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VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB

Introduction

Various materials are available on the precious Blood of the Messiah, our sacrificial Lamb. Many believers are aware of the expensive value of the Blood of the Lamb, but few know that we unconsciously violate that Blood because of ignorance. Over the years, the Holy Spirit has revealed to me the ways by which we violate the Blood.

Violation means breaking or failing to comply with a rule or formal agreement. It is the failure to respect someone's peace, privacy, or rights. It treats something sacred with irreverence or disrespect.

Paul is very clear that many are weak and sick because they take part in the Lord's Supper unworthily.

For continually eating and drinking with a wrong spirit will bring judgment upon yourself by not recognizing the body. ³⁰ This insensitivity is why many of you are weak, chronically ill, and some even dying. 1 Corinthians 11:29-30 TPT

We often accuse one another of unworthy participation without realising what it means. One side of the coin is to apply the Blood, and the other side of the coin is to unconsciously violate the Blood of the Lamb. Studying this subject throughout the Bible will take us into deeper dimensions of the Blood and we will move into a more intimate relationship with our First Love – Yashuah HaMashiach, the Anointed One!

Let us allow the Holy Ghost to do deep surgery, divide the marrow and the bone, and divide the thoughts and the heart for us to evaluate our attitude before participating in the Lord's Supper.

Self-Righteousness

Many years ago, I read a book by Andrew Murray in which he asked, **“Who is to be blamed when there is no fruit in our lives?”**. I have asked this question many times to audiences. Almost without exception, the answer is, **“Only myself!”**. This is the wrong answer! The correct answer is, **“Christ alone is to be blamed”**, however confusing it may seem to you right now! I meditated on this for many years until the Holy Spirit opened up my understanding when I fully grasped what had happened in the Garden of Eden, and years later, in the Garden of Gethsemane.

The Garden of Eden

The Garden of Eden was the original Paradise where Adam and Eve enjoyed perfect fellowship with God the Father. They received all power and authority to have dominion over the earth and to rule and reign over everything. However, Satan deceived Adam and Eve into making the wrong decision. Unknowingly, they willingly handed over their authority to the devil. Sin came into the world through the first Adam. He was the first gardener, who had to care for and look after God's creation on Earth. Since then, the whole human race has been born in sin, having corruptible seed and polluted blood. The moment sin entered, it broke the perfect

fellowship between Adam and Eve and the Father. They immediately realised they were naked and covered their nakedness using fig leaves.

Filthy Rags

Eden represents the blessed life we can enjoy when we are in the right standing with God. When Adam and Eve lost their fellowship with God and were removed from the Garden, all humanity lost that right standing.

All have sinned and are unclean. It is man's nature to cover up sin and uncleanness with self-righteous deeds, but it was never meant for us to make atonement for our own sin. We will never succeed. God's design is that we need a Saviour.

*But we are all as an unclean thing, **and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags**; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away. Isaiah 64:6 KJV*

Adam and Eve covered their sin and uncleanness with fig leaves (**self-righteous deeds**), which are filthy rags before God. We can never reverse the condition of our polluted blood. Since the fall, man has been trying very hard to produce his own righteousness. We try to pray more, fast longer, give enough, or do more to convince God to respond to us. Everything man does creates a false sense of righteousness, and we believe our efforts are pleasing God. This is far from the truth. Whenever we do things to earn something from God, He calls them dead works. There is no covering or protection for man in his self-righteous deeds.

New Life

When Adam and Eve hid under the fig tree (symbolic of unbelief) and covered themselves with fig leaves (self-righteous deeds), God came to them in love, mercy, and grace to give them a new life. He covered their nakedness with blood, a foreshadowing of the Blood of the Lamb.

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8 KJV

Notice that Adam and Eve did nothing, but God did it all. Let us deeply meditate on this, as we are always prepared “to do” and “to perform”. This means we are covering ourselves with fig leaves, rather than “letting go” of the old self-life!

If you have really experienced the Anointed One, and heard his truth, it will be seen in your life; for we know that the ultimate reality is embodied in Jesus! ²²And he has taught you to let go of the lifestyle of the ancient man, the old self-life, which was corrupted by sinful and deceitful desires that spring from delusions. ²³Now it's time to be made new by every revelation that's been given to you. Ephesians 4:21-23 TPT

Our new life begins in Christ and to be alive to God, we need to be dead to sin.

Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin. ⁷For he that is dead is freed from sin. Romans 6:6-7 KJV

We know that our old (unrenewed) self was nailed to the cross with Him in order that [our] body [which is the instrument] of sin might be made ineffective and inactive for evil, that we might no

longer be the slaves of sin. ⁷For when a man dies, he is freed (loosed, delivered) from [the power of] sin [among men].

Romans 6:6-7 AMPC

In contrast to man's self-righteous deeds, God stepped in and clothed them in the skins of goats (Genesis 3:21). This was the very first blood sacrifice. These animal skins would have been dripping in blood, a demonstration of the BLOOD COVENANT that was required for our redemption. This is a powerful picture of the Lamb who would one day be slain to cover all our sins and give us new life.

*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? Hebrews 9:14 KJV*

The Blood of the Lamb silences man's dead works! Therefore, whenever man tries to add any self-righteous deeds to the Blood of the Lamb, he violates the Blood. By the Blood of the Lamb, God's covenant provides more than just covering. He changes us into new creations and forgives our shame and sin! We are covered and also made righteous.

For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 KJV

For by the death He died, He died to sin [ending His relation to it] once for all; and the life that He lives, He is living Old Testament God [in unbroken fellowship with Him]. Romans 6:10 AMPC

Let not sin therefore rule as king in your mortal (short-lived, perishable) bodies, to make you yield to its cravings and be subject to its lusts and evil passions. Romans 6:12 AMPC

For sin shall not [any longer] exert dominion over you, since now you are not under Law [as slaves], but under grace [as subjects of God's favor and mercy]. Romans 6:14 AMPC

Based on what Christ did for sinners on the cross, we can celebrate our freedom. Freedom from what? From our former master – sin!

And now you celebrate your freedom from your former master—sin. You've left its bondage, and now God's perfect righteousness holds power over you as his loving servants. ¹⁹ I've used the familiar terms of a "servant" and a "master" to compensate for your weakness to understand. For just as you surrendered your bodies and souls to impurity and lawlessness, which only brought more lawlessness into your lives, so now surrender yourselves as servants of righteousness, which brings you deeper into true holiness. Romans 6:18-19 TPT

We are no longer slaves of sin but of Adonai who brings us eternal life.

But now since you have been set free from sin and have become the slaves of God, you have your present reward in holiness and its end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages which sin pays is death, but the [bountiful] free gift of God is eternal life through (in union with) Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:22-23 AMPC

Staying in the mindset of the flesh (impurity and lawlessness) leads to death. Life and peace can only come when we are controlled by the Spirit.

Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities. ⁶ For the mind-set of the

flesh is death, but the mind-set controlled by the Spirit finds life and peace. ⁷In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God's plan and refuses to submit to his direction, because it cannot!

Romans 8:5-7 TPT

Let us not fight God's plan by rejecting what He did for us on the cross! When doing so, we violate the Blood of Christ Jesus.

*Live as one who has died to every form of sexual sin and impurity. Live as one who died to diseases, and desires for forbidden things, including the desire for wealth, which is the essence of idol worship. ⁶When you live in these vices you ignite the anger of God against these acts of disobedience. ⁽⁷⁻⁸⁾That's how you once behaved, characterized by your evil deeds. But now it's time to eliminate them from your lives once and for all—anger, fits of rage, all forms of hatred, cursing, filthy speech, ⁹and lying. **Lay aside your old Adam-self** with its masquerade and disguise.*

Colossians 3:5-9 TPT

We have to get stripped of the old Adam-nature to be enabled to walk the new life in Christ Jesus. Jesus explained to Nicodemus:

That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Marvel not that I say unto thee, Ye must be born again. John 3:6-7 KJV

Many believers are not yet born from above. Being born from above means to be members of the new Jerusalem, born from a free woman, Sarah. In contrast, many are born from the slave woman, Hagar, and are descendants of Ishmael. *(In my book "Isaac & Ishmael: Born from Free- and*

Slave Woman”, I discuss this topic in detail. It is available on our website: www.berashithministry.co.za).

A Gift

The Blood of the Lamb cancelled the crime committed by Adam and Eve.

*Now, there is no comparison between Adam’s transgression and the gracious gift that we experience. For the magnitude of the gift far outweighs the crime. It’s true that many died because of one man’s transgression, but how much greater will God’s grace and his gracious gift of acceptance overflow to many because of what one Man, Jesus, the Messiah, did for us! ¹⁶ And this free-flowing gift imparts to us much more than what was given to us through the one who sinned. For because of one transgression, we are all facing a death sentence with a verdict of “**Guilty!**” But this gracious gift leaves us free from our many failures and brings us into the perfect righteousness of God—acquitted with the words “**Not guilty!**” ¹⁷ Death once held us in its grip, and by the blunder of one man, death reigned as king over humanity. But now, how much more are we held in the grip of grace and continue reigning as kings in life, enjoying our regal freedom through the gift of perfect righteousness in the one and only Jesus, the Messiah!*

Romans 5:15-17 TPT

Let this sink deeply into our innermost being. Christ fulfilled all the requirements of the law so that He could declare us innocent (“Not guilty!”). Just like Adam and Eve, we can do nothing to earn salvation.

*For it was only through this wonderful grace that we believed in him. **Nothing we did could ever earn this salvation**, for it was the gracious gift from God that brought us to Christ! ⁹ So no one will ever be able to boast, for salvation is never a reward for good works or human striving. Ephesians 2:8-9 TPT*

So then they who are in the flesh cannot please God.

Romans 8:8 MKJV

We cannot please God by trying to cover our nakedness with fig leaves. Through His Blood, we are united into the very life of Christ and saved by His wonderful grace.

Yet look at you now! Everything is new! Ephesians 2:13a TPT

And since you've been united to Jesus the Messiah, you are now Abraham's "child" and inherit all the promises of the kingdom realm! Galatians 3:29 TPT

*Through our union with him we have experienced circumcision of heart. All of the guilt and power of sin has been cut away and is now extinct because of what Christ, the Anointed One, has accomplished for us. ¹² **For we've been buried with him into his death. Our "baptism into death" also means we were raised with him when we believed in God's resurrection power, the power that raised him from death's realm.** ¹³ This "realm of death" describes our former state, for we were held in sin's grasp. But now, we've been resurrected out of that "realm of death" never to return, for we are forever alive and forgiven of all our sins! ¹⁴ He canceled out every legal violation we had on our record and the old arrest*

warrant that stood to indict us. He erased it all—our sins, our stained soul—he deleted it all and they cannot be retrieved! Everything we once were in Adam has been placed onto his cross and nailed permanently there as a public display of cancellation.

Colossians 2:11-14 TPT

Christ did all the above so no man can ever boast, for salvation is from Him alone. Let us not violate the Blood by adding anything to His completed work! In Christ, we are dominated by the power of the Spirit.

Now Christ lives his life in you! And even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, his life-giving Spirit imparts life to you because you are fully accepted by God. Romans 8:10 TPT

It is a mystery among us, the non-Jews (Gentiles), that Christ is IN us, the hope of glory (Colossians 1:27 KJV).

“Put” and “Rest”

God **“put”** man in the Garden of Eden to **“dress”** it and to **“keep”** it, according to Genesis 2:15. In Hebrews, the word **“put”** is **“nûach”**, which means to set down, rest, comfort, and cease. “It was evening and morning the next day” when God created everything mentioned in Genesis, but after He had created man, the Word does not state that it was morning again. Adam opened His eyes in the evening, just as the seventh day (that is the Sabbath) started.

On the seventh day, God ended His work which he had made and **rested** (Genesis 2:2-3).

Here we find the word “**rested**”. In Hebrew it is “**shâbath**”, which means to desist from exertion, to cease, celebrate and to take away. When God created man and “**put**” him in the Garden of Eden, He placed him in the Garden to rest. Paul explained that there remains therefore a rest to the people of God (Hebrews 4:9 KJV). The word “**rest**” here in Greek is “**katapausis**” (G4520). It is the same word we find in Genesis when God “**put**” man in the Garden of Eden - a place of rest. In the next verse, Paul says that we need to enter into His rest, just as He ceased from His own works (Hebrews 4:10 KJV). In the latter case, the word “**rest**” is a different Greek word, namely “**sabbatismos**” (G2263). “**Katapausis**” is our **place of rest**, and “**sabbatismos**” is our **time of rest**.

Let us examine the similarities between Genesis 2 and Hebrews 4.

- The Hebrew word “**nûach**” and the Greek word “**katapausis**” both mean our **place of rest**, as God ordained from the beginning of creation.
- In Hebrew, the word “**shâbath**” is the same as the Greek word “**sabbatismos**”, meaning our **time of rest**.

Let us labour therefore to enter that rest, lest any man fall after the same example of unbelief. Hebrews 4:11 KJV

We need to release faith, which means acknowledging what God did for us. But there remains something for us to do. We have to “labour to enter into that rest!”. Harden not your hearts when you hear this message from the Lord today, “*as in the provocation, in the day of temptation in the wilderness when your fathers tempted me, proved me, and saw my works forty years.*” (Hebrews 3:8-9 KJV). Listen to the Word of God!

This is why the Holy Spirit says, “If only you would listen to his voice this day! ⁸Don’t make him angry by hardening your hearts, like your ancestors did during the days of their rebellion, when they were tested in the wilderness. ⁹There your fathers tested me and tried my patience even though they saw my miracles for forty years they still doubted me! Hebrews 3:7-9 TPT

This is a serious message from the Lord.

*This ignited my anger with that generation and I said about them, ‘They **wander in their hearts** just like they do with their feet, and they refuse to learn my ways’. Hebrews 3:10 TPT*

Israel physically wandered from one place to another, but Paul speaks about the wandering of the heart. Let us not be like waves of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.

But he must ask in faith, without any doubts, for the one who has doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. James 1:6 ISV

When we wander in our hearts, we not only violate the Blood of the Lamb, but we provoke God to anger and wrath and will never enter our rest.

So I swear in my wrath, They shall not enter into my rest. Hebrews 3:11 KJV

My heart grieved over them so I decreed: ‘They will never enter into the calming rest of my Spirit!’ Hebrews 3:11 TPT

The result of their unbelief was that their carcasses fell in the wilderness and they could not enter into His rest (Hebrews 3:17-19). Likewise, because of our unbelief and unwillingness to acknowledge what Jesus did for us on the cross, we will also not enter His rest. Let us learn from Israel not to be moved by unbelief as they were, but to listen to His voice and not harden our hearts so that we can enter our rest.

