wood and stone. Others torture themselves. Some dance themselves into a frenzy. Others burn incense or kill animals or fowls. Some chant long prayers before idols. Millions make pilgrimages to sacred places.

But none of these things can remove sin or bring a person into relationship with God. There is only one way: *The Blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, was shed for the remission of your sins.* ^{Mat.26:28}

For centuries people have groped in darkness, searching for peace. Why? Because God created humanity in His own image and likeness, ^{Gen.1:27} and they therefore long for fellowship with Him. But the Bible says, *Your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear.* ^{Isa.59:2}

People ask: "How can I know God? How can I find peace with Him? How can I be free of the guilt I carry in my

heart? Which road or which religion should I follow? Is there a way for me to have real peace with God?"

Yes! Jesus says, *I am the way, the truth and the life.* ^{Jn.14:6} He says, in essence: "I gave my life and shed my blood to ransom you from your sins when I died in your place on the cross. Accept my gift of *eternal life.* ^{Rom.6:23} Believe on me and I will impart to you my life." He said, *My peace I give unto you.* ^{Jn.14:27}

People without God are shipwrecked and are in darkness. The storm rages. Death is imminent, unless help is received. People want to know: Is there hope for me? And I say: Yes! There is hope. Jesus Christ is *The Way.* There is safety in Him.

My friend, trust in the sacrifice of Christ to save you today. Jesus said, *This is my blood which is shed for the remission of sins.* ^{Mat.26:28} Paul said, *Being justified by His blood, we shall be saved.* ^{Rom.5:9}

The Bible says: *We are not redeemed with silver and gold but with the precious blood of Christ.* ^{1Pet.1:18-19}

Satan enslaved people through sin. But when Christ gave His life to ransom us from the dominion of sin, and when He shed His blood to redeem us, the price was paid for our salvation. Our sins were purged forever.

You cannot redeem yourself from sin. Only the blood of God's Son can free you from the power of evil. Jesus said, *Only believe.*

You will find His peace when you believe what His Word says.

The Bible says, *Now in Christ Jesus, you who were far off [from God because of your sins] are made near by the blood of Christ.* ^{Eph. 2:13}

Sin separates us from God, but Jesus has paid the price to remove our sins

and now we are brought back to God through the blood of His Son. If we trust in His blood and believe it was shed for us, we can stand in God's presence again without fear or condemnation. The Bible says, *There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus.* ^{Ro.8:1}

The blood of Jesus Christ *justifies* us, which means that His death restores us to God as though we had never sinned. The Bible says, *Being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved.* ^{Ro.5:9} That means we are made clean and guiltless, restored to fellowship with Him as His friends and partners.

When we receive Christ, God only looks on us through what Jesus paid to ransom and to redeem us. He assumed our guilt and suffered the penalty that our sins merited.

The blood of Christ *gives us peace.* The Bible says, *He made peace through the blood of His cross.* ^{Col.1:20} You can never know real peace with God until you trust His blood to purge your sins and to give you a new life.

The blood of Christ *cleanses* us: The Bible tells us, *The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin.* ^{1Jn.1:7} Not a few sins, but *all* sins, the terrible sins and the small sins.

No one is too bad or too wicked. No one is too evil or too unclean. God is ready to pardon every sin and make you clean and give you peace with Him, if you will trust in the blood of His Son now.

He says, *I will forgive your iniquities, and I will remember your sins no more.* ^{Jer.31:34} That is His promise to you.

And when He forgives your sins, it is His will that your sicknesses also be healed. It is His will for you to have peace in your soul and health in your body today! He gives you *His new kind of life.* Believe on Him and trust Him right now to save you. May God richly bless you!

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