

Radical Restoration

The Blood Part 2

The Purpose of This Series: This series is to provide a greater understanding of the broader picture of the Biblical concept of The Blood. Without an accurate understanding of this Biblical truth, the blessings procured by it, the glory of God seen through it, the Word of God permeated through and through with it, and the hope that it provides for all mankind by it is the loss of the Gospel itself. The key concepts that we will learn is who we are in Christ, becoming a confident and assured believer, freedom from your past, authority as a believer, a purified and overcoming life, power in victory as a “follower of Christ” and the excitement of the reality of eternity in heaven!

The Purpose of This Message: We want to take the time to go beyond a simple but sincere appreciation of Christ's work on the Cross. We want to take a deeper view of what that means and all that it entails. Too many Christians have a vague understanding of the full work of God while at the same time celebrate in the “finished” work of the Cross. Because of this vague understanding we are not familiar with the full benefits that GOD provides through the shed blood of Jesus. Today you will understand what Jesus did and how that affects you, the benefit of that shed blood.

Introduction: By The Blood

When Christ suffered on the cross, all the events that lead up to that very event were designed to maximize the point of shedding His blood. All that was required, that only the blood could do, was complete in the work of Christ on the cross. This is no ordinary event and it is not one that should be taken lightly. You and I should not only celebrate **that** Jesus shed His blood for us, (being thankful and joyful for the work done on the cross), but we **should pursue a fuller knowledge to gain the valuable lessons of what** Jesus did when He shed His blood and **how that affects, benefits us, a surrendered heart toward God. You can know Christ died for you, but it is important to know what that means!**

PRAY FOR REVELATIONS FROM GOD TO CONFRONT AND EXPOSE AND EXPEL CONFUSION, DOUBT AND UNBELIEF!

- In Matthew 16, Jesus asked Peter a very important question. The correct answer to the question could only come from a person where God Himself was working.

“But what about you?” he asked. “Who do you say I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.”
Matthew 16:15-16

“Jesus replied, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah, for this was not revealed to you by man, but by my Father in heaven.”
Matthew 16:17

“And I tell you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not overcome it.”
Matthew 16:18

Jesus tells Peter that having a correct understanding of Christ reveals three key points:

1. First, a correct understanding of Christ **comes from a personal revelation from God**. God is working in you.
2. Secondly, a correct understanding of Christ is **the basis of the church having full affect in this world**.
3. Thirdly, a correct understanding of Christ **empowers the believer in a way that even the gates of hell and the attacks of Satan cannot defeat!**

So, before we start addressing what all the *benefits* of Jesus' blood, I want to **pray for those who are and will be attacked during the message with doubt and unbelief** that would keep you from getting all the “benefits” of this message!

- **What is a simple truth to you is a great revelation for someone else!**

Redemption

When we are getting a correct understanding of Christ we cannot find it in one section of the Bible or in one scripture, we have to look at the thirty thousand foot view of the whole Bible. Understanding that **the shed blood of sacrifice was the Biblical demand throughout the whole Bible and, as we will see, of Jesus Christ**. You cannot separate Jesus from the **shedding of His blood**. Without understanding the shed blood of Christ you will never understand the full benefits of Christ coming to this earth. Understanding the shed blood of Jesus Christ affects us with incredible benefits.

Remember, all this understanding is a revelation from God, it is the central foundational and unifying truth of the church and it empowers you in overcoming the very gates of hell! All these benefits can be summed up in **one key word**. This one word will be emphasize throughout this whole message, because this one word represents the full work of Jesus Christ. That one word is- **Redemption!**

I believe to gain a fuller knowledge of the correct understanding of Christ and the mystery of His blood really depends on a **surrendered heart**. And only when that surrendered heart is offered to God can a full understanding of **who** they are in Christ be birthed in their hearts, and **how** they obtain the benefits of Jesus' shed blood can he/she experience the full power of God in their life.

Three Underlying Questions

I want clarify three **underlying thoughts** concerning **THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS** before we clarify all the **benefits** of Jesus' blood.

- I. **What is in Jesus Blood that is in nothing else?**
 - II. **What can that do that nothing else can do?**
 - III. **How can we receive the full effects of Jesus Blood?**
- I. **What is in Jesus Blood that is in nothing else?**

Here is another way to ask that same question, “What gives the blood of Jesus such power?”