Now God has offered to us the same promise of entering into his realm of resting in confident faith. So we must be extremely careful to ensure that we all embrace the fullness of that promise and not fail to experience it. ² For we have heard the good news of deliverance just as they did, yet they didn't join their faith with the Word. Instead, what they heard didn't affect them deeply, for they doubted. Hebrews 4:1-2 TPT

So search your hearts every day, my brothers and sisters, and make sure that none of you has evil or unbelief hiding within you. For it will lead you astray, and make you unresponsive to the living God. ¹³ This is the time to encourage each other to never be stubborn or hardened by sin's deceitfulness. Hebrews 3:12-13 TPT

There is not one person who can hide their thoughts from God, for nothing that we do remains a secret, and nothing created is concealed, but everything is exposed and defenceless before his eyes, to whom we must render an account. Hebrews 4:13 TPT

We have the living Word of God, which is full of energy like a two-edged sword. God speaks His word and we, in agreement, also speak His word and it becomes a “two-mouthed sword”.

“The Word of God that is full of energy speaks of the spinning sword of fire, held by the angel guarding the way to the Tree of Life. To come to eat its fruit, you must pass through the mighty sword of fire. The context implies we pass through this “fire-sword” on our way into the Holy of Holies. When the veil was split in two, the cherubim embroidered on the veil parted to allow every worshiper to enter into the unveiled presence of God” [Footnote: Passion Translation Hebrews 4:14].

So then, we must cling in faith to all we know to be true. For we have a magnificent King-Priest, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who rose into the heavenly realm for us, and now sympathizes with us in our frailty. ¹⁵He understands humanity, for as a Man, our magnificent King-Priest was tempted in every way just as we are, and conquered sin. ¹⁶So now we come freely and boldly to where love is enthroned, to receive mercy’s kiss and discover the grace we urgently need to strengthen us in our time of weakness.

Hebrews 4:14-16 TPT

Because of our King-Priest, Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God, who sympathises with us in all our distresses, it is possible to cease from our own works! Paul clearly shows that there is still a complete “**rest**” waiting for believers to experience in Hebrews 3 and 4.

As we enter into God’s faith-rest life, we cease from our own works, just as God celebrates His finished works and rests in them (Hebrews 4:9-10). Christ expects us to cease also from our own works, just as He ceased from His works on the seventh day. It was God’s intention for Adam and Eve to stay in His rest forever and to **dress** and **keep** His garden.

When Adam and Eve had sinned, God protected them by removing them from the Garden of Eden so they could not have access to the Tree of Life. Man was thus separated from God.

“Dress” and “Keep”

In the second part of Genesis 2:15, God commanded Adam and Eve to “dress” and “keep” the Garden.

And the Lord God took the man, and “put” him into the Garden of Eden to “dress” it and to “keep” it. Genesis 2:15 KJV

The Hebrew word for “**dress**” is “**abad**”. It means to labour, to serve (God), to serve (with Levitical service), and to make oneself a servant. “**Keep**” in Hebrew is “**shamar**”, which means to keep, have charge of, guard, keep watch and ward, protect, to save a life.

Adam was given the task of a gardener in Eden. He was to keep the garden, protect it, and watch over it, but he failed to do it. Jesus, the second Adam, came to be our perfect Gardener. When Jesus appeared to Mary at the Garden Tomb, she believed Him to be the gardener.

*Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?” Supposing **Him to be the gardener**, she said to Him, “Sir, if You have carried Him away, tell me where You have put Him, and I will take Him away.” John 20:15 MEV*

Jesus was, in fact, the Gardener—the One who made Himself a servant (“**abad**”). He was the One who kept watch and provided protection (“**shamar**”). He kept the garden secure and His fellowship with God was

never broken. Jesus offered that same perfect fellowship He had with God to Mary.

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God'." John 20:17 NKJV

Jesus offered Mary a place of restored fellowship. Pay close attention to His words. He mentioned God first as her Father and then referred to His deity as God. He told her that fellowship with God the Father was being brought back to the personal level Adam had enjoyed before he sinned. Our covenant is first with Him as our **Father**, and then with Him as our **God**. This place of perfect fellowship is in the "Eden" that Jesus had restored!

The Garden of Gethsemane

In the New Testament, the Garden of Gethsemane was a place of intense pain, darkness, and agony for Jesus. It represents the suffering of humanity that came with our broken fellowship with God – a result of the first sin.

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly: and his sweat was as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.
Luke 22:44 KJV

Here in the second Garden, the Garden of Gethsemane in the New Testament, the first drops of the Blood of the Lamb washed away the suffering, stress, and pain we all experience under the curse to work in the sweat of our faces to earn a living, and made the entryway for us back into Paradise, our Eden of a perfect relationship with the Father.

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return. Genesis 3:19 KJV

Our Lamb took this curse upon Him. Man was FREED from this curse. He now has free access to enter Eden to cease from his own works. This means he has been fully restored to union and relationship with the Father. Through the Blood of Christ, man has been “**put**” back into Eden. The Garden of Gethsemane shows us the pain and toil that required His Blood for redemption, and that redemption was completed by the time Jesus appeared to Mary at the Garden Tomb.

Cursed is the ground on account of you; in hard labor you will eat of it all the days of your life. ¹⁸ Thorns and thistles it will bring forth for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. ¹⁹ By the sweat of your face you will eat bread until you return to the ground. Genesis 3:17b-19a MEV

The results of sin included the soil being cursed and man having to labour and sweat to cause the land to produce. Jesus performed a redemptive act as He prayed in Gethsemane:

And being in anguish, He prayed more earnestly. And His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground. Luke 22:44 MEV

Jesus laboured in anguish as He prayed. The sweat on His face became His Blood falling to the ground. When this happened, it represented the sweat of man's brow, or his hard toil of life being broken.

The Fig Tree and Fig Leaves

After Adam and Eve had sinned, they hid by covering themselves with fig leaves. Bearing in mind that fig leaves represent man's feeble efforts to cover himself, let's read about Nathanael under the fig tree.

Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before that Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. John 1:48 KJV

Since the fall, every generation has been trying to hide under fig leaves because all of humanity has fallen under the curse of sin. Jesus “**saw**” Nathanael under the fig tree. The Greek word is “**eido**”, meaning to perceive by any of the senses, to ascertain what must be done about it, to have regard for one, to cherish and pay attention to.

Jesus has seen every generation hiding under the fig leaves. He knows the remedy for our condition and He loved us enough to pour out His own Blood to rescue us from sin and death. Just as Adam and Eve hid and covered their sin with fig leaves, so did Nathanael. This is a picture of us trying to hide our sins and needing to come to Jesus, as Nathanael did. We cannot hide from Jesus. He knows every secret we are trying to hide. He even knows the hidden generational secrets. The wonderful news is that Christ had already paid for it all.

While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8b KJV

We have to stop violating the Blood by covering ourselves with fig leaves and hiding under the fig tree of self-righteous deeds. These deeds are filthy rags. Jesus paid for it all. We need not hide anymore, or try to add self-righteous deeds. Hiding and adding things to His work violates the Blood.

This book aims to bring revelation knowledge that will free you from guilt and sin-consciousness.

The Cursed Fig Tree

There is another dimension to the fig tree in the New Testament, apart from the above example. There are two sides of the coin.

And when he saw a fig tree in the way, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only, and said unto it, Let no fruit grow on thee henceforward for ever. And presently the fig tree withered away. Matthew 21:19 KJV

*Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have **faith**, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this which is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou **removed**, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done.*

Matthew 21:21 KJV

Why did Jesus curse the fig tree? The fig tree is also a representation of Israel and, in this example, Jesus was pointing to faith and authority. This fig tree symbolised Israel's unbelief and fruitlessness. Jesus was indeed cursing the unbelief and consequent dead works the nation of Israel was then displaying. Years earlier, it was because of their unbelief in the wilderness that they could not enter their promised land.

Where there is unbelief, there can be no fruit. When we put our faith in Jesus, we are no longer under the curse of our feeble efforts of self-righteousness. The fruitless tree of our dead works will immediately wither away.

Jesus also speaks of our new authority in Him. When we are born again, we are new creations and we are the righteousness of God. When we speak to our mountains (sicknesses, diseases, oppression, depression, hatred, etc.) from our position of FAITH as new creations under the Blood, they will move!

Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17 KJV

Jesus cursed the fig tree because it did not bear any fruit. Unbelief cannot produce fruit. Israel could not bear fruit, because they were not grafted into Him.

Notice this very important verse.

“Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?”

Supposing Him to be the gardener. John 20:15 MEV

Jesus is the second Adam, our “**second gardener**”, who does not fail to keep and protect the garden or fall out of fellowship with the Father. Paul wrote that Israel would one day be grafted back into the original olive tree. The current stumbling of Israel is only temporary to bring salvation to the non-Jewish people.

So, am I saying that Israel stumbled so badly that they will never get back up? Certainly not! Rather, it was because of their stumble that salvation now extends to all the non-Jewish people, in order to make Israel jealous and desire the very things that God has freely given them. Romans 11:11 TPT

Paul mentioned Abraham was set apart for God and so will his descendants also be set apart. If the roots are holy, so too will the branches be.

Since Abraham and the patriarchs are consecrated and set apart for God, so also will their descendants be set apart. If the roots of a tree are holy and set apart for God, so too will be the branches. Romans 11:16 TPT

Bearing Fruit

Now, against this background, we can conclude our opening statement.

Who is to be blamed when there is no fruit?

Christ alone!

If we want to see fruit, we need a good tree. If we care for the health of the tree, the tree will produce good fruits. If our life with Christ is right, the result will be good.

*To whom God would make known what is the riches of the glory of **this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory.** Colossians 1:27 KJV*

The Gentiles, who were not born as Jews, were uncircumcised, kept none of the Jewish covenants and laws and were all foreigners with no inheritance and covenant.

So don't forget that you were not born as Jews and were uncircumcised (circumcision itself is just a work of man's hands); you had none of the Jewish covenants and laws; you were foreigners to Israel's incredible heritage; you were without the covenants and prophetic promises of the Messiah, the promised hope, and without God. Ephesians 2:11-12 TPT

It is a mystery that the Blood opened the way for us Gentiles to release faith towards the finished work on the cross so that by only acknowledging what Christ did for us, everything is now new.

*Yet look at you now! Everything is new! Although you were once distant and far away from God, **now you have been brought delightfully close to him through the sacred blood of Jesus—you have actually been united to Christ!** Ephesians 2:13 TPT*

How the Father longs for you and me to come into this covenant! This covenant is His promise to give back everything that had been stolen from Adam and Eve and to destroy the works of the devil.

The Son of God appeared for this very reason, to destroy what the Devil had done. 1 John 3:8b GNB

Paul explained to the Romans that the temporary blindness of Israel was **to graft in the non-Jews**. It is a mystery that Christ is now within us, the non-Jews. **As Gentiles, we did nothing to earn this.** Why do we then add self-righteous deeds to silence our consciences?

The Father is the husbandman. Jesus in the Garden Tomb is the Gardener and they both prune the branches to bear fruit.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ²Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. John 15:1 KJV

Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.

⁵I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. ⁶If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. John 15:4-6 KJV

The branch grows from the vine, or the tree. In due time, it bears fruit. It has no responsibility but to receive the sap (Holy Spirit) and nourishment from the root and stem. If we could realise the depth of our relationship with Jesus, it would change our works into the brightest and most heavenly thing on Earth. Instead of being soul-wearied or exhausted, our works would be like a fresh experience linking us closely to Jesus.

Is it not true that our works often come between us and Jesus? Let us not confuse bearing spiritual fruit with our own works. May the Lord deliver us from every false thought about the Christian life.

Absolute Dependence

Our relationship with Jesus is a life of absolute dependence. The branch has nothing in itself. It simply depends on the vine. Absolute dependence is one of the most solemn and precious attitudes.

“Every vine you ever see, or every bunch of grapes that come to your table, let it remind you that the branch is absolutely dependent on the vine. The vine has to do the work, and the branch enjoys the fruit of it. What has the vine to do? It has to do a great work. It has to send its roots out into the soil and hunt under the ground—the roots often extend a long way out for nourishment, and to drink in the moisture. Put certain elements of manure in certain directions, and the vine sends its roots there. Then, its roots or stems turn the moisture and manure into that special sap which makes the fruit that is borne. The vine does the work, and the branch has just to receive the sap from the vine. The sap is then changed into grapes. The roots had drawn the sap all that distance up and up into the vine. As a result, there was the abundant, rich harvest. The vine had the work to do, and the branches had just to depend on the vine and receive what it gave.”

*(Murray, Andrew. Absolute Surrender (Kindle Locations 1141-1152).
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“Bow quietly before God, just remember and realize who He is, how near He is, how certainly He can and will help. Just be still before Him, and allow His Holy Spirit to waken and stir up in your soul the child-like disposition of absolute dependence and confident expectation. Wait upon God as a living being, as the living God, who notices you, and is just longing to fill you with His salvation. Wait on God till you know you have met Him.”

*(Murray, Andrew. Waiting on God (Kindle Locations page 8)
Start Publishing LLC. Kindle Edition).*

Wearing “leaves only” like Adam and Eve, is a picture of our lives not bearing any fruit. Nathanael under the fig tree speaks of our life that is unfruitful. Sometimes we believe we are bearing fruit, but in fact, are not. We still need to surrender to Jesus, as He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. A life apart from Him is a cursed life, like the fig tree that produces little or no fruit without the Lord.

A life apart from Him is a cursed life, and there can be NO FRUIT!

It would mean we need a deeper conviction that God must and will do all. It would require a more humble and abiding entrance into our deep helplessness, and the need for entire and unceasing dependence upon Him. We need a living consciousness that the essential thing is to give God His place of honour and power. Living an independent life is very dangerous. It takes man into the captivity of dead works of self-righteousness, with no fruit to show. Let us exchange our self-righteous efforts for total dependency on God to bear fruit, more fruit, and much fruit.

Much Fruit

God ordained us not only to bear fruit but more fruit and much fruit. Only when we bear much fruit can the Father be glorified and we be considered HIS DISCIPLES!

Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples. John 15:8 KJV

John 15 starts with the phrase, “***I am the true Vine, and my Father is the Husbandman***”. This means that God will watch over the connection between Christ and the branches. It is by the power of God through Christ that we can bear fruit. We missed the revelation that only Christ would be

to blame when there is no fruit. We think we can fix everything with our self-righteous fig-leaf deeds while hiding under the fig tree.

When sicknesses and diseases manifest, they are proof of broken fellowship with Christ, as we are not at ease because the Prince of Peace is absent in our lives. But when the Prince of Peace returns, our fellowship will be restored, we will be at ease and all diseases will disappear.

Heavenly grapes of the Heavenly Vine can only be produced when the child of God bears them out of inner fellowship with Christ. Except we are filled with the sap of the Heavenly Vine and with the Holy Spirit and the love of Jesus, we cannot bear many real heavenly grapes.

“Ye are the branches.” We cannot bear heavenly fruit unless we are in close connection with Jesus Christ.

“Stand in close connection with the heavenly Vine and say: “Lord Jesus, nothing less than the sap that flows through You, nothing less than the Spirit of Your divine life is what we ask. Lord Jesus, I pray, let Your Spirit flow through me in all my work for You.” I tell you again that the sap of the heavenly Vine is nothing but the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit is the life of the heavenly Vine. What you must get from Christ is nothing less than a strong inflow of the Holy Spirit. You need it exceedingly, and you want nothing more than that.”

(Murray, Andrew. Absolute Surrender (Kindle Locations 1214-1218).

