

STUDY GUIDE
BLOOD OF JESUS

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THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Q. Why do we eat and drink stuff that symbolises Jesus' blood and body? That's kind of gross isn't it?

*"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."*

"There is power, power, wonder-working power in the blood of the Lamb..."

*Why does blood play such a significant role in the Bible? Primarily because the Bible tells us that life is in the blood (Leviticus 17:11). Medical science confirms that fact. So it was the 'life' of Jesus that was spilt to give us life - for the healing of our body, soul and spirit. It's like a blood transfusion, which can save the life of a sick person. - **Born 4 BC***

*Christians are washed by God's Word that declares you are accepted, and washed by Jesus' blood for forgiveness of sins (Ephesians 5:25-27, Hebrews 13:12). God also offers more than this, as demonstrated by another event in the life of Jesus - water baptism. - **Born 4 BC***

*Interestingly, the Bible says the blood that was spilt there was for the healing of our sicknesses (1 Peter 2:24) and the Romans also placed a crown of thorns on the head of Jesus - this spilling of blood from Jesus' head was for our release from mental pressures, worries, depression, shame and guilt (Isaiah 53:4-5). - **Born 4 BC***

By the precious blood of Jesus Christ we are washed from our sins, we get victory over the devil and his angels, cleanses our conscience, brings us forgiveness of sins, we are made righteous, holy and united with God.

*This know also, that in the last days... men shall be lovers of their own selves,... highminded, lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof: from such turn away... (they will be) ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth. **2 Tim 3:1-7***

Without an understanding of the power of the blood of Jesus and an awareness of spiritual things, our Christian walk can be reduced to simply another expression of social justice in our community. As Christians it is essential that we understand what Jesus did on the cross and how Him shedding His blood not only provides forgiveness of sins, but also the spiritual power and authority over all the works of the devil in our lives and community. It is through this



power we are freed, first from the traps of the enemy in our own lives, and then to serve our community in a unique way - expressing the love of Jesus coupled with His awesome miracle working power. Mark 16:17-18 (Jesus said) *“And these signs shall follow them that believe; in My name shall they cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; they shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.”*

BLOOD OF JESUS - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

The blood of Jesus is the foundation of redemption. Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed His blood, (then was resurrected) as the only acceptable payment for our sins. The disciple Peter wrote in 1 Peter 1:18-19, “For you know that God paid a ransom to save you from the empty life you inherited from your ancestors. And the ransom He paid was not mere gold or silver. He paid for you with the precious lifeblood of Christ, the sinless, spotless Lamb of God.” The blood of Jesus Christ is absolutely the most precious thing God has offered us.

Every human born has sinned against God and fallen short of His standard (*Romans 3:23*).

BLOOD OF JESUS - WHY IS THIS REQUIRED?

In the Old Testament (after Adam’s original sin), God accepted the death of an innocent [sic] animal as a substitute for the sinner. The animal’s shed blood was proof that one life had to be given for another. Life is precious and God places great value on each one of His created beings. This agreement demonstrated that while blood symbolised death, it also showed that a life was spared. However, this was a temporary covenant. This blood needed to be repeated daily and yearly.

God would later send His only Son providing a new covenant, or New Testament through Jesus Christ who was innocent of all sin [sic]. Jesus would die in the place of all sinners. His sacrifice fulfilled completely what the Old Testament covenant was meant to. His blood would remove the sins of the world for all who put their faith in Him. This sacrifice would never have to be repeated; it is an eternal covenant.

John the Baptist called Jesus the “Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world” (*John 1:29*) The Lamb of course, referenced the unblemished innocent [sic] animal sacrifice of old. There are many references to sacrificial offerings in the Old Testament.

The event was then commemorated in the Hebrew Feast of Passover. It’s now recognised as a “type” or foreshadowing of the blood of Jesus. The blood is a powerful, freeing, and protecting provision from God. As one Christian hymn says, *“There is power, power, wonder-working power in the precious blood of the Lamb.”* If you have asked Jesus to be Lord of your life, then you too have applied the blood of the Lamb on the door posts of your heart. He is covering your heart, and your life with His protection and everlasting forgiveness of sin.



BLOOD OF JESUS - HOW IS THIS POSSIBLE?

The blood of Jesus provides everyone with protection and forgiveness. Regardless of what sins and offenses we have committed against God, He offers this gift to each of us. John 3:17 tells us that Jesus didn't come to condemn us but to save us.

STUFF TO TALK ABOUT

— HEAD —

YOUNG	Why do we celebrate communion? Why did Jesus say, "unless you eat My body and drink My blood you cannot enter the Kingdom of God"? <i>John 6:53</i>
GROWING	Why is the blood of Jesus important to every Christian every day?
MATURE	How is Jesus blood connected to God's power and how can it bring me victory in my life? (Give a practical example)

— HEART —

YOUNG	What can I do/think about to make communion real to me every time I take it?
GROWING	How do I apply the blood of Jesus in my life?
MATURE	How can you use the blood of Jesus in spiritual warfare?

— HANDS —

YOUNG	What area of your life do you need to apply the blood of Jesus to this week?
GROWING	How would you explain the importance of the blood of Jesus to a new Christian?
MATURE	How can you ensure that every good work you do is empowered by Jesus' blood?

STUFF TO DO

Pray using the blood of Jesus as a group for those who need strongholds broken in their lives.

PRAYER POINTS & COMING UP

HEART SUNDAY - 19TH JUNE

FAMILY SUNDAY - 26TH JUNE

BOOM JUNE - 5TH, 12TH, 19TH & 26TH JUNE

SUNCOAST CHURCH/COLLEGE MAKEOVER - 16TH JULY

HEART FOR THE HOUSE - 21ST AUGUST

STUFF TO THINK ABOUT

WHAT THE BLOOD OF JESUS DOES	BIBLE REFERENCE
The blood pays for our sins so we don't go to hell	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Matthew 26:28 "For this is My blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins"
The blood bought us [3]	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Acts 20:28 "...feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood"1 Corinthians 6:20, 7:23 "...ye are bought with a price..."
The blood justifies us before a Holy God	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Romans 5:9 "Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him..."



<p>The blood redeems us</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ephesians 1:7 “In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” • Colossians 1:14 “In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins” • Hebrews 9:12 “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”
<p>The blood brought us Gentiles into a relationship with God that we didn't have before</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ephesians 2:11-16 “... ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh... without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world; But now in Christ Jesus... are made nigh by the blood of Christ”
<p>The blood brought Jew and Gentile (regardless of race or nationality) into a right relationship with God</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revelation 5:9 “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”
<p>The blood brought peace</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colossians 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”
<p>The blood purges our consciences from dead works</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrews 9:14 “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?”
<p>The blood lets us enter into the holiest place before the throne of God</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrews 10:19 “Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus”



The blood forges an everlasting covenant between the believer and God	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrews 13:20 “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”
The blood sanctifies us.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hebrews 10:29 “...the blood of the covenant, wherewith He was sanctified...”
The blood cleanses us from all sin	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 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”
The blood washes away our sins	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revelation 1:5 “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”
The blood causes us to overcome the devil	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revelation 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”
The blood gives life	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John 6:53 “Jesus said to them, “I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you”
The blood delivers us from the power of darkness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colossians 1:13 “He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.”

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