“For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for

one's life."

Leviticus 17:11

Here is the answer to the question, "**What is in Jesus Blood that is in nothing else?**" Notice three things revealed in this scripture about Christ's blood:

1. Life Is In The Blood

LIFE! Life is in the blood; and in the Old Testament, the blood was offered up to God on an altar, that it has in it redemptive power. There is a wealth of scientific and spiritual truth in this point. It wasn't a known fact until the discovery of the **circulation of the blood** by the scientist William Harvey, in about **1620**, that **biological "life" really is maintained by the blood**, which both **brings nourishment to all parts of the body** and also **carries away its wastes**.

2. Sacrifice Was God's Idea

The shedding of Blood on the altar was not man's idea. As far back as the beginning of time, God instituted the whole idea of the shedding of blood when He provided coats of skin to cover the nakedness of Adam and Eve. There had to be the **death of an innocent, substitute, to provide life for the guilty**.

Creating Value

This week an ounce of gold is going for more than \$1,000. The value of Gold is not in the same perspective of size or portion, **it's value is based upon demand**. In understanding value based upon demand, **the demand of sin was beyond the means of man to pay off**. It is imperative to understand the value of the Blood based upon the demands of sin. **The value of the blood then, corresponds to the value of the life that is in it.**

I think it is so funny realizing what we hold when we hold a five or ten dollar bill. It is nothing but paper. It is that and that is all it is, paper with ink on it. If the true reality of this would strike us each time we spent it, the reality of it would make us laugh all the way home, "I gave paper for this car."

There are two things that create value and it is important that we understand this in context to what I am talking about today. First value is created by demand. I remember a few years back when "Beanie Babies" were all the rage. People were paying outrageous amounts of money for them. The demand was up and the paper was flowing...money that is.

Another thing that creates value is the governmental authority placed on that paper. It has value because the ruling authority says it is so. I know someone who spent a few years in prison because he refused to believe that the government had any authority to have one form of money. They proved they did have the right by placing him in prison. That's a hard lesson to learn.

How does that apply to us today? There is a high, actually a full demand for the sins of man. He cannot escape it, "...all have sinned." There is a government, Isaiah says that it will be upon the shoulders of the Messiah. Not only is there a demand, but there is a government, and both are fulfilled in the blood.

The power of the sacrificial blood is found in the “value” of the sacrificial blood, it is valuable because God placed the value there, not man! And there will be a big question in us of “Why, God?” Without understanding His amazing plan from the beginning to the end you cannot understand the true value of Jesus! All the sacrifices and offerings were only types, and shadows, till the Lord Jesus came. The thousands upon thousands of sacrifices all pointed to His coming. His blood was the reality to which these types pointed.. This point is so important to understanding Christ and receiving the full benefits of what Christ shed blood provided for you and I.

His blood was of **great value because of the manner in which it was shed**. In holy **obedience to the Father's will He subjected Himself to the penalty of the broken law**, by pouring out His soul unto death. By that death, not only was the **penalty paid**, but **the law was satisfied, and the Father glorified**. His blood atoned for sin, and thus made it powerless.

3. **The Blood Atones AND Reconciles One's LIFE**

The power of the blood lies above everything else in the fact that within it is life, it was the provisional means of acceptance by God for man, a sacrifice, the shedding of blood on the altar for *redemption*. When we think of blood as shed, we think of death. Death makes us think of sin, for **death is the punishment of sin**. God gave Israel the blood on the altar, as the atonement or covering for sin; that means **the sins of the transgressor were laid on the victim, and its death was reckoned as the death or punishment for the sins laid upon it**.

The blood became the life for that which was destined for death. The blood satisfied the demands of the law of God, and in obedience to His command. Sin was so entirely covered and atoned for, it was no longer reckoned as that of the transgressor. He was forgiven.