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Close Communion

Bearing fruit can only be accomplished when we live a life of close communion with Christ. It is a 24/7 uninterrupted communion with Him by abiding in communion with the heavenly Vine. Many of us are so occupied

with and distracted by other things during the day. Communion with the Heavenly Vine is the work of the heart and not of the human brain. It is the heart clinging to and resting in Jesus when the Holy Spirit links us to Christ Jesus. Believe today that deep down in your inner life, you can abide in Christ so that you will freely live every moment, conscious of the fact that you are in Him!

Many of us are sadly caught up in the burdens of our daily lives. This is a great hindrance in our Christian life. We need more quiet fellowship with God. The only way to be heavenly branches is for the branches to receive the flowing heavenly sap. The sap cannot flow unless we spend plenty of time in communion with God. Let us surrender to Him and allow the heavenly sap of the Holy Ghost to flow through us to bear fruit. All of man's work is filthy rags. Our hiding places are fig trees without fruit.

Glory to God that Jesus cursed the unfruitful fig tree and paid for unfruitfulness with His Blood in the Garden of Gethsemane. Glory to God that He paid the full price for a restored relationship of peace with Him in the Garden Tomb. When we fully understand that "without **ME** (Christ) you can do nothing" (John 15:5), when we lay down our own self-righteousness (filthy rags) and allow Him to abide in us and we in Him, then, and **ONLY** then can we **ASK** Him anything and it shall be done!

If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you. John 15:7 KJV

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VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD

In our discussion so far, we have seen how easily the Blood can be violated!

As discussed, violation means breaking or failing to comply with a rule or formal agreement. It is the failure to respect someone's peace, privacy or rights. It treats something sacred with irreverence or disrespect.

Because of ignorance, we disrespectfully eat the Lord's Body and drink His Blood unworthily.

1. It is man's nature to cover himself with fig leaves, which are self-righteous, dead works and nothing more than filthy rags. Self-righteous deeds dilute the Blood and violate it.
2. God put man in the Garden of Eden and commanded him to dress and keep it. Man failed. The Son, Yashuah HaMashiach, came to restore what was lost. He started in the Garden of Gethsemane and stood in the Garden of the Tomb before He ascended into the heavens to take the Blood and sprinkle it on the Mercy seat. Trying to fix our relationship with Him by performing dead works violates the Blood. He has already done it with His Blood!
3. Jesus became our Mercy Seat from where He communes with us. This is the place where we will hear His voice.
4. Fruit can only be visible in our lives when Christ abides in us. He is the author of everything and we are restored by His Blood only!

The sacred Blood of the Lamb is available for free! We simply need to sprinkle it on our lives to cease from our works!

A New Covenant

The crucifixion of our Messiah separates the Old and the New Testament. We move from an old system to a new system.

This cup is God's new covenant, sealed with my blood. Whenever you drink it, do so in memory of me. 1 Corinthians 11:25b GNB

**Without a doubt, THIS CUP filled with THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB
is a NEW COVENANT!**

In the first covenant, there were specific rules for worship, including a sanctuary on Earth. The Outer Court of this sanctuary was where the animal sacrifices had to be made. The bronze basin for washing hands and feet was in the outer court.

Only the priests could enter the Holy Place where the Table of Shewbread, the Menorah (seven Lamp Stand) and the Altar of Incense were.

Behind the curtain was the innermost chamber, called the Holy of Holies, where the Arc of Covenant, covered with the Mercy Seat, was kept. On the Mercy Seat were two cherubim, angels of splendour, with outstretched wings overshadowing the throne of mercy. (I fully discussed all these aspects in the Book “The Mystery of the Tabernacle”).

The Holy Spirit uses the symbols of this pattern of worship to reveal that the perfect way of holiness had not yet been unveiled. For as long as the tabernacle stood ⁹ it was an illustration that pointed to our present time of fulfilment demonstrating that offerings and animal sacrifices had failed to perfectly cleanse the

conscience of the worshiper. ¹⁰For this old pattern of worship was a matter of external rules and rituals concerning food and drink and ceremonial washings which was imposed upon us until the appointed time of heart-restoration had arrived.

Hebrews 9:8-10 TPT

Let this well-known truth sink deep into the mind and understanding of the believer.

*The priests on earth serve in a temple that is but a copy ⁵modeled after the heavenly sanctuary; a shadow of the reality. For when Moses began to construct the tabernacle God warned him and said, "You must precisely follow the pattern I revealed to you on Mt. Sinai." ⁶But now Jesus the Messiah has accepted a priestly ministry which far surpasses theirs, since he is the catalyst of a **better covenant** which contains far more wonderful promises!*

Hebrews 8:5-6 TPT

But God revealed the defect and limitation of the first when he said to his people, "Look! The day will come declares the Lord, when I will satisfy the people of Israel and Judah by giving them a new covenant. ⁹It will be an entirely different covenant than the one I made with their fathers when I led them by my hand out of Egypt." Hebrews 8:8-9 TPT

Let us not be influenced by lies and deceptions to mingle the old system with the new system! In the old system, priests were appointed to serve in the holy sanctuary - the earthly Tabernacle made by man according to God's precise instructions. As these priests offered both gifts and sacrifices, the Messiah also had to bring some sacrifice.

But since he didn't qualify to be an earthly priest, and there are already priests who offer sacrifices prescribed by the law, he offered in heaven a perfect sacrifice. Hebrews 8:4 TPT

Sacrifices made by the Old Testament priests were only a shadow of something better to come. It points to the coming of the Messiah, our High Priest, not according to the Levitical priesthood, but according to the order of Melchizedek.

Melchizedek

The Jewish believers were having difficulty with Jesus being our High Priest since he was not of Aaron's lineage from the tribe of Levi. The Holy Spirit is showing us that His priesthood is not based on lineage but on the supernatural calling of God, much like Melchizedek.

Melchizedek's name means "king of righteousness." He was the King of Peace, because the name of the city he ruled as king was Salem, which means "peace." And he was also a priest of the Most High God. Now when Abraham was returning from defeating many kings in battle, Melchizedek went out to meet him and blessed him. Then Abraham took a tenth of everything he had won in battle and gave it to Melchizedek. Hebrews 7:1-2 TPT

This Melchizedek has no father or mother, and no record of any of his ancestors. He was never born and he never died, but his life is like a picture of the Son of God, a King-Priest forever! ⁴ Now let me show you proof of how great this Melchizedek is: — Even though Abraham was the most honored and favored patriarch of

all God's chosen ones, he gave a tithe of the spoils of battle to Melchizedek. Hebrews 7:3-4 TPT

Paul made a point:

But Melchizedek was not Abraham's Jewish relative, and yet Abraham still paid him a tithe. - Melchizedek imparted a blessing on mighty Abraham, who had received the promises of God. ⁷ And no one could deny the fact that the one who has the power to impart a blessing is superior to the one who receives it. Hebrews 7:6-7 TPT

The Levitical priests who served under the law did not have the power to bring us to perfection. God sent Christ as Priest after the likeness of Melchizedek and not after the likeness of Aaron, clearly showing that Adonai sent a new and different rank of priest, meaning a new law would have had to be instituted even to allow it (Hebrews 7:11-12).

Paul explained that even the high priests were clothed in weakness and had to present a sin offering also for themselves.

For every High Priest was chosen from among the people and appointed to represent them before God by presenting their gifts to God and offering sacrifices on their behalf. ² Since the High Priest is also one who is clothed in weakness, he humbles himself by showing compassion to those who are ignorant of God's ways and stray from them. ³ And for this reason, he has to not only present the sin offerings of others, but also to bring a sin offering for himself. Hebrews 5:1-3 TPT

Christ humbled Himself to show compassion to us by making the final sin offering for humanity. He did not appoint Himself but was appointed by the Father. Today, there are too many self-appointed spiritual leaders.

A hired man is not a real shepherd. The sheep mean nothing to him. He sees a wolf come and runs for it, leaving the sheep to be ravaged and scattered by the wolf. He's only in it for the money. The sheep don't matter to him. John 10:11-13 MSG

But Christ said:

"I am the Good Shepherd. I know my own sheep and my own sheep know me, In the Samuel way, the Father knows me and I know the Father. I put the sheep before myself, sacrificing myself in necessary." John 10:14 MSG

Notice that even Jesus was not self-appointed, but was called and appointed by the Father to lay down His life for His sheep, just as Jesus announced in John 10.

*And no one takes this honor upon himself by being **self-appointed**, but God is the one who calls each one, just as Aaron was called.
⁵ So also, **Christ was not self-appointed** and did not glorify himself by becoming a high priest, but God called and glorified him! For the Father said to him, "You are my favored Son. Today I have fathered you." Hebrews 5:4-5 TPT*

And in another Scripture he says about this new priestly order, "You are a Priest like Melchizedek, a King-Priest forever!" ⁷ During Christ's days on earth he pleaded with God, praying with passion and with tearful agony that God would spare him from death. And

because of his perfect devotion his prayer was answered and he was delivered. Hebrews 5:6-7 TPT

The Father answered His Son's prayers not to die a premature death in Gethsemane. Jesus was very much concerned about not dying before He could be the ultimate sacrifice on the cross. He prayed to be spared from death that night, to die on the cross and not prematurely in the garden. Most expositors believe this was the "cup" of God's wrath that was the sin payment. Yet, it is possible that the "cup" He was asking God to pass from Him was the cup of premature death, not the death on the cross. He had already sweat drops of Blood, but the prophecies had to be fulfilled of Him being pierced on a cross for our transgressions. God answered His cry so He could be our sacrifice for sin on Calvary.

We have a brave Saviour! Jesus did not waver in the garden.

But even though he was a wonderful Son, he learned to listen and obey through all his sufferings. ⁹ And after being proven perfect in this way he has now become the source of eternal salvation to all those who listen to him and obey. ¹⁰ For God has designated him as the King-Priest who is over the priestly order of Melchizedek.

Hebrews 5:8-10 TPT

From the beginning, the Father destined His Son as the King-Priest according to the Melchizedek order (not from Levi) to become the source of eternal salvation! Where do the self-appointed spiritual leaders fit in?

We have a magnificent King-Priest who ministers for us at the right hand of God. He is enthroned with honor next to the throne of the Majesty on high. ² He serves in the holy sanctuary in the

true heavenly tabernacle set up by God, and not by men.

Hebrews 8:1-2 TPT

The Promise

Now when Adonai made a promise to Abraham, since there was no one greater than himself, he swore an oath on his own integrity to keep the promise as sure as God exists! Hebrews 6:13 TPT

So it is impossible for God to lie for we know that his promise and his vow will never change. And now we have run into his heart to hide ourselves in his faithfulness. This is where we find his strength and comfort, for he empowers us to seize what has already been established ahead of time – an unshakable hope.

Hebrews 6:18 TPT

We have an unbreakable promise from our Heavenly Father, who swore by Himself to restore us to Him through His only begotten Son. Because God cannot lie, we can now hide ourselves, in His faithfulness, on the Mercy Seat (that is on His lap of grace) where He, as our King-Priest, according to the order of Melchizedek, has gone in before us to prepare this way.

We have this certain hope like a strong, unbreakable anchor holding our souls to God himself. Our anchor of hope is fastened to the mercy seat which sits in the heavenly realm beyond the sacred threshold,²⁰ and where Jesus, our forerunner, has gone in before us. He is now and forever our royal Priest like Melchizedek.

Hebrews 6:19-20 TPT

Set Aside

*The old order of priesthood has been **set aside** as weak and powerless. ¹⁹ For the law has never made anyone perfect, but in its place is a far better hope which gives us confidence to experience intimacy with God! ²⁰ For the former priests took their office without an oath, ²¹ but with Jesus, God affirmed his royal-priesthood with his promise, saying, The Lord has made a solemn oath and will never change his mind, "You are a King-Priest forever!" Hebrews 7:18-21 TPT*

*For if that first covenant had been faultless no one would have needed a second one to replace it. ⁸ But God revealed the defect and limitation of the first when he said to his people, "Look! The day will come, declares the Lord, when I will satisfy the people of Israel and Judah by giving them a **new covenant**. ⁹ It will be an **entirely different covenant** than the one I made with their fathers when I led them by my hand out of Egypt. For they did not remain faithful to my covenant, so I rejected them, says the Lord God. Hebrews 8:7-9 TPT*

Unlike the former high priests (from the Levitical order), he is not compelled to offer daily sacrifices. They (the Levi priests) had to bring a sacrifice first for their own sins, then for the sins of the people, but he finished the sacrificial system, once and for all, when he offered Himself. ²⁸ The law appointed flawed men as high priests, but God's promise, sealed with his oath, which succeeded the law, appoints a perfect SON who is complete forever! Hebrews 7:27-28 TPT

The Purpose of the Law

Without getting ahead of myself, it is very important to understand the main purpose of the Old Covenant, the law. Paul explained this to Timothy.

*We know that the moral code of the law is beautiful when applied as God intended,⁹ but actually, **the law was not established for righteous people, but to bring conviction of sin to the unrighteous.** The law was established to bring the revelation of sin to the evildoers and rebellious, the sinners without God, those who are vicious and perverse, and to those who strike their father or their mother, sinners, murderers,¹⁰ rapists, those who are sexually impure, homosexuals, kidnappers, liars, those who break their oaths, and all those who oppose the teaching of godliness and purity in the church! They are the ones the law is for.¹¹ I have been commissioned to preach the wonderful news of the glory of the exalted God. 1 Timothy 1:8-11 TPT*

Although many disagree with this scripture, the Word is the truth and cannot be ignored. Paul was a well-educated Pharisee under the leadership of Gamaliel. He knew the Torah better than any other person and knew that the law was to bring the sinner unto conviction to repent. The Messiah was very clear that there would come a day when He would embed HIS LAWS within His people's thoughts and hearts. That day, the written Law will be fulfilled.

No Old Testament saint could be converted because the Holy Spirit was not yet outpoured. Therefore, the necessity for the law to be written in stone.

For here is the covenant I will one day establish with the people of Israel: I will embed my laws within their thoughts and fasten them onto their hearts. I will be their loyal God and they will be my loyal people. Hebrews 8:10 TPT

The moment Yashuah ascended into the heavens, our High Priest asked the Father for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as Joel had prophesied. Since the Holy Ghost fell on the first 120 men in the upper room, He has been within us to lead us to salvation. For the first time, people could be converted. Why?

Because of the BLOOD OF THE LAMB!

Paul testified that even his own conversion took place because of God's grace over his life. Jesus came into the world to bring sinners back to life.

*I can testify that the Word is true and deserves to be received by all, for Jesus Christ came into the world to **bring sinners back to life**—even me, the worst sinner of all! ¹⁶Yet I was captured by **grace**, so that Jesus Christ could display through me the outpouring of his Spirit as a pattern to be seen for all **those who would believe in him for eternal life**. 1 Timothy 1:15-16 TPT*

His grace, His resurrection and the outpouring of the Holy Ghost bring us into the New Covenant. The Holy Spirit now lives within us and we will know him inwardly.

