

Blood is a mysterious thing; it can provoke extreme emotions in people. They can either faint from seeing it, cheer when other people's blood is spilled, or they may just find the whole subject matter repugnant and better left unspoken.

Today's church and most Christians believe the latter, not to speak of the blood and trying (*in their eyes*) to sanitize the church from this distasteful and unpleasant subject, focusing more on pleasant matters, such as worship, prayer, praise, compassion, loving thy neighbor, peace, and joy, etc.

However, this is the foundation and an essential part of the Gospel, the blood covenant that the Father has made for us through the sacrifice and shedding of the blood of His Son Jesus. We cannot move past this if we wish to be one with Christ and under His protection. Peter refers to the blood as:

The precious blood of Christ, 1st Peter 1:19.

Any attempt to put a value on Christ's blood would come up far short, for His blood is of infinite value.

Whom God has 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; **Romans 3:25**.

And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission, **Hebrews 9:22**.

¹⁹ Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, . . . 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, **Hebrews 10:19, 22**.

Pleading the Blood

Pleading the blood may sound like an old Pentecostal practice that may not be relevant for the time we live in, or you may even think of it as being an outdated, barbaric practice. However, when we consider that the life is in the blood and that Jesus is *the life, the truth, and the way*, we can see the relevance of honoring and pleading the blood of Jesus.

When we plead the blood, we must realize that this is not just a historical fact that Jesus shed His blood for us, but rather, it applies to our present day and is a vital reality.

Partaking of Communion

Seeing Holy Communion as partaking of Christ's blood, We do this by faith (*of course*), realizing that the life is in the blood and that we are in Him; *the branch can do nothing unless it abides in the vine*, **John 15:4**.

⁵⁴ Whoso eats My flesh, and drinks My blood, has eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. ⁵⁵ For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. ⁵⁶ He that eats My flesh, and drinks My blood, dwells in Me, and I in him, **John 6:54-56**

In scripture we see occurrences of things being sanctified and people being consecrated, cleansed, and protected by the blood:

- When the Israelites put lambs' blood on their doorposts to be saved from the 10th plague in Egypt, **Exodus 12:13**.
- The Israelites sanctified the altars in the Tabernacle and all of the utensils that it required.
- Aaron and his sons were consecrated with ram's blood, and it was put on their right ear, the thumb of their right hand, and the great toe of their right foot, **Exodus 29:20**.
- Cleansing of the lepers, **Leviticus 14:14**.
- When the harlot Rahab's house was protected by the scarlet cord (*a picture of the blood*), **Joshua 2:18**.
- Jesus shed His blood for us during the Crucifixion so that all believers are covered by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.

Pleading the blood also helps us in our daily walk and fellowship with the Father, the Lord Jesus Christ, and our fellow believers in Christ Jesus.

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, 1st **John 1:7**.

Pleading the blood can also be used as a powerful tool of warfare, for the enemy that comes against us is defenseless against the blood of Christ Jesus.

An example prayer.

Father God, I thank You for the sacrifice of your Son Jesus Christ and the blood that He shed for us to bring us back into right relationship with the only true God, **John 17:3**. Through the blood of Jesus, my sins have been remitted. Therefore, I come to You boldly, with full assurance, having my heart cleansed from an evil conscience.

Father, I thank You that there is healing power in the blood of Jesus, physically, emotionally, and that through His blood all of our needs have been provided for. For it is only through the blood of Jesus that the body of Christ is cleansed and can walk in the light, in fellowship one with another, **1st John 1:7**.

The blood that Jesus shed for us and the covenant that He made with mankind also provides us with His protection. For our enemy is defenseless when we plead the blood of Jesus. Therefore, I plead the blood of Jesus, a barrier, a wall of fire that the devil cannot cross. For I am relying on His blood, His finished work on the cross, to be my shield and protector, rather than relying on my intellect or actions to deliver me. Therefore, I make a declaration of faith that my body and my entire family are covered and protected by the blood, that there would be a wall of fire, a hedge of protection over my household and possessions that the devil and his demons are not able to cross and bring any evil against us, for Christ's blood provides us with complete coverage and protection.

COVERED by the BLOOD the powerful Blood of Jesus

We must honor the Blood, shed for us.

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's the blood *that* makes an atonement for the soul, **Leviticus 17:11**.

This scripture tells us three important things:

1. The life is in the blood.
2. God has given us the blood of Jesus as our atonement.
3. It's *ONLY* the blood that makes atonement for our soul.

The word "atonement" means a covering.

Through the blood of Jesus:

- Atonement: a covering has been made for our sins.
- The blood has made remission and forgiveness of our sins, **Matthew 26:28, Romans 3:25, Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14**.
- We are justified and saved from wrath, **Romans 5:9**.

However, to be covered by the Blood, we first must understand the importance of His blood and then plead the Blood.

This is the blood of the New Covenant.

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

And He said unto them, **This is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many**, **Mark 14:24**.

After supper He took the cup, saying, **This cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you**, **Luke 22:20**.

Thus, has He made all men of all nations to be of one blood, determining their times and habitations, **{Acts 17:26}**.