This spilled blood of sacrificial animals was given to man to atone for (that is "to cover") the sins of the one bringing the offering, until finally "the Lamb of God" could be offered by God as "one sacrifice for sins for ever" (Hebrews 10:12). When the blood gushed from His pierced side, His spotless life was poured out at the foot of the cross, and the price of our redemption was fully paid. The blood, when shed on the altar, serves as an "atonement" ("covering") **for the soul of the guilty sinner making the offering.**

Man Before God

When you hear the word “atone” or “atonement” think of part of the word, “tone.” Not in the sense of voice fluctuation, the “tone” of voice. But think of it in the form of color. A “tone” of color, and in this case, the color red covering all those who have accepted Jesus Christ into their heart. Those who accepted Jesus as their “savior” actually accepted His shed blood for their unacceptable sins. We are a different “tone” to God. We are seen in a different light. **When God looks upon you, He sees you through the “Blood” of Jesus, atonement! Among many things that does for you and I, two of them are Atonement and Reconciliation!**

1. Atonement- Covering For Sin

When the blood was offered, it was an offering of life in substitution for the life of the sinner who deserved to die.

“God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood.”

Romans 3:25a

There is no doubt that the life of man is more valuable than that of many sheep or oxen. Henry Morris, Ph.D. presents an interesting thought concerning life in the blood stating that in the Old Testament. He explains that **human sacrifices were forbidden** because **no one could die for another man because his blood was contaminated by his own sin.** Therefore, the blood of a "clean animal" was shed as required by law. Why animals? Because they do not possess the "image of God" (Genesis 1:27), including the ability to reason about right and wrong, and therefore cannot sin. (Life In The Blood, Henry Morris, P.H.D, Institute For Creation Research, www.icr.org)

The “*clean*” blood could only temporary serve as a covering, people's sins **could not completely be "take away"**. There needed to be a permanent solution to the sin problem. And it was found in Jesus, the sinless "Lamb of God, which takes away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). "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" (Hebrews 9:12). Since His life was in His blood, He has "made peace through the blood of His cross" (Colossians 1:20).

2. Reconciliation

The word translated "**RECONCILIATION**" means actually "**to cover.**" **God revealed a RECONCILIATION which could so truly cover and remove the guilt of sin, that the original relationship between God and man can be entirely restored.**

“...God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation.”

II Corinthians 5:19

The RECONCILIATION through the blood of Jesus has covered our sins; they appear no longer appear in God's sight. RECONCILIATION places us not only visible, looked upon by God through the blood of Jesus, but accepted by God. Many believe that God loves them, but they have a hard time believing that He accepts them! RECONCILIATION is more than God “loves” you like a Grandfather loves His Grandchild. But God can now interact with you, not just as a child, but as His child, a son or a daughter. To be reconciled to God is to be fully part of His family, one of His Sons and Daughters!

“...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, and are justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus.”

Romans 3:23-24

God has offered a perfect acquittal from all our sin and guilt. Because RECONCILIATION has been made for sin, we can now be RECONCILED to Him.

“We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

II Corinthians 5:20

“God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.”

II Corinthians 5:21

This is what true RECONCILIATION must have the guilt of sin removed so that we can be freely accepted, reconciled and draw near to God. To be the “righteousness of God” on this earth.

Correcting Error About Jesus' Sufferings

I've heard on several occasions that when you sin you hurt Jesus. This is not an accurate understanding of what has happened in the work of Christ on the cross. A perverted view of Christ work on the cross could be illustrated this way. Suppose that a person was holding a big plastic bat. There is a person next to him representing you and a person on the other side representing Jesus. When you sin, the idea is that Jesus gets hit with the bat. Every time I sin, Jesus gets hit with the bat...every time! That may be your view, but it is an incorrect one and here is a correct way to understand it using the same illustration. Between the person holding the bat and Jesus, mentally position the cross. See, Jesus is no longer on the cross, He is seated in the heavens with God. But the cross is where the blows of your sin goes. Jesus is not cringing in painful agony again and again each time you blow it. As a matter of fact, he does not feel any pain at all. (A side note is this, you can grieve the Holy Spirit though, but that is a whole other teaching.) Jesus is freely and confidently standing on the other side of the cross. He has done all He will do because it is all He can do, there is nothing left to do. It is up to us to take the work of Christ, His atoning work and accept that God accepts us.

So, having a correct understanding of Christ is to have a correct understanding of the shedding of His blood, who required it to be shed, who shed it and how it was shed all fulfilled the law of God. In this, the blood of Atonement, we are redeemed, accomplishing everything for, and in, the sinner, that is necessary to salvation.

II. What can the BLOOD do that nothing else can do?

When we see what the Shed Blood of Jesus did for Christ we will gain a greater understanding of what it can do for us.

1. Resurrection From The Dead

*“May the God of peace, **who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep...**”*

Hebrews 13:20

It was through the blood that God raised Jesus up from the dead. God would not have raised Christ up outside the shedding of His Blood.