And the result of this will be that everyone will know me as Lord! There will be no need at all to teach their fellow-citizens or brothers by saying, 'You should know the Lord Jehovah,' since everyone will know me inwardly, from the most unlikely to the most distinguished. ¹² For I will demonstrate my mercy to them and will forgive their evil deeds, and never remember again their sins. ¹³ This proves that by establishing this new covenant the first is now obsolete, ready to expire, and about to disappear.

Hebrews 8:11-13 TPT

Verse 13 clearly states that the first covenant, that is the Old Covenant, disappeared because our Messiah introduced a New Covenant when He said, “**For this is my blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.**” (Matthew 26:28 KJV).

Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath 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 eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

John 6:54-56 KJV

Paul was not part of the twelve disciples and he was therefore not part of the group Jesus addressed in John 6. Yet he confirmed:

*...this cup is the **new testament** in my blood: this do ye, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. 1 Corinthians 11:25b KJV*

Since the Blood of the Messiah was the ultimate offer for the remission of sin, the old offering system ceased to exist. Now, when we drink the Blood and eat the flesh of our Messiah, the Anointed One, HE DWELLS within us and replaces the law written on stone with these laws now written in the convert's heart.

This proves that by establishing this new covenant the first is now obsolete, ready to expire, and about to disappear.

Hebrews 8:13 TPT

A Fake Gospel

There is a deep Biblical truth hidden that so many violate.

I am shocked over how quickly you have strayed away from the Anointed One who called you to himself by his loving mercy. I'm frankly astounded that you now embrace a distorted gospel!
*⁷ That is a **fake "gospel" that is simply not true.** There is only one gospel—the gospel of the Messiah! **Yet you have allowed those who mingle law with grace to confuse you with lies.** ⁸ **Anyone who comes to you with a different message than the grace gospel that you have received will have the curse of God come upon them!** For even if we or an angel appeared before you, to give you a different gospel than what we have already proclaimed, God's curse will be upon them. ⁹ I will make it clear: Anyone, no matter who they are, that brings you a different gospel than the grace gospel that you have received, let them be condemned and cursed!¹⁰ I'm obviously not trying to flatter you or water down my*

message to be popular with men, but my supreme passion is to please God. For if all I attempt to do is please people, I would not be the true servant of the Messiah. Galatians 1:6-10 TPT

Paul warned Timothy against false teachers trying to lead God's people astray with a "**fake gospel**". He also told Timothy to remain in Ephesus to instruct the congregation NOT to follow the doctrines of demons (deceptive doctrines).

*As I urged you when I left for Macedonia, I'm asking that you remain in Ephesus to instruct them not to teach or follow the error of **deceptive doctrines**, ⁴ nor pay any attention to cultural myths, **traditions**, or the endless study of genealogies. Those digressions only breed controversies and debates. They are devoid of power that builds up and strengthens the church in the faith of God.*

1 Timothy 1:3-4 TPT

Following false doctrines inspired by spirits of deception, leads people astray and ends up in departure from "the faith". (1 Timothy 4:1).

*Some believers have been **led astray** by teachings and speculations that emphasize nothing more than the empty words of men. 1 Timothy 1:6 TPT*

There are many Gentiles with no Aramaic, Hebrew or Greek background trying to convert other Gentiles to Judaism. They presume to be experts in the law, but they do not understand their own words or the things about which they speak so confidently.

*They presume to be **expert teachers of the law**, but they don't have the slightest idea of what they're talking about and they simply love to argue! 1 Timothy 1:7 TPT*

A group of people deliberately twists scriptures, confusing the members of the body with their human reasoning mind, debates, and arguments that the law cannot be broken. Yet another group claims freedom under grace, believing that they can do whatever they want. Both extremes are right! Nowhere in scripture did Paul discredit the law. He emphasised that the law was good, sacred and perfect IF used legitimately!

We know that the moral code of the law is beautiful when applied as God intended. 1 Timothy 1:8 TPT

Few receive the deep revelation knowledge of what the real meaning and purpose of the law is. The law came only after Moses, therefore from Adam up to Moses, no one was exposed to the consequences of the law. Sin increased after the fall and Elohim had to teach the inhabitants of the earth the difference between right and wrong. During the Old Testament, people misused and misunderstood God's grace. Therefore, the law was given to expose sin.

*But actually, **the law was NOT established for righteous people, but to bring conviction of sin to the unrighteous.** The law was established to bring the revelation of sin to the evildoers and rebellious, the sinners without God, those who are vicious and perverse, and to those who strike their father or their mother, sinners, murderers, ¹⁰rapists, those who are sexually impure, homosexuals, kidnappers, liars, those who break their oaths, and*

all those who oppose the teaching of godliness and purity in the church! They are the ones the law is for. ¹¹I have been commissioned to preach the wonderful news of the glory of the exalted God. 1 Timothy 1:9-11 TPT

There is only ONE TRUE GOSPEL and that is the GOOD NEWS of Jesus Christ who was crucified, buried, raised from the dead and is now seated at the right hand of the Father. This act of crucifixion, burial, and resurrection exalted the name of our Messiah above all other names and put all His enemies under His footstool. How sad it is that we often move so far away from this good news by following a perverted gospel that brings a message people want to hear, instead of the truth about the good news.

Because of that obedience, God exalted him and multiplied his greatness! He has now been given the greatest of all names! ¹⁰The authority of the name of Jesus causes every knee to bow in reverence! Everything and everyone will one day submit to this name—in the heavenly realm, in the earthly realm, and in the demonic realm. ¹¹And every tongue will proclaim in every language: “Jesus Christ is Lord Yahweh,” bringing glory and honor to God, his Father! Philippians 2:9-11 TPT

The ultimate goal for New Testament believers is to fulfil the commandments. When we **love** one another with a pure heart, we bear witness to the one and only Gospel of Jesus Christ’s crucifixion, burial, and resurrection!

For we reach the goal of fulfilling all the commandments when we love others deeply with a pure heart, a clean conscience, and sincere faith. 1 Timothy 1:5 TPT

This crucifixion, burial, and resurrection were acts of love and indeed the most important acts of LOVE from the Messiah.

If you think I've come to set aside the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets, you're mistaken. I have come to fulfill and bring to perfection all that has been written. Matthew 5:17 TPT

Fulfilment and perfection of the written law came through the love of the Messiah for me and you while we were still sinners and His enemies.

*But Christ proved God's passionate love for us by dying in our place while we were still lost and ungodly!⁹ And there is still much more to say of his unfailing love for us! For **through the blood of Jesus** we have heard the powerful declaration, **"You are now righteous in my sight."** And because of the sacrifice of Jesus, you will never experience the wrath of God. Romans 5:8-9 TPT*

Only through the BLOOD OF CHRIST can we declare our righteousness before our Heavenly Father! As Gentiles, we were not part of the Jewish covenants. We were lost! But now we are united with Christ into a new life!

So don't forget that you were not born as Jews and were uncircumcised (circumcision itself is just a work of man's hands); you had none of the Jewish covenants and laws; you were foreigners to Israel's incredible heritage; you were without the

*covenants and prophetic promises of the Messiah, the promised hope, and without God.¹³ **Yet look at you now! Everything is new!** Although you were once distant and far away from God, now you have been brought delightfully close to him through the sacred blood of Jesus—you have actually been united to Christ! Ephesians 2:11-13 TPT*

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VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD

In our discussion up to this point, we have seen how easily the Blood can be violated! As discussed, violation means breaking or failing to comply with a rule or formal agreement. It is the failure to respect someone's peace, privacy or rights. It treats something sacred with irreverence or disrespect.

Because of ignorance, we disrespectfully eat the Lord's Body and drink His Blood unworthily.

1. We do not accept the rules and formal agreements of the New Blood Covenant of the Messiah.
2. We sometimes unknowingly crucify the Messiah repeatedly just as the Old Testament priests performed repeated ritual sacrifices.
3. We mingle the law with grace, ending up with a perverted Gospel.
4. We claim our blood covenantal rights and inheritance by genealogy, claiming that we are children of Abraham or Israelites.

Our blood covenantal rights and inheritance only come through the sacred Blood of the Lamb!



The Invitation

In the first covenant, there were specific rules to follow for worship. There was also a sanctuary for worship (Hebrews 9:1 TPT). God called Moses to build Him this sanctuary, which was to be His dwelling place on Earth. He had to build it according to God's heavenly pattern (Hebrews 8:5).

⁶ With the prescribed pattern of worship the priests would routinely go in and out of the first chamber to perform their religious duties. ⁷ And the high priest was permitted to enter into the Holiest Sanctuary of All only once a year and he could never enter without first offering sacrificial blood for both his own sins and for the sins of the people. ⁸ Now the Holy Spirit uses the symbols of this pattern of worship to reveal that the perfect way of holiness had not yet been unveiled. For as long as the tabernacle stood ⁹ it was an illustration that pointed to our present time of fulfillment, demonstrating that offerings and animal sacrifices had failed to perfectly cleanse the conscience of the worshiper. ¹⁰ For this old pattern of worship was a matter of external rules and rituals concerning food and drink and ceremonial washings which was imposed upon us until the appointed time of heart-restoration had arrived.

Hebrews 9:6-10 TPT

That the old system of worship and praise failed to perfectly cleanse us cannot be clearer than this. It was a temporary arrangement pointing to the coming Messiah – a shadow of a better covenant to come. Heart-restoration was not yet possible because the Holy Ghost was not yet

outpoured. From the beginning, God ordained that these written laws would one day be put in the hearts of His people.

But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:33 KJV

It was the act on the cross that still releases the Holy Ghost to bring the sinner under the conviction of what is right and wrong.

When people who have never been exposed to the laws of Moses commit sin, they will still perish for what they do. And those who are under the law of Moses and fail to obey it are condemned by the law.¹³ For it's not merely knowing the law that makes you right with God, but doing all that the law says that will cause God to pronounce you innocent.¹⁴ For example, whenever people who don't possess the law as their birthright commit sin, it still confirms that a "law" is present in their conscience. For when they instinctively do what the law requires, that becomes a "law" to govern them, even though they don't have Mosaic law.

Romans 2:12-14 TPT

This is the purpose of the Holy Ghost - a privilege the Old Testament saints did not have. But now, under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we instinctively know right from wrong.

It demonstrates that the requirements of the law are woven into their hearts. They know what is right and wrong, for their conscience validates this "law" in their heart. Their thoughts

correct them in one instance and commend them in another.

Romans 2:15 TPT

Elohim added the VMAT-2 Gene (the God-gene) within our DNA. Thanks to this gene, all people can connect with Him. Hence, no one has any excuse for not knowing God!

*For ever since the world was created, people have seen the earth and sky. Through everything God made, they can clearly see his invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature. **So they have no excuse for not knowing God.*** Romans 1:20 NLT

It is the work of the Holy Ghost to draw us unto repentance so that we can acknowledge the truth, believe unto righteousness and confess that the Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour indeed. Only those who accept this invitation to believe will receive eternal life!

*So Jesus is the One who has enacted a new covenant with a new relationship with God so that those who **accept the invitation** will receive the eternal inheritance he has promised to his heirs. For he died to release us from the guilt of the violations committed under the first covenant.* Hebrews 9:15 TPT

Read Romans 10:10 and let the words sink deeply into your innermost being!

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. Romans 10:10 KJV

By grace through faith, we are saved (Ephesians 2:8). Faith is the prerequisite to believe. But what do we need to believe and confess?

We have to *believe* that, through the Blood of Jesus, we are now in right standing before Him. Every voice that accuses us has been silenced by the Blood of the Lamb. Now we can indeed *confess* with the mouth, “I am saved!”

Paul explained that the BLOOD OF CHRIST purged our conscience.

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? Hebrews 9:14 KJV

Conscience is a person's moral sense of right and wrong, acting as a guide to one's behaviour (e.g., *He had a guilty conscience about his desires*). A more detailed discussion on this topic follows later in this book. For now, it is important to understand that the Blood of Christ silences the consciences that accuse us of being “unworthy”. We ARE worthy because of the Blood of the Lamb. We are not worthy because of what we do right in our own eyes, and we are also not unworthy because of what we do wrong.

*This was a prophetic picture of the immersion that now saves you—not a bathing of the physical body **but rather the response of a good conscience before God** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 3:21 TPT*

Those who accept the invitation must release faith and believe. Believing is an act and not merely a verbal confession. Therefore, we must respond to the fact that the blood of Christ freed us from any guilt. Only then can we confess, “I am saved!”.

The word “**purge**” means to free someone or something from an unwanted quality, condition, or feeling, e.g. “His hatred was purged.”

How sad that the Blood of Christ is often disregarded, cheapened and misunderstood. Sin entered the world because of the act of disobedience that one man, Adam, had committed. Since then, all humanity has been born from a corruptible seed. Our blood is polluted and we are in bondage, enslaved, and captive in the devil's snare. Death reigns and brings a curse of sickness, mental oppression, fear, stress, and anxiety. The enemy uses all such things to harass us.

When I passed by you and saw you polluted in your own blood, I said to you when you were in your blood, “Live!” Indeed, I said to you when you were in your blood, “Live!” Ezekiel 16:6 MEV

God saw our condition and came to our rescue! Without the Blood, there could be no remission of sin (Hebrews 9:22). From the beginning, blood was the substance of life. Even in the Old Testament, everything was purified by blood. By blood only can there be forgiveness.

Indeed, according to the Law almost everything is purified by blood, and sins are forgiven only if blood is poured out.
Hebrews 9:22 GNB

In fact, under the Law almost everything is cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of the blood there is no forgiveness.
Hebrews 9:22 ISV

Because God had originally put life in the blood (Leviticus 17:11), pure and unpolluted blood was the only way to restore true life. Without Jesus’

Blood, we have nothing! It has made us clean and righteous. It has given us the ability to live above the curse of sin.

The Blood of Jesus puts us in an eternal position of power and authority as God has *“raised us up together, and made us to sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus”* (Ephesians 2:6).

Being seated in heavenly places means we are above the natural realm, above all the works of the enemy, and we have ultimate authority over him (Luke 10:19). Most believers do not know how to activate the power of the Blood in their daily lives. The enemy who steals, kills and destroys is real (John 10:10). But Christ declared, *“I am come that you might have life, and that you might have it more abundantly.”* (John 10:10). An abundant life comes through the Blood of Christ.

**Accept the invitation to apply the Blood through faith to
live a life of abundance!**

Note the amazing fact that the Blood of the Lamb was available even before the earth was formed! Glory to GOD!

And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world. Revelation 13:8 KJV

Through the life-giving Blood of Jesus, the Father made provision for every detail of redemption for every generation throughout history. Let us not forget that He desires for us to become His children.

Look with wonder at the depth of the Father’s marvelous love that he has lavished on us! He has called us and made us his very own

beloved children. The reason the world doesn't recognize who we are is that they didn't recognize him. 1 John 3:1 TPT

As His children, we can look forward to being visibly transformed into His image! This is the power of His Blood for those who accept His invitation!

Beloved, we are God's children right now; however, it is not yet apparent what we will become. But we do know that when it is finally made visible, we will be just like him, for we will see him as he truly is. 1 John 3:2 TPT

It is time to let go of hurtful memories and trauma from the past!

