



# The Precious BLOOD

**S**ome people say that the shed Blood of Jesus Christ has no more power to cleanse from sin than does yours or mine.

The Bible says, *"For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins"* (Matthew 26:28). And, *"...without shedding of blood is no remission"* (Hebrews 9:22).

Dear reader, carefully consider the above statements regarding the Blood of the Lord Jesus. You will find a very striking contradiction. Both can't be true, therefore, a choice must be made. Your eternal destiny depends upon the attitude you assume toward the *"precious blood of Christ"* (1 Peter 1:19).

In the opinion of some, the shedding of the Blood of Christ amounts to nothing; whereas, in God's reckoning, it means everything. The "...*life of all flesh is in the blood thereof*" (Leviticus 17:14). The shedding of the blood speaks of the laying down of that life in sacrifice.

In the telling of the Lord's Passover in Exodus chapter 12, if an Israelite had merely taken a living lamb and fastened it by a cord to the door of his house, his first-born **would not** have escaped the sword of the destroying angel as he passed through the land of Egypt.

It was not blood in the lamb's veins that God desired to see, but "...*they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses...*" (Exodus 12:7). It was essential that the blood be shed and applied to assure the safety of the firstborn. "*And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt*" (Exodus 12:13).

It was the shed blood of the lamb that made the difference between Abel and Cain, "*By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous...*" (Hebrews 11:4), and between the Israelites and the Egyptians.

It is the shed Blood of the Lamb of God

that marks the difference between the saved and the lost now, and that will be the difference between the Song of the Redeemed in Heaven (Revelation 5:9), and the wail of the damned in Hell (Matthew 13:42).

It was the life that Jesus lived, and the death that He died that saves the believer from the doom of his sins. The Lord Jesus said: "*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life*" (John 3:14, 15). Again, we read: "...*Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead...*" (Acts 17:3).

The Precious shed Blood of Jesus Christ is that which procures every blessing which the Christian enjoys.

### **HIS BLOOD IS:**

- **THE POWER OF OUR SANCTIFICATION.**  
"*Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate*" (Hebrews 13:12).
- **THE PLEDGE OF OUR BLESSING.**  
"*...This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you*" (Luke 22:20).
- **THE PRICE OF OUR PURCHASE.**  
"*...the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood*" (Acts 20:28).



- **THE LIBERTY OF OUR ACCESS.**

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

- **THE THRONE OF OUR PRAISE.**

*"...Unto him who loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood"* (Revelation 1:5).

- **THE CERTAINTY OF OUR OVERCOMING.**

*"And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb..."* (Revelation 12:11).

- **THE GROUND OF OUR PEACE.**

*"And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself..."* (Colossians 1:20).

- **THE CHANNEL OF OUR FORGIVENESS.**

*"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace"* (Ephesians 1:7).

- **THE MEANS OF OUR CLEANSING.**

*"...the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7).

Do not allow anyone to rob you, dear reader, of these matchless blessings which are yours to enjoy "...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). —Tom M. Olson

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