Jesus came to this earth to become the bearer of the sin of mankind. Through the shedding of His blood alone that **He had the right, as man, to rise again, and to obtain eternal life through resurrection. His blood satisfied the law of God.** He overcome the power of sin through His work on the cross, and **death was defeated, the sting of sin. Satan was defeated, who had the power of death, having now lost all right over Him and us.** Jesus' blood **destroyed the power of death, the devil and hell--THE BLOOD** Resurrected the dead, we are liberated over the power that kept us bound.

How does God do business? Through the Blood! It is only through the blood that God will respond in His power and demonstration. Where the blood is, there is resurrection power. **The blood has made a complete end of all the power of death, and hell ; its effects surpass all human thought.**

2. Entering The Most Holy Place

“He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.”

Hebrews 9:12

In the Old Testament Tabernacle God's manifested presence was inside the veil. No power of man could remove that veil. The High Priest alone could enter there, but only with blood, or the loss of his own life. **The veil is a picture of the flesh that separates us from God.** No flesh could approach the presence of God without the blood.

But here in Hebrews 9:12, Jesus appears, not in the earthly tabernacle, but in the heavenly Temple. Acting as High Priest and representative of His People, Jesus steps into the presence of the Holy One.

“And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.”

John 14:3

The shedding of Jesus blood allows heaven, the veil to be opened for each one of us, even for the greatest sinner, who believes in Him. But how is that? It is through the BLOOD. He entered THROUGH HIS OWN BLOOD. And through His own BLOOD He has OPENED HEAVEN.

The Seven Great Realities of Heaven

*“22 But you have come to **Mount Zion**, (1) to the heavenly Jerusalem, the city of the living God. You have come to **thousands upon thousands of angels**, (2), in joyful assembly, 23**to the church of the firstborn**, (3), whose names are*

*written in heaven. You have come to **God, (4)**, the judge of all men, to the **spirits of righteous men made perfect, (5)**, 24to **Jesus, (6)**, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the **sprinkled blood, (7)**, that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.”*
Hebrews 12:22-24

The wonderful power of the blood of Christ has broken open the gates of the grave, and of hell, to let Jesus out, and us with Him. It has also opened the gates of heaven for Him, and us with Him, to enter. The blood has an almighty power over the kingdom of darkness, and hell beneath; and over the kingdom of heaven, and its glory above.

3. Eternal Work In The Heart of Man

This Blood is powerful over Satan and the grave, it opens up heaven and allows us in the presence with God, and it is even more powerful within our own heart.

*“Since you call on a Father who judges each man's work impartially, live your lives as strangers here in reverent fear. For you know that **it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers...**”*

I Peter 1:17-18

You and I were not given a bunch a rules to try to cope. You and I were given a blessed “hope,” of a power-filled life.

*“...but **with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake.**”*

I Peter 1:19-20

Redeemed

Understanding the BLOOD of Christ is to understand the work of Christ in your life. Many people have had the privilege of coming to know Jesus Christ in their hearts, but that joyful experience soon wears off and they eventually question if it was more than an emotional response to some hype. But what takes place in an individuals life is without definition. To be REDEEMED has a incredible depth of meaning. To be REDEEMED is particularly **deliverance from slavery, by emancipation or purchase.**

You and I, as a sinner, were **enslaved, under the hostile power of Satan, and that placed us under the curse of the Law, and sin.** Here the scripture proclaims, **“you were redeemed from the empty way of life,”** it **PAID THE DEBT OF GUILT, AND DESTROYED THE POWER OF SATAN, THE CURSE, AND SIN.**

When an individual makes this declaration and receives it as his own the Redemption process begins, do you see why it's important to understand Christ and the benefits in a better way? At the point of SALVATION the power of REDEMPTION begins working a true deliverance within you.

The word "**REDEMPTION**" includes everything God does for a someone who makes a declaration and receives it as his own, from the pardon of sin...

"...who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory."

Ephesians 1:14

To the completed work of the Resurrection

"And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption."

Ephesians 4:30

The completed work of God for you and me! God's big enough!

For the Jew, there was only **one means of deliverance** from the **power of sin**. It is **still the one power** that effects daily deliverance for sinners. This blood, powerful in heaven and over hell, IT IS POWERFUL IN THE HEART OF A SINNER. We cannot think too highly, or to expect too much, from the power of Jesus' blood.