*Of course, my friends, I really do not think that I have already won it; the one thing I do, **however, is to forget what is behind me and do my best to reach what is ahead.** Philippians 3:13 GNB*

So many people accuse themselves of the past. By doing so, they bring accusations against themselves and come into agreement with the enemy who is "the accuser of our brethren" (Revelation 12:10). Now is the time to let go of all the wounds that pierce your soul!

So we must let go of every wound that has pierced us and the sin we so easily fall into. Hebrews 12:1a TPT

There is a race we are running towards the victor's crown that is awaiting us. No athlete can win while looking behind him. Likewise, Paul says to forget the past, detach yourself from it and stretch yourself out towards the future. Only after we let go of the wounds that pierced our souls will we be able to run this marathon race.

Then we will be able to run life's marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us. Hebrews 12:1b TPT

Atonement

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 is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Leviticus 17:11 KJV

The Hebrew word for atonement is “**kaphar**” and it means to cover over, to atone for sin and persons by legal rights (Strong's H3722). That was what the blood of animals did for the Old Testament believers - it covered their sins. But when Jesus offered Himself as the sacrifice for our sins, it obliterated all sin.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us. Psalm 103:12

Unlike the former high priests, Jesus was not compelled to offer daily sacrifices. The priests had to bring sacrifices first for their own sins, then for the sins of the people, but Jesus finished the sacrificial system **once and for all** when he offered Himself (Hebrews 7:27). The phrase “once and for all” clearly shows the final removal of shakeable things, that is, the old order so that only what is unshakeable will remain (Hebrews 12:27). Christ introduced a new order the night before His crucifixion. He entered into a new covenant with us. It was the ultimate sacrifice and there can be no other sacrifice for sin.

*For if we continue to persist in deliberate sin after we have known and received the truth, **there is not another sacrifice for sin to be made for us.*** Hebrews 10:26 TPT

Just as the veil was torn in two, Jesus' body was torn to give us free and fresh access to Him. He welcomed us into God's house (Hebrews 10:20-21). We can now come close to our Heavenly Father with an open heart because our hearts have been sprinkled with the blood of Christ!

*We come closer to God and approach him with an open heart, fully convinced by faith that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. **For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity and we have been freed from an accusing conscience and now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out!*** Hebrews 10:22 TPT

Judgment

For those who continually and deliberately sin after receiving the truth, there is no other sacrifice to be made (Hebrews 10:26). Those who do not accept the invitation must expect judgment.

But this would qualify one for the certain, terrifying expectation of judgment and the raging fire ready to burn up his enemies!
²⁸*Anyone who disobeyed Moses' law died without mercy on the simple evidence of two or three witnesses.* ²⁹*How much more severely do you suppose a person deserves to be judged who has contempt for God's Son, and **who scorns the blood of the new***

covenant that made him holy, and who mocks the Spirit who gives him grace? Hebrews 10:27-29 TPT

Notice Paul's warning that we can violate the Blood of the Lamb when we add anything to the new covenant to make ourselves holy. It is by His mercy and grace that we have free access to the Father through the Blood of Christ, so let us not mock the Spirit who gave us that grace!

For we know him who said, "I have the right to take revenge and pay them back for their evil!" And also, "The Lord God will judge his own people!" ³¹ *It is the most terrifying thing of all to come under the judgment of the Living God!* Hebrews 10:30-31 TPT

Let us not lose our bold, courageous faith, for there is a great reward awaiting those who accept the invitation.
Hebrews 10:35 TPT

Let us have great patience and endurance, even in times of persecution. Let our faith stand strong and let us hold our ground!

Paul was convinced that we possess a treasure growing in Heaven that could never be taken from us. (Hebrews 10:34)

For soon and very soon, "The One who is appearing will come without delay!" ³⁸ *And he also says, "My righteous ones will live from my faith. But if fear holds them back, my soul is not content with them!"* ³⁹ *But we are certainly not those who are held back by fear and perish; we are among those who have faith and experience true life!* Hebrews 10:37-39 TPT

Redemption by the Blood

Remember that we were not redeemed with corruptible things, but with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and spot (1 Peter 1:18-19). Let us press on to a fuller knowledge of what the Blood is intended to do for a surrendered soul.

The Blood is to:

- Reconcile
- Cleanse
- Sanctify
- Bring union with God
- Bring victory over the enemy
- Give Life

We can merge these six blessings into one sentence:

Redemption by the Blood!

It is only when the believer understands what these blessings are and by what means they may become his, that we can experience the full power of redemption. Although we are well aware that Leviticus 17:11 states life is in the blood, there is a deeper meaning to this verse.

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 is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Leviticus 17:11 KJV

According to Leviticus 4 the life of a sheep or goat is of less value than the life of an ox. How much more would the life of man be more valuable than that of many sheep or oxen! According to Leviticus 17:11, the soul

dwells in the blood. No wonder God forbade Israel to drink the blood of any living creature. This is a mystery few are aware of.

The Blood of Christ has power because the eternal life of the Godhead is carried in the Blood. The soul of the holy Son of God dwells in the Blood!

“The power of that blood in its divers effects is nothing less than the eternal power of God Himself. What a glorious thought for everyone who desires to experience the full power of the blood.”

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 27). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

The Shed Blood

When we think of shed blood, we think of death. Death follows when the blood or the soul of a person is poured out. Death reminds us of sin, for death is the punishment for sin. Since the day sin entered the world, a blood sacrifice was required. As an interim measure, God ordained Moses to build Him a sanctuary, His dwelling place.

“On the altar blood sacrifices of animals had to be offered on a daily basis for the atonement or covering for sin. That means the sins of the transgressor were laid upon the victim, and its death was reckoned as the death or punishment for the sins laid upon it. The blood was thus the life given up to death for the satisfaction 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.”

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 28). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

We often overlook the following important fact:

Where the Blood is, God always responds with fire. One of many examples in the Bible was when Elijah faced the Baal prophets on Mount Carmel. He slaughtered oxen and put the sacrifices on the altar. The altar was sprinkled with blood. He also poured water on the altar. God answered to the shed blood with fire. The fire (Holy Ghost) came down and consumed everything, even though it was drenched. 1 John 5:6-8 mentions that there are three witnesses on Earth, namely the blood, the water and the spirit. Elijah supplied the blood and water, and God supplied the fire.

All the Old Testament sacrifices and offerings were only types and shadows of something better to come.

The reason the Holy Ghost could not be outpoured on people in the Old Testament is that the Blood of Christ had not yet been shed for the final remission of the sin of the world. But after the Blood and the water flowed from the side of Christ on the cross, God's fire answered the Blood of His son with fire on Pentecost, fifty days after He had ascended into Heaven. The fire of the Holy Ghost caused 120 people in the upper room in Jerusalem to testify and bear witness to this precious Blood.

How can we as New Testament saints be silent and not bear witness to the Blood?

His Blood was of infinite value because it carried His SOUL or LIFE.

"But the atoning virtue of His blood was infinite also, 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 borne, but the law was satisfied, and the Father glorified. His blood atoned for sin, and thus made it powerless. It has a marvellous power for removing sin, and opening heaven for the sinner; whom it cleanses, and sanctifies, and makes meet for heaven.”

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p.28). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

How marvellous that this one act of obedience of Christ towards our Father removed sin! It opened the heaven for sinners, whom Jesus cleanses, sanctifies, and makes whole and holy so that we can enter. Only because the Messiah's Blood was shed! His Blood has such wonderful power not to be wasted, or to be taken in vain.

**It is this precious Blood that accomplished everything necessary
for the sinner's salvation! Glory to God!**

Faith

Now we come to the most important part. There is a significant difference between the “shed” Blood and the “sprinkled” Blood. The shed Blood on the cross points us to the blood of the animals that were sacrificed on the altar. Once a year, the Levite priests had to take blood into the Holy of Holies and apply it on the Mercy Seat with hyssop. Likewise, the Blood of Christ must be applied. Hyssop in the Old Testament referred to faith and today we apply the Blood by declaring words of faith.

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.

Revelation 12:11 KJV

Faith largely depends on knowledge. Why is this so? Let the following verse sink deeply into our hearts.

So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Romans 10:17 KJV

Without hearing the Word of God, faith cannot come! The more we hear the Word of God the more revelation knowledge we receive through the Holy Ghost. Now, if your knowledge of what the Blood can accomplish is imperfect, your faith will expect little and the more powerful effects of the Blood will not manifest.

Many of us have only the knowledge that the Blood of Christ is for the total cancellation of our sins. But the Blood of Christ opens up an inexhaustible wealth of blessings for the believer, which we hardly experience because of a lack of knowledge. Let us dig deep and discover the ultimate meaning of cleansing through the Blood of Christ, to reveal its heavenly life-giving power to the soul.

Feeble conceptions of its power prevent the deeper and more perfect manifestations of its effects. As we walk this journey in discovering the deeper meaning of the Blood of Christ, we shall see that faith in the Blood can produce in us greater results than we have yet known, and in future, a ceaseless blessing may be ours.

(Acknowledgement: Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 35). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

Our faith may be strengthened by realising what the Blood has already accomplished. Remember that **the Blood, the water, and the spirit bear witness** on Earth. First, we accept the invitation of the Blood of Christ.

Then, through bathing (immersion), we enter into the most intimate relationship with the water, giving ourselves up to its cleansing effects.

Zechariah described the Blood as “a fountain opened for sin and uncleanness”.

*In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David
and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.*

Zechariah 13:1 KJV

Let us bathe ourselves in this fountain with the assurance that it will manifest its blessed power in us. This requires faith!

*Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of
things not seen. Hebrews 11:1 KJV*

Apart from the faith needed to experience the power of the Blood, there is something else needed. Scripture connects the Blood most closely with the Spirit. It is only where the Spirit works that the power of the Blood will manifest.

*This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by
water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth
witness, because the Spirit is truth. ⁷For there are three that bear
record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and
these three are one ⁸**And there are three that bear witness in
earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three
agree in one.** 1 John 5:6-8 KJV*

The Blood refers to the redemption in Christ and the water to baptism (immersion) unto repentance and the laying aside of sin.

Jesus instructed His disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the promise of the Father to pour out His Spirit.

For John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence. Acts 1:5 KJV

*But ye shall **receive power**, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. Acts 1:8 KJV*

The Spirit supplies power to the water and the blood.

How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience.

Hebrews 9:14 KJV

It was by the eternal Spirit in our Lord that His Blood had its value and power. Take note of this very important fact that when the Blood is honoured in faith or preaching, there the Spirit works and where He works, He always leads souls to the Blood.

It is difficult to comprehend that the Holy Ghost was not yet present on Earth during the Old Testament.

The Holy Spirit is the witness of the Blood. Hence, the Holy Ghost could not be poured out until the Blood of our Passover Lamb was shed.

Only when we place ourselves under the guidance and teaching of the Holy Spirit is it possible for the full power of the Blood to manifest in our souls. The living bond between the Spirit and the Blood cannot be broken.

I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. ²Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit. ³Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you. ⁴Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. John 15:1-5 KJV

Without Him, we can do nothing! We cannot even bear a single fruit! Hence, we must firmly believe that He is in us, performing His work in our hearts. We must live as those who know that the Spirit of God dwells within as a seed of life, and He will bring to perfection the hidden, powerful effects of the Blood. Let us allow Him to lead us. Through the Spirit, the Blood will cleanse, sanctify and unite us to God.

(Acknowledgement: Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 38). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

“Be ye holy; for I am holy” (1 Peter 1:16) is a reminder that the precious Blood of Christ has redeemed us.

Need and Desire

If we want to have a deeper understanding of the Blood, there must be a deeper sense of need. We realise that the Blood was shed to take away sin and that its power brought to nought the power of sin. But the divine meaning of the Blood lies way deeper.

“Should not the thought that the blood has more power than we know of, and can do for us greater things than we have yet experienced, cause our hearts to go out in strong desire? If there were more desire for deliverance from sin; for holiness and intimate friendship with a Holy God; it would be the first thing that is needful for being led further into the knowledge of what the blood can do.”

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 39). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

Expectation

Our desire must become an expectation. Once we discover what the Blood has accomplished, it can manifest its full power in us. When we doubt the full power of the Blood, it is unbelief and sin. This sin contributes to the violation of the Blood. Unworthiness, ignorance, unlovingness, rejection, pride, stubbornness, etc. are often present in our souls and lead to doubt. When we come into agreement with these voices, we nullify the Blood. This mindset puts Christ on the cross repeatedly.

The Throne of Grace in Heaven is founded on the BLOOD! Fix the eyes of your heart on that Blood! Surrender yourself today to Elohim and the Holy Spirit. Open your whole innermost being to the power of the Blood.

Under the leadership of the Holy Spirit, we too can now make our hearts the temple and throne of God, by grace and through faith! All of this is possible under the ever-continuing sprinkling of the Blood.

There is nothing compared to the wonder-working power of the Blood of Jesus. His Blood will lead us into a more intimate relationship with our First Love!

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VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD

When the invitation to believe unto righteousness is not accepted, your position to be seated with Christ by His Blood is violated!

1. Those who do not accept the Blood to purge their conscience, wash them and free them from all guilt, violate the Blood that fully paid for it.
2. Rejecting the invitation leaves us powerless and gives the enemy access to steal, kill, and destroy.
3. By not applying the Blood onto our lives, we are NOT operating from heavenly places.
4. Rejecting the invitation is a violation of the Blood, which leaves us vulnerable and naked and prevents us from receiving the life of abundance that Elohim deeply desires to pour out over us.
5. There can be no other offering or sacrifice to take away sin, but the Blood of Christ. Constantly violating this invitation as a gift will leave humanity lost for eternity.
6. God's judgment is upon those who mock and scorn the Blood of Christ. It is the most terrifying thing to fall under the judgment of the Living God!
7. When we do not bear witness to the Blood (salvation), the water (our baptism by immersion) and the Holy Ghost (baptism with the Holy Ghost), we violate the Blood of the Lamb which was poured out for us to save us from being sentenced to the lake of fire.
8. When we do not release faith in the shed Blood, this miraculous act and precious price were in vain.

9. By not allowing the Spirit to do His work, we violate the witness of the Blood and the water.
10. If we reject the doctrine of baptism (*our water immersion*), the water cannot bear witness and therefore we violate the Blood.

**Many benefits are awaiting the believers
who accept the invitation!**



The Blood Covenant

From the beginning, God had consecrated that His covenants, and atonement for sin will be through blood. We find this principle throughout the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. God knew man would eventually sin, yet He created man to have free choice. Man chose against God, but through His love for humanity, He knew the only way to get us back would be to redeem us through the Blood of Christ. How would He do this? By entering into a Blood Covenant with man. Our Lord is a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God. No man can cut a covenant with Christ. We see this clearly when sin entered the world through one man, the first Adam. He and Eve believed that fig tree leaves (self-righteous deeds) were the answer to their nakedness. God forbids self-righteous deeds and shows man that nakedness can only be covered with blood.

Before God changed Abram's name to Abraham, he prepared animals to cut a covenant with YHWH. God put him to sleep with the same sleep He put Adam to sleep to create Eve. Then He cut a covenant with him.

*Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram;
and behold, terror and great darkness fell upon him.*

Genesis 15:12 NASB

As soon as Abraham went to sleep YHWH came down with a smoking oven and flaming torch. Once again the fire answered the blood.

It came about when the sun had set, that it was very dark, and behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a flaming torch which passed between these pieces.¹⁸ On that day the LORD made

a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I have given this land, From the river of Egypt as far as the great river, the river Euphrates: ¹⁹the Kenite and the Kenizzite and the Kadmonite ²⁰and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Rephaim ²¹and the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Girgashite and the Jebusite.

Genesis 15:17-21 NASB

God can't break His covenant.

Therefore know that the Lord your God, He is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and mercy for a thousand generations with those who love Him and keep His commandments.

Deuteronomy 7:9 NKJV

Because man easily breaks covenants, God said He would cut a covenant with us and not us with Him. He will be faithful not to break it to eternity! It is His nature to be faithful and keep His promises. The Hebrew word for covenant, which means "to cut", is "**berith**". It refers to cutting a piece of flesh into two parts and walking between those pieces. In Greek, the word is "**diathéké**", which refers to a will or a legal testament.

Cutting of the Flesh

This covenant that YHWH made with Abram was a foreshadowing of Jesus' Blood Covenant that would destroy every work of the enemy, including sickness, death, disease, torment and every affliction. It involves a complete restoration to the Father, as He had ordained before the fall. The purpose of the first Blood Covenant made with Abram was to bring restoration of everything Adam had lost in the fall. Likewise, the

purpose of the second new covenant with the Blood of Christ was to restore and reconcile.

For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 1 John 3:8b NKJV

Circumcision

Long before Adonai required circumcision, God cut a covenant with him. Abraham asked Adonai how he would know that what God said was true. Adonai told Abraham to take various animals and cut them into pieces. This action was part of God's covenant.

*And he said, Lord God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it?
And he said unto him, Take me an heifer of three years old, and a she goat of three years old, and a ram of three years old, and a turtledove, and a young pigeon. And he took unto him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each piece one against another: but the birds divided he no. Genesis 15:8-10 KJV*

Dividing the carcasses was required of Abraham to uphold his end of the covenant. The cutting of the flesh into two pieces is prophetically revealed in the bloody crucifixion of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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After this action, Adonai came down and cut a covenant with Abraham. God said to Abraham, “*And you shall keep My covenant, you and your seed after you in their generations.*” (Genesis 17:9)

This is My covenant, which you shall keep, between Me and you and your seed after you. Every male child among you shall be circumcised. ¹¹And you shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin. And it shall be a token of the covenant between Me and you.
Genesis 17:10-11 MKJV

The next few verses are profound in understanding the Blood Covenant with YHWH.

*He that is **born** in your house, and he that is **bought** with your silver, must be circumcised. And My covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. ¹⁴And the uncircumcised male child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be **cut off from his people**; he has broken My covenant.*
Genesis 17:13-14 MKJV

Not only those born in Israel's household but also those bought as slaves with silver had to be circumcised. From the beginning of the Blood Covenant, God included even those outside of the Abrahamic genealogy to be included. It points to the Gentiles who were purchased, not by silver and gold, but by the precious Blood of Christ Jesus.

*For you know what **was paid to set you free** from the worthless manner of life handed down by your ancestors. It was not something that can be destroyed, such as silver or gold; it was the costly sacrifice of Christ, who was like a lamb without defect or flaw. 1 Peter 1:18 GNB*

God declared that those who were not circumcised would be cut off from His people because they broke His covenant. This was the law, and it has never since changed.

And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised.

Leviticus 12:3 KJV

Important Note:

Let us not be confused about circumcision in the Old Testament versus in the New Testament. Circumcision is a doctrinal stone and I will later show you the better circumcision of the New Testament. Both the Old and New Testaments require a “cutting of flesh.”

Abraham could not ignore God’s commandment and was circumcised at ninety-nine years.

*And Abraham was ninety-nine years old when he was circumcised
in the flesh of his foreskin. Genesis 17:24 MKJV*

Israel could not enter the promised land because of their unbelief and they had to turn back into the wilderness. Only Kaleb and Joshua had faith to enter Canaan.

The children of Israel, however, neglected to be circumcised. As a result., all the males of Israel died after 40 years in the wilderness. God started over with a new generation and took them over the Jordan. He commanded Joshua to circumcise the males of this new generation.

*And this is the reason why Joshua circumcised. All the people that
came out of Egypt, the males, all the men of war, died in the*

wilderness by the wayside, after they came out of Egypt.

Joshua 5:4 MKJV

When the Amorites and Canaanites heard that Jehovah had dried up the waters of the Jordan in front of the sons of Israel so they could pass through, their hearts melted from fear (Joshua 5:1).

At that time Jehovah said to Joshua, Make sharp knives for yourselves and circumcise the sons of Israel again, the second time And Joshua made sharp knives and circumcised the sons of Israel at the hill of the foreskins. Joshua 5:2-3 MKJV

For all the people who came out were circumcised. But all the people born in the wilderness by the wayside, as they came forth out of Egypt, had not been circumcised. Joshua 5:5 MKJV

And Joshua circumcised their sons, whom He raised up in their place. For they were not circumcised, because they had not been circumcised by the wayside. Joshua 5:7 MKJV

The message is clear! We will not enter the promised land unless we are circumcised. God is so serious about this principle that He sought to kill Moses because his son was not circumcised.

*And it happened by the way, in the inn, that Jehovah met him (Moses) and sought to kill him. ²⁵ And Zipporah took a sharp stone, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and threw it at his feet, and said, **Surely a bloody husband you are to me.** ²⁶ So He let him go. Then she said, You are a bloody husband, because of the circumcision. Exodus 4:24-26 MKJV (emphasis is mine)*

Moses might have been bedridden because of illness since Zipporah performed the circumcision and not Moses. This illness was perhaps because he disobeyed God's Blood Covenant requirements.

This insensitivity is why many of you are weak, chronically ill, and some even dying. 1 Corinthians 11:30 TPT

Why are some weak and sick and dying a premature death? Because of the violation of God's Blood Covenant! It is interesting that Moses' Gentile wife, Zipporah, realised the cause of Moses' illness. The moment she circumcised their uncircumcised son and let the blood of the foreskin touch Moses' feet, he immediately recovered from his illness.

Let this be a serious warning to the Body of Christ not to violate the requirements of God's Blood Covenant!

Circumcision of the Heart

From the beginning, Jehovah required not only physical circumcision but also circumcision of the heart. Circumcision is not only a New Testament commandment. Let us look for the proof.

In Deuteronomy, Jehovah "cut" a second set of two stone tablets after Moses had broken the first set when he saw the people of Israel worshipping the golden calf. God commanded Moses to put the second set of tablets in the Ark of the Covenant. By this command, Jehovah was saying, "Moses, the people will never be able to obey or fulfil the requirements of the law. Do not show it to them, but cover it with the lid of the Mercy Seat within the Arc of Covenant. **"I, your GOD, will fulfil it for them!"** Then Jehovah required that Israel kept the commandments.

And now, Israel, what does Jehovah your God ask of you, but to fear Jehovah your God, to walk in all His ways, and to love Him, and to serve Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul, ¹³ to keep the commandments of Jehovah, and His statutes, which I command you today for your good?
Deuteronomy 10:12-13 MKJV

In the same chapter, God spoke of heart circumcision.

Only Jehovah had a delight in your fathers to love them, and He chose their seed after them, you above all people, as it is today. ¹⁶ Therefore, circumcise the foreskin of your heart, and be no longer stiff-necked. Deuteronomy 10:15-16 MKJV

Jehovah knew that the children of Israel were stubborn, stiff-necked and rebellious people. So are we! The Lord clearly showed that His Blood Covenant is circumcision of the heart, rather than that of the foreskin of man. Both are flesh - the cutting of the foreskin and the cutting of the heart.

*And Jehovah your God will **circumcise your heart** and the heart of your seed, to love Jehovah your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live.* Deuteronomy 30:6 MKJV

*Circumcise yourselves to Jehovah, and take away the **foreskins of your heart**, men of Judah and people of Jerusalem; lest My fury come forth like fire, and burn so that none can put it out; because of the evil of your doings.* Jeremiah 4:4 MKJV

It is very important to understand the following scriptures to gain full revelation knowledge regarding the Blood Covenant of God. How great

is this mystery of righteousness! It is a mystery that needs to be explained.

For the mystery of righteousness is truly amazing! He was revealed as a human being, and as our great High Priest in the Spirit! Angels gazed upon him as a man and the glorious message of his kingly rulership is being preached to the nations! Many have believed in him and he has been taken back to heaven, and has ascended into the place of exalted glory in the heavenly realm. Yes, great is this mystery of righteousness! 1 Timothy 3:16 TPT

Let us search for the mysteries hidden in the scriptures!

The glory of God is to hide a thing; but the honor of kings is to search out a matter. Proverbs 25:2 KJV

A mystery is beyond human understanding and knowledge. It must be revealed by the Holy Spirit. Mysteries are hidden from many but revealed to a select few. It baffles the unbelievers, but blesses the believers!

The Mystery of Righteousness

Abraham received only the external sign of circumcision when Jehovah cut a covenant with him. He received righteousness as a “GIFT”! A gift “free”. There is no performance needed by the receiver to receive it.

Now, think about it. Does this happiness come only to the Jews, or is it available to all who believe? Our answer is this: faith was credited to Abraham as God’s righteousness! ¹⁰ How did he receive this gift of righteousness? Was he circumcised at the time God

*accepted him, or was he still uncircumcised? Clearly, he was an uncircumcised gentile when God said this of him! ¹¹It was later that he received the external sign of circumcision as a seal to confirm that God had already transferred his **righteousness to him by faith**, while he was still uncircumcised. So now this qualifies him to become the father of all who believe among the non-Jewish people. And like their “father of faith,” Abraham, God **also transfers his righteousness to them by faith**. ¹²Yes, Abraham is obviously the true father of faith for the Jewish people who are not only circumcised but who walk in the way of faith that our father Abraham displayed before his circumcision. Romans 4:9-12 TPT*

Likewise, for the New Testament believer. He comes to salvation when he **believes** in his heart (has faith) unto **righteousness** and confesses with his mouth unto salvation (Romans 10:10). Notice the emphasis on “**faith**”. Just as Abraham had to believe (man’s part) and righteousness was transferred to him (God’s part), so do we also receive righteousness from God.

For the promise to Abraham or his posterity, that he should inherit the world, did not come through [observing the commands of] the Law but through the righteousness of faith. Romans 4:13 AMPC

Through our union with him we have experienced circumcision of heart. All of the guilt and power of sin has been cut away and is now extinct because of what Christ, the Anointed One, has accomplished for us. ¹²For we’ve been buried with him into his death. Our “baptism into death” also means we were raised with

him when we believed in God's resurrection power, the power that raised him from death's realm. Colossians 2:11-12 TPT

Glory to GOD! Through our union with Christ JESUS, we can now experience the circumcision of the heart. Our union with Christ comes from believing. We believe in our heart unto righteousness and confess with our mouth unto salvation. But this is not the END! Through “baptism (The Greek word is “**baptizo**”, which means “immersion”), we take part in His burial.

**Baptism is our burial with Christ Jesus.
When we come out of the water we participate in His
resurrection.
THIS IS THE CUTTING AWAY OF THE FLESH FOR THE
NEW TESTAMENT BELIEVER.**

This “realm of death” describes our former state, for we were held in sin's grasp. But now, we've been resurrected out of that “realm of death” never to return, for we are forever alive and forgiven of all our sins! ¹⁴He canceled out every legal violation we had on our record and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He erased it all—our sins, our stained soul—he deleted it all and they cannot be retrieved! Everything we once were in Adam has been placed onto his cross and nailed permanently there as a public display of cancellation. Colossians 2:13-14 TPT

It cannot be clearer than this! We are reconciled with Christ Jesus because the pardoning of sin took place. Pardon is not the covering of sin, but the total cancellation thereof. Jesus even deleted the stains of souls! The word “stain” means a mark, or dirty mark, that is difficult to remove, or discoloured with something that is not easily removed. The fulfilment came when Jehovah told Moses to put the stones (Law) in the Ark of the Covenant and to cover it with the Mercy Seat.

So now every righteous requirement of the law can be fulfilled through the Anointed One living his life in us. And we are free to live, not according to our flesh, but by the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit! Romans 8:4 TPT

Paul, previously a Pharisee deeply rooted in the Torah, made this profound statement:

(But their thoughts were blinded; for until the present the same veil remains on the reading of the old covenant, not taken away.) But this veil has been done away in Christ. 2 Corinthians 3:14 MKJV

We are all by nature sinners, born from corruptible seed. We need an external power to change us. That power is the Holy Ghost who constantly draws us unto salvation by grace through faith to accept Jesus Christ. This act is the mystery of righteousness or the mystery of godliness. It includes the mystery of our new birth but at the same time is not limited to it.

Let us briefly look at the following three profound truths:

- The Mystery of Imputed Righteousness.
- The Mystery of Indwelling Righteousness.
- The Mystery of Completed Righteousness.

The Mystery of Imputed Righteousness

To impute is to tribute something to another. Christ's righteousness has been imputed to us. That means His godliness (His likeness) was transferred to us without us doing anything but accepting and acknowledging the complete and finished work on Calvary.

For He has made Him who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him.

2 Corinthians 5:21 MKJV

Before the law, sin could not be imputed on the human race. Sin was only revealed when the law came, and man then could know from the law that he had sinned.

For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Romans 5:13 KJV

Indeed, there is no one on earth who is righteous, no one who does what is right and never sins. Ecclesiastes 7:20 NIV

Everyone broke the law. Man cannot fulfil the requirements of the law. Still, someone must pay for it and therefore the Father sent His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, to take the sin of the entire whole upon Himself. He died in our place and established a New Covenant by His

own precious Blood to impute His righteousness to us. This is the GREAT mystery of imputed righteousness!

The human mind cannot comprehend the work of redemption!

And all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹whereas God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and putting the word of reconciliation in us. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 MKJV

The Mystery of Indwelling Righteousness

Thank God for Jesus' statement, "*Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the **Comforter** will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you.*" (John 16:7 KJV).

*And I will pray the Father, and He shall give you another **Comforter**, so that He may be with you forever, ¹⁷the Spirit of Truth, whom the world cannot receive because it does not see Him nor know Him. **But you know Him, for He dwells with you and shall be in you.** John 14:16-17 MKJV*

It was the Father's will to send us the indwelling Holy Spirit to help us. Some translations refer to our Comforter, the Holy Ghost, as the "Helper". As the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are one, Christ now takes His abode in us through His Spirit.

*And if Christ is in you, indeed the **body is dead because of sin**, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ But if the **Spirit of the***

One who raised up Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the One who raised up Christ from the dead shall also make your mortal bodies alive by His Spirit who dwells in you. Romans 8:10- 11 MKJV

The mystery of indwelling righteousness is Christ in you, the hope of glory.

*This message was kept secret for centuries and generations past, but now it has been revealed to God's people. For God wanted them to know that the riches and glory of Christ are for you Gentiles, too. And this is the secret: **Christ lives in you.** This gives you assurance of sharing his glory. Colossians 1:26-27 NLT*

Because Christ lives in you, heart circumcision can now occur, as God originally intended. This is the mystery of sanctification, which will be discussed in more detail later.