III. **How can we receive the full effects of Jesus Blood?**

What conditions and circumstances give us the results the BLOOD was intended to produce in our lives? The first answer is the same everywhere in the kingdom of God,

1. **KNOWLEDGE**

You cannot receive the full effects of Jesus Blood if you don't know what He did for you. The POWER OF GOD to work in you is not all on His part, you have to have a correct perception of what that blood can do in your life.

A great beginning point to receive the full effects of Jesus Blood in your life is to know that **we are redeemed by the precious blood of Jesus Christ**. We have to **know about redemption and the blood before we can experience its power of that Blood!**

We must take ourselves to be Schooled by the Word of God in the things of God, the deeper knowledge of redemption through the precious blood.

2. **FAITH**

Knowledge plays a big part of faith. If you don't have a full understanding of what you have, can you know the full benefits of it? In other words, if you don't know doesn't mean it doesn't exist, it just means you are not utilizing all that is yours.

Cell Phone APS

My wife just got a new cell phone. It is so neat because of all the neat little features that it has. It's interesting when you push one of the APS, (applications) that something pops up that you have no idea what it is...and some times how to get it off! All these ingenious gadgets are on her phone, but without the knowledge of them we can utilize them fully.

If you have a minimum amount of knowledge of what the blood can accomplish, your faith will only expect a little. The full effects of the powerful blood will be impossible because you don't know how to activate it. Many Christians believe that by receiving the full assurance of the pardon of their sins they have received a sufficient knowledge of the Blood's effects.

They have no idea that the BLOOD provides incredible APS! There is a wealth of meaning and blessing waiting to be activated. There is...

- **Cleansing Through The Blood**
- **Power Through The Blood**

To gain knowledge about what the Scripture teaches about the blood, we will find that faith in the blood can produce greater results within us than we have experienced in the past. When we understand what the blood has already accomplished, in Heaven and over hell and within us, our faith will grow. And if we continue to practice this knowledge, we will see the life-giving power work in our life.

Faith helps us receive the full effects of Jesus' Blood. But what else is necessary, that the blood may manifest its power.

2. **A WORK OF THE SPIRIT AND THE BLOOD.**

*“...how much more shall the blood of Christ, who **through the eternal Spirit** offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”*

Hebrews 9:14

Where the blood is honored in faith or preaching, the Spirit begins a work in us. It was by the eternal Spirit in the blood of Christ had its value and power. Where Christ is fully taught, it will not be without the blood. He always leads souls to the blood. The Holy Spirit could not be given till the blood was shed. The living bond between the Spirit and the blood cannot be broken.

The Holy Spirit works in relationship to the Blood of Christ and if the full power of the blood is to be manifested in our souls, we must place ourselves under the teaching of the Holy Spirit.

We must firmly believe that He is in us, allowing the Spirit of God to bring to perfection the hidden, powerful effects, of the blood. Through the Spirit the blood will cleanse, sanctify and unite us to God.

4. **NEED AND DESIRE**

Two things must be activated in our lives for this to be activated in us,

1. A deeper sense of need to have a better understanding about the blood.
2. A desire to understand more about the blood. The blood has been shed to take away sin and destroy its power in our lives.

What would it be like if we really had an attitude about our life and the life blessed before God? What if the reality of the blood of Jesus began manifesting

in us that the desires of this world and the “sins that so easily beset us...” were no attraction at all?

When we realize that we NEED the blood of Jesus activated in our lives to overcome the work of sin seated in us, and we have the DESIRE for holiness become stronger in us. The Holy Spirit will activate the freeing and empowering process.

5. **EXPECTATION**

Desire will lead into a expectation of what the blood has accomplished. We will get to the place that what we want more than anything else is that the blood will manifest its full power in us. It's a place where we don't wrestle with a sense of unworthiness, or of ignorance, or of helplessness, but of one of confidence...and expectation!

CONCLUSION:

Surrender yourself to God the Holy Spirit and allow yourself to gain insight about the blood of Jesus. Allow the Holy Spirit to start applying the work of the Blood in your heart, to make your heart the throne of God. Rest in the fact that by the sprinkling or shedding of Jesus blood, the Lamb of God, you will experience the wonder-working power of the blood of Jesus.