The Mystery of Completed Righteousness

Notice how we now share in Christ's glory. "*Christ lives in you. This gives you assurance of **sharing his glory.***" (Colossians 1:27 NLT).

The imputed and indwelling righteousness is the password to enter His glory! We limit God by our old Adam nature, the natural man. We need complete deliverance from all filthiness. Paul is very clear on this topic.

As for us, we have all of these great witnesses who encircle us like clouds. So we must let go of every wound that has pierced us and the sin we so easily fall into. Then we will be able to run life's marathon race with passion and determination, for the path has been already marked out before us. Hebrews 12:1 TPT

Healing is extremely important to enable us to run the marathon race. This race is not a sprint, but a lifelong marathon race. In the end, there is a victor's crown waiting for us! Wounds in the soul hinder us from running this race. Few truly understand this mystery of completed righteousness. This is our final stage of full salvation. Peter enlightened us when he wrote that we will finally reap the harvest of our faith, the salvation of our souls (1 Peter 1:9).

This mystery is even hidden within the baptism of Christ. When Jesus came to John to be baptised, John first lingered. Christ had to convince him that He had to be baptised to fulfil all righteousness.

And answering Jesus said to him, Allow it now, for it is becoming to us to fulfill all righteousness. Matthew 3:15 MKJV

We need to allow the indwelling Holy Spirit to perform heart circumcision to bring us to full salvation. That is the mystery of completed righteousness, paid in full by Christ during His water baptism. Glory to God! Let us put on Christ and immerse ourselves in Him through our baptism.

For as many as were baptized into Christ, have put on Christ. Galatians 3:27 MKJV

It was faith that immersed you into Jesus, the Anointed One, and now you are covered and clothed with his anointing. Galatians 3:27 TPT

Let us put on our new nature and not fulfil the lusts and desires of the old Adam nature.

*Now it's time to be made new by every revelation that's been given to you. ²⁴And to be transformed as you embrace the glorious Christ-within as your new life and live in union with him! For God has re-created you all over again in **his perfect righteousness**, and you now belong to him in the realm of true holiness.* Ephesians 4:23-24 TPT

...to make us holy and pure, cleansing us through the showering of the pure water of the Word of God. Ephesians 5:26 TPT

For we've been buried with him into his death. Our "baptism into death" also means we were raised with him when we believed in God's resurrection power, the power that raised him from death's realm. ¹³ This "realm of death" describes our former state, for we were held in sin's grasp. But now, we've been resurrected out of that "realm of death" never to return, for we are forever alive and forgiven of all our sins! ¹⁴ He canceled out every legal violation we had on our record and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He erased it all—our sins, our stained soul—he deleted it all and they cannot be retrieved! Everything we once were in Adam has been placed onto his cross and nailed permanently there as a public display of cancellation. Colossians 2:12-14 TPT

Let us rejoice and exalt Him and give Him glory, because the wedding celebration of the Lamb has come and His Bride has made herself ready (Revelation 19:8). Notice the fine linen of the Bride, which is the righteous deeds of the holy believers, as John saw in the vision on the Isle of Patmos.

Fine linen, shining bright and clear, has been given to her to wear, and the fine linen represents the righteous deeds of his holy believers. Revelation 19:8 TPT

I will greatly rejoice in Jehovah, my soul will be joyful in my God; for He has clothed me with the robes of salvation, He covered me with the robe of righteousness like a bridegroom adorns himself with ornaments, and like a bride adorns herself with her jewels. Isaiah 61:10 MKJV

Put on the whole armor of God so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:11 MKJV

Therefore stand, having your loins girded about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness and the helmet of salvation. Ephesians 6:14 MKJV

For He put on righteousness like a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation on His head. Isaiah 59:17 MKJV

Now the case is closed! Romans 8:1 TPT

The King James Translation states that for those who walk not after the FLESH, but after the Spirit, those who are JOINED in life-union with Christ Jesus, the Anointed One, there remains no accusing voice of condemnation!

Those who are motivated by the flesh only pursue what benefits themselves. But those who live by the impulses of the Holy Spirit are motivated to pursue spiritual realities. ⁶ For the mind-set of the flesh is death, but the mind-set controlled by the Spirit finds life

and peace. ⁷ In fact, the mind-set focused on the flesh fights God's plan and refuses to submit to his direction, because it cannot! ⁸ For no matter how hard they try, God finds no pleasure with those who are controlled by the flesh. ⁹ But when the Spirit of Christ empowers your life, you are not dominated by the flesh but by the Spirit. And if you are not joined to the Spirit of the Anointed One, you are not of him. ¹⁰ Now Christ lives his life in you! And even though your body may be dead because of the effects of sin, his life-giving Spirit imparts life to you because you are fully accepted by God. ¹¹ Yes, God raised Jesus to life! And since God's Spirit of Resurrection lives in you, he will also raise your dying body to life by the same Spirit that breathes life into you! Romans 8:5-11 TPT

I am sensing that Paul directed us to Deuteronomy 10 when he said, **“Now the case is closed”**. Jehovah told Moses to not show the law to the people, for God would fulfil it for them. Therefore, heart circumcision is the “cutting away of the flesh”, (the foreskin of men), just as it was required from Israel in the Old Testament. The cutting away of the flesh (the heart) is the cutting away of the old Adam nature controlled by the appetites of the flesh.

*So then, beloved ones, the flesh has no claims on us at all, and we have no further obligation to live in obedience to it. ¹³ For **when you live controlled by the flesh, you are about to die**. But if the life of the Spirit puts to death the corrupt ways of the flesh, we then taste his abundant life. ¹⁴ **The mature children of God are those who are moved by the impulses of the Holy Spirit.** ¹⁵ And you did not receive the “spirit of religious duty,” leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the “Spirit*

of full acceptance,” enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, “Beloved Father!”

Romans 8:12-15 TPT

Baptism of the New Testament believer is circumcision - the cutting away of the flesh, the old Adam nature. When heart circumcision has taken place we are no longer dominated by the appetites of the flesh but are controlled by the impulses of the Holy Ghost. As mature children and not slaves to sin anymore, we can cry out “Abba Father!”, that is “Daddy!”

“Thank You for restoring us to You, Lord! We are no longer separated from You!”

Free Will

Man often forgets the cutting points to the blessing and the curse.

I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live.

Deuteronomy 30:19 KJV

Here we see how God confirms the “**free will**”, yet He kindly leads man to choose life! For those who keep YHWH’s covenant, blessings await. Unfortunately, those who violate the Blood Covenant by not accepting the invitation open a door to the curse to enter and remain in their lives. Again, we find this concept throughout the Scripture. Right before Israel entered the promised land, Joshua brought them between two mountains, namely Mount Gerizim and Mount Ebal. Mount Gerizim refers to

blessings and Mount Ebal to the curse. Notice that Mount Gerizim was lush and fertile, while Mount Ebal was rocky and barren (Deuteronomy 27). This portrayed the ramifications of our choices. During the crucifixion of Christ, two thieves were hung on either side of Him. It symbolised the two cut halves of the covenant with Abram and also the two mountains, Gerizim and Ebal. One criminal asked for grace and received the blessing (Mount Gerizim), and the other hurled insults at Jesus and thus received the curse of eternal damnation (Mount Ebal).

“Two” is the number of a covenant, and it also indicates the need to make a choice. God often demonstrates His covenant with His people.

- God made a covenant with Abram by passing between the **two** pieces of flesh.
- Moses instructed the Israelites to stand on **two** mountains to pronounce blessings and curses.
- Moses carried **two** tablets down the mountain after meeting with God.
- The Red Sea parted in **two**.
- God led the Israelites by **two** pillars - the cloud by day and the fire by night.
- Jesus was crucified between **two** thieves.
- There will be **two** types of nations at the end of the age - the sheep and the goats.

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YHWH declared repeatedly that He would never leave us nor forsake us (Joshua 1:5; Hebrews 13:5).

I am with you and will watch over you wherever you go, and I will bring you back to this land. I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you. Genesis 28:15 NIV

This concept is beautifully embedded in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. Our Lord is with us day and night, leading us back into our promised land.

God provided the sign of the covenant in the pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. They were more than mere signs of God's faithfulness. They served as a protection for the people while they travelled through the wilderness. Likewise, He still protects us when we, too, go through the wilderness.

Notwithstanding God's promise that He would never leave or forsake Israel, they still rebelled.

For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness. Exodus 14:12b MEV

Our journey under God's covenant can sometimes appear to lead us through the wilderness, and we may cry out just like the children of Israel, fearing that He will let us die in the wilderness. But what looked like abandonment to them, was God's protection.

For God said, 'The people might change their minds when they see war, and return to Egypt'. Exodus 13:17b NASB

How easily we sometimes wish to return to our old lifestyle when war lurks on the horizon. The wilderness is never the end of our journey when we are in covenant with God! At the Red Sea, Israel thought it was the end. The people told Moses to leave them alone as they wished to return to Egypt to serve them, rather than die in the wilderness (Exodus 14:12). The Lord commanded Moses to take up his staff of authority, hit the water and move forward!

Why are you crying out to me? Tell the Israelites to move on.

¹⁶ Raise your staff and stretch out your hand over the sea to divide the water so that the Israelites can go through the sea on dry ground. Exodus 14:15-16 NIV

Moses encouraged the people **to stand** and **see their deliverance!**

Do not be afraid. Stand firm and you will see the deliverance the LORD will bring you today. The Egyptians you see today you will never see again. Exodus 14:13 NIV

Likewise, the Lord commands the New Testament believer to stand his ground against the enemy, with the full armour (Ephesians 6:14-17).

Notice the similarity “to stand” and see your deliverance!

The same happened with Jehoshaphat. God confirmed to him that it was not his battle, but God’s! God commanded him to march down the following day and face his enemy! (2 Chronicles 20:15-16)

*Ye shall not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, and see the salvation of the LORD with you, O Judah and Jerusalem: fear not, nor be dismayed; to morrow go out against them: for the LORD **will be** with you. 2 Chronicles 20:17 KJV*

My dear friend in Christ, hear and apply! Let this scripture deeply penetrate your understanding! Fear not, for God is a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God. You do not need to fight this battle. Put on the full armour and face your enemy. Stand and hold your ground, and see your deliverance! Do not allow the enemy to steal your faith! Do not doubt that God made a Blood Covenant with you! He will keep it! He will deliver you!

**We only need to stand under God's covenant promises,
and we will be delivered as a result of His faithfulness to
His Word!**

Israel's passing through the Red Sea was God's Covenant with Abraham in action. When Israel passed through the sea they were baptised unto Moses in the cloud and the sea and drank the same spiritual drink of the spiritual Rock, Jesus Christ (1 Corinthians 10:1-4).

Here we find the same pattern again. The blood, the water and fire (Holy Ghost) bear witness. "Red" is a representation of the blood, the water a representation of the water baptism and the pillar of fire represents the Holy Ghost. This proves to Israel and us that He is a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God. He was honouring His own covenant for their benefit. Likewise, God is still doing for you and me.

"The power of our covenant with God is evident in God's deliverance that day against Pharaoh and his army at the parting of the Red Sea, as well as in the cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night. This is because His Blood always makes a way for us, and His Blood defeats our enemies! Israel had God Himself with them through every challenge and seemingly impossible situation as the cloud by day and the fire by night followed them. This is also

a reminder that through our Blood covenant in Jesus Christ we have the overshadowing presence of God and His wonderful fire of protection and guidance. Whatever we need or whatever enemy we face, our covenant provides a way of blessing and the defeat of the enemy.”

(Kunneman, Hank. The Supernatural Power of Jesus' Blood (pp. 32-33).

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This brings us to the next very important discussion - the Old and New Covenants. Everything in the Old Testament points to New Testament promises. The Israelites' passing through the Red Sea points directly to the promises of Calvary.

“Jesus hung between two thieves on the cross – in the middle was the “Red Sea” – perfectly positioned to shed His own Blood. This “Red Sea” saves us from our enemy in much the same way the children of Israel were saved from Pharoah's army. In our day, the enemy chases God's people with oppression, financial troubles, disease, and a host of other issues, but we are offered perfect protection when we choose to walk through the “Red Sea” of Jesus' Blood covenant with us!”

(Kunneman, Hank. The Supernatural Power of Jesus' Blood (p. 33).

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The Old Covenant

We have already discovered that, since the fall, God had consecrated blood to be the requirement for the atonement for sin. Without blood there is no remission of sin (Leviticus 17:11 and Hebrews 9:22). The covering of man's sin is in the Old Testament blood sacrifice ceremony.

When Cain brought an offering of the fruit of the ground to the Lord (Genesis 4:2-4), the Lord did not respect his offering. On the other hand, He respected Abel's offering (Genesis 4:4-5). Why did God accept one offering and reject the other?

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous, God testifying of his gifts: and by it he being dead yet speaketh.

Hebrews 11:4 KJV

Abel offered a blood sacrifice to the Lord in faith. We know that *“faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of the Lord”* (Romans 10:17). Hence, it is reasonable to assume that the two brothers knew the power of the blood because their parents had most probably shared with them their experience in the garden. God had given Adam and Eve a revelation of the Blood Covenant when He sacrificed animals to atone for their sin and clothed them with skins that may have been dripping with blood (Genesis 3:21). It was a sign of redemption and deliverance that was to come. Therefore, we can assume that Cain knew what was right, but he offered a gift of vegetation, which God refused. Afterwards, God asked Cain:

“Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷ If you do what is right, will you not be accepted?” Genesis 4:6-7a NIV

Cain rejected the Blood Covenant God had made with Adam and Eve. This was a crucial mistake and a violation of the blood. Just as Adam and Eve had tried to cover themselves with fig leaves (an act of own works), so did Cain bring an offering of self-righteousness (not of blood, but of vegetation). Without a blood sacrifice, nobody can approach God. Abel

approached God by following the Blood Covenant protocol. This act of obedience was pleasing and acceptable to God.

Let this example of Cain and Abel emphasise the consequences of violating the Blood Covenant of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Respecting and obeying the Covenant as Abel did, demonstrates the importance of right standing before a covenant-making, covenant-keeping God. Abel's offering was from a heart of love and obedience.

So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must master it." Genesis 4:5b–7 NIV

Notice how God offered man a free choice. We can choose between right and wrong, life and death, blessing and curse.

Beware! If you ignore this warning of God to choose what is right and thus be accepted, the spirit of envy will sneak in, leading to devastating results.

Now Cain said to his brother Abel, "Let's go out to the field." And while they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Genesis 4:8 NIV

Violating the Blood Covenant of YHWH can easily lead us to kill, as Kain killed his brother out of envy because his own works were evil and that of his brother's righteous (1 John 3:11-12).

We easily defend ourselves by claiming that we would never kill anybody, but when we speak against one another in the Body of Christ, we curse each other and speak death over our fellow believers, without realising that we are violating the Blood of the Lamb and partaking of the Lord's Supper unworthily.

During a conversation with a friend of mine in ministry and his wife, they referred to an incident that had happened three years ago when brothers and sisters spoke against Berashith Ministry. They confessed they had believed the lies and also spoke against the ministry. The wife then replied that everyone sometimes speaks against others.

See how subtly we often try to justify our actions. With this attitude in our hearts, we participate in the Lord's Supper and drink judgment over ourselves. If we do not judge ourselves at the Lord's Supper, the Lord will judge us.

A minor act like this from a New Testament believer is equal to that of Cain. The Bible calls this the "**Cain spirit**".

The Way of Cain

Woe unto them! For they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. Jude 1:11 KJV

The Cain spirit refers to doing things on your own terms and disrespecting God's requirements. The way of Cain is to treat as optional or unimportant

the Blood of Salvation, the water baptism, and the baptism of the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues.

It is not optional to accept the Blood and live a converted life in Christ. Neither is it optional to be filled with the Holy Spirit and speak in tongues, like on the day of Pentecost.

(Acknowledgement: Kunneman, Hank. The Supernatural Power of Jesus' Blood (p. 141). Destiny Image, Inc. Kindle Edition).

We must not think of the Blood, the water and the spirit as optional. All three are one and bear witness on Earth. By violating any of these three, we are walking the way of Cain. Cain mocked or disregarded the importance of the blood and God's witness of His fire. Cain was influenced by the devil to the point of murdering his brother.

*Not as Cain, who was of that wicked one, and slew his brother.
And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil, and
his brother's righteous. 1 John 3:12 KJV*

He rebelled against a blood offering to the Lord. The blood of his brother, Abel, cried out for vengeance and revenge!

*What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood cries out
to Me from the ground. Genesis 4:10 NKJV*

When we violate the Blood, we put ourselves under the vagabond curse. This means that we will always be on the run as fugitives.

*So now you are cursed from the earth, which has opened its mouth
to receive your brother's blood from your hand. ¹² When you till*

the ground, it shall no longer yield its strength to you. A fugitive and a vagabond you shall be on the earth. Genesis 4:11–12 NKJV

The consequences of rejecting the message of the Blood are very serious. It is simply not worth taking the risk. Cain's punishment was not only for the murder of his brother. He refused God's covenant and put himself in jeopardy of becoming a hopeless wanderer and eternally lost, as we also often do.

Anyone who has rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. ²⁸ Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy who has trampled the Son of God underfoot, counted the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified a common thing, and insulted the Spirit of grace? Hebrews 10:28–29 KJV

Paul's warning to the New Testament believer is serious. When an Old Testament believer violated the blood of animal sacrifices, he was put to physical death, according to the law. We can conclude that when a New Testament believer violates the Blood of the Lamb, a worse punishment can be expected – not only that of physical death but also spiritual death, resulting in being eternally lost!

These are very harsh words, but according to these scriptures, it is the truth. Let us have a deep desire to cleanse and purify ourselves from all the lies we so easily believe and that hold us in bondage. What a blessing to us that Jesus came to establish a new covenant with His own Blood!

And we have come to Jesus who established a new covenant with his blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat; blood that continues to

... speak from heaven, “forgiveness,” a better message than Abel’s blood that cries from the earth, “justice”. Hebrews 12:24 TPT

One morning, as my wife and I read this scripture, I asked the Lord why His Blood does not also cry out for justice. He immediately answered:

“Had My Blood cried out for justice, then all of humanity would be destined for the lake of fire. But instead, I paid the price and fulfilled all the requirements of the law. Now My Blood cries out, ‘Forgiveness’! You are forgiven and thus escape the flames of hell”.

The Promise

The Abrahamic covenant is written down in Genesis 17. God changed Abram’s name to Abraham, meaning “father of a multitude”, to remind him of God’s promise to make him the father of many nations. God promised Abraham that the covenant with him was two-fold, namely to “*multiply him exceedingly*” and also that his descendants would “*receive that land of Canaan, as an everlasting possession*”. Most importantly, this covenant would be marked by the shedding of blood.

This is My covenant which you shall keep, between Me and you and your descendants after you: Every male child among you shall be circumcised; ¹¹ and you shall be circumcised in the flesh of your foreskins, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between Me and you. Genesis 17:10–11 KJV

What was the sign of the Abrahamic covenant? **Circumcision.** Every male child was to have this rite performed when he was eight days old.

As a result, he would not only enter into the covenant but take part in God's promises to Abraham. God honoured the covenant He had made with Abraham. At one hundred years of age, he and his wife, Sarah, who was then ninety years old, conceived and produced a child of promise. They named him Isaac. When the test came to offer his beloved son, Abraham had to believe that YHWH was a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God. And he failed not! Abraham passed the test, but the offering of blood still had to be presented!

Then Abraham lifted his eyes and looked, and there behind him was a ram caught in a thicket by its horns. So Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up for a burnt offering instead of his son. Genesis 22:13 KJV

God saved the son of Abraham, Isaac. Yet, He did not spare His own son. How sad that we reject the precious gift of the Father – the Blood of His own Son.

The angel of the Lord appeared to Abraham a second time.

...because you have done this thing, and have not withheld your son, your only son—¹⁷ blessing I will bless you, and multiplying I will multiply your descendants as the stars of the heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore; and your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies. Genesis 22:16–17 NKJV

The angel confirmed the Blood Covenant of YHWH with Abraham. First, God would give him the land, and second, He would bless him and multiply his descendants. We can look forward to the same promises when we also pass the test!

The Exodus

What a joyful thought to know that it was because of this Blood Covenant with Abraham that God brought Israel out of Egypt.

So God heard their groaning, and God remembered His covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. Exodus 2:24 NKJV

When the king of Egypt died, the children of Israel groaned because of their bondage. They cried out because of the bondage and their cry came up to God (Exodus 2:23 KJV).

This Blood Covenant is so important to YHWH that He did not allow Moses to deliver Israel before he too had met the requirements of the Blood Covenant. Moses had failed to have one of his two sons circumcised and *“it came to pass on the way, at the encampment, that the Lord met him and sought to kill him”* (Exodus 4:24). Zipporah, Moses’ wife, took a sharp stone and cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at Moses’ feet. Then God let him go (Exodus 4:25-26).

God dealt more severely with the Old Testament saints than with us. Because of His mercy and grace, He now deals with the New Testament saints differently. How sad that because of this mercy and grace, we do not respect God’s commandments anymore. This is a violation of the Blood!

**Let us learn this lesson from Moses. God does not honour
a man who has broken His covenant!**

Moses was then ready to deliver God's people. When the Angel of Death saw the blood on the doorposts of the Israelites, he passed over them and they learned that life could be obtained only by the death of a substitute. Life was possible for them only through THE BLOOD of a life given in their place and appropriated by the sprinkling of that blood.

Fifty days later, Israel reached Sinai. Moses went up the mountain and came down to nearly two million people waiting. The people said, "*All the words which the Lord has said we will do*" (Exodus 24:3). This declaration was a very important step towards a new Blood Covenant between the people and YHWH.

Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD.

⁶And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient."

Exodus 24:5-7 NKJV

And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words. Exodus 24:8 KJV

Even the written covenant itself was consecrated.

*Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. ¹⁹For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, **he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled***

both the book, and all the people, ²⁰ *Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you* ²¹ *Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.* ²² *And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.*
Hebrews 9:18-22 KJV

“It was in that BLOOD the Covenant had its foundation and power. It is by THE BLOOD alone, that God and man can be brought into covenant fellowship. That which had been foreshadowed at the Gate of Eden, on Mount Ararat, on Moriah, and in Egypt was now confirmed at the foot of Sinai, in a most solemn manner. Without BLOOD there could be no access by sinful man to a Holy God.”

*“However there was a difference between the manner of applying the blood in all of these cases. **On Moriah** the life was **redeemed** by the shedding of the blood. **In Egypt** it was **sprinkled on the door posts** of the houses; but at **Sinai**, it was **sprinkled on the persons themselves**. The contact was closer, the application more powerful. Immediately after the establishment of the covenant the command was givers, "Let them make me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them " (Exodus 25:8). They were to enjoy the full blessedness of having the God of the Covenant abiding among them. Through His grace they may find Him, and serve Him in His house.”*

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 12-13). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

Likewise, we are now His sanctuary and He is dwelling in us. This means, Saints, that God is transforming each one of us into the Holy of Holies.

This entire building is under construction and is continually growing under his supervision until it rises up completed as the holy temple of the Lord himself. ²²This means that God is transforming each one of you into the Holy of Holies, his dwelling place, through the power of the Holy Spirit living in you!

Ephesians 2:21-22 TPT

It was the same Holy of Holies that the high priest, once a year, entered and sprinkled the blood on the Mercy Seat - the place where YHWH dwelled. The only way to fellowship with God is through THE BLOOD! When we honour our covenant with God, God will honour us. The people were then ready to enter the wilderness on their way to the promised land. Because of the Blood Covenant sprinkled on all the people, God fed them with manna. Their garments did not wear out, nor did their feet swell during these forty years (Deuteronomy 8:3-4).

Under the Old System

Under the old system, a blood sacrifice was the requirement, but it could only cleanse and purify outwardly. Therefore it had to be done repeatedly.

Under the old covenant the blood of bulls, goats, and the ashes of a heifer were sprinkled on those who were defiled and effectively cleansed them outwardly from their ceremonial impurities.

Hebrews 9:13 TPT

What happened at Mount Sinai was far more than just the sprinkling of blood over Israel. A marriage covenant took place.

So, my dear brothers and sisters, the same principle applies to your relationship with God. For you died to your first husband, the law,

by being co-crucified with the body of the Messiah. So you are now free to “marry” another—the one who was raised from the dead so that you may now bear spiritual fruit for God. Romans 7:4 TPT

We can see in this passage that the Old Testament saints were married to the law. The only way to marry someone else was when one partner from the first marriage covenant died.

*We know that the moral code of the law is beautiful when applied as God intended, ⁹but actually, the law was not established for righteous people, **but to bring conviction of sin** to the unrighteous. The law was established to bring the revelation of sin to the evildoers. 1 Timothy 1:8-9a TPT*

It was never God’s intention to give the law to righteous people. Because sin abounded on Earth, God had to teach His people righteousness. The law exposed their sin which would lead them to death. The law brought conviction of sin. The New Testament believer is not married to the law any longer but to our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Paul strongly warned the Galatians that they were embracing a distorted gospel.

This is a fake “gospel” that is simply not true. There is only one gospel – the gospel of the Messiah! Yet you have allowed those who mingle law with grace to confuse you. Galatians 1:7 TPT

It is impossible to mingle law with grace! We can be married to one husband only. We are either married to the law or grace, but not to both at the same time. By doing so, we are violating the Blood of Christ. We add the law to the cross, saying that the Blood of Christ is not sufficient. This brings us to the next very important point and that is that sin was not charged against anyone’s account before the law was established.

To be sure, sin was in the world before the law was given, but sin is not charged against anyone's account where there is no law.

Romans 5:13 NIV

Since Christ had fulfilled all the requirements of the law, when we are married to Him we are freed from the guilt of sin and it cannot be imputed unto us anymore. Nobody except the high priest could enter the Holy of Holies. How sad that God met only once a year with the high priest at the Mercy Seat where the blood of animals were sprinkled.

The Gentiles were foreigners and had no covenant with God. Under the Old Covenant, the law cried out for justice and there was no place for mercy. One serious example is the penalty for violating the Sabbath, in Numbers 15.

Now while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks on the Sabbath day. ³³ And those who found him gathering sticks brought him to Moses and Aaron, and to all the congregation. ³⁴ They put him under guard, because it had not been explained what should be done to him. ³⁵ Then the Lord said to Moses, "The man must surely be put to death; all the congregation shall stone him with stones outside the camp." ³⁶ So, as the Lord commanded Moses, all the congregation brought him outside the camp and stoned him with stones, and he died.

Numbers 15:32-36 NKJV

No surprise that the blood of Abel cried out for justice. There was no place for mercy or forgiveness. Therefore, under the law, we are living like slaves and cannot experience sonship.

Now we're no longer living like slaves under the law, but we enjoy being God's very own sons and daughters! And because we're his, we can access everything our Father has—for we are heirs because of what God has done! Galatians 4:7 TPT

Only Christ can set us free. But under the obligation of the law, we put ourselves under the burden of the yoke of slavery (Galatians 5:1 NIV). Blood sacrifices continued for 1500 years. It continued at Sinai, in the desert, at Shiloh, and in the Temple on Mount Moriah, until our Lord came to make an end to all shadows by bringing in the substance, and establishing a fellowship with the Holy One, in spirit and truth.

(Acknowledgement: Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 14). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

The New Covenant

We find the opposite of the above passages in the New Covenant that Christ instituted the night before His crucifixion. When Jesus declared *“For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins”* (Matthew 26:28), the scripture was fulfilled as prophesied by Jeremiah.

“Behold, days are coming,” declares the Lord, “when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, ³² not like the covenant which I made with their fathers in the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, My covenant which they broke, although I was a husband to them,” declares the Lord. ³³ “But this is the covenant which I will make with the house of Israel after those days,” declares the Lord,

"I will put My law within them and on their heart I will write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people."

Jeremiah 31:31-33 NASB

In the Old Testament, the Holy Spirit was not yet outpoured because the Blood of the Lamb was not yet shed! Hence, God had to write His laws in stone. Only when the Blood of the real Lamb was shed, could the Holy Ghost witness to the Blood and now, because of the Holy Spirit living in us, His laws are within us. Glory to God!

Christ's Sacrifice Once and for All

How I long for believers to understand the purpose of the Old Covenant. It was a shadow of better things to come!

The old system of living under the law presented us with only a faint shadow, a crude outline of the reality of the wonderful blessings to come. Even with its steady stream of sacrifices offered year after year, there still was nothing that could make our hearts perfect before God. Hebrews 10:1 TPT

No Old Testament rituals can make us perfect before God. Perfection before God can only come through the shedding of Christ's Blood.

For if animal sacrifices could once and for all eliminate sin, they would have ceased to be offered and the worshipers would have clean consciences. Instead, once was not enough so by the repetitive sacrifices year after year, the worshipers were continually reminded of their sins, with their hearts still impure.

⁴ For what power does the blood of bulls and goats have to remove sin's guilt? Hebrews 10:2-4 TPT

Notice that the law and all the repetitive sacrifices in the Old Testament were a reminder of Israel's sin and could not purify their hearts! Since the fall, humanity has been guilty of sin and was born under the penalty of sin. No other blood but the Blood of Christ could fulfil these requirements.

So when Jesus the Messiah came into the world he said, "Since your ultimate desire was not another animal sacrifice, you have clothed me with a body that I might offer myself instead!

⁶ Multiple burnt offerings and sin-offerings cannot satisfy your justice. ⁷ So I said to you, 'God—I will be the One to go and do your will, to fulfill all that is written of me in your Word!' ⁸ First he said, "Multiple burnt-offerings and sin-offerings cannot satisfy your justice" (even though the law required them to be offered).

Hebrews 10:5-8 TPT

We often miss the essence of the Word. Christ declared He would come to fulfil the written law! It is simply impossible for any human to fulfil even a "yod" (the smallest requirement) of the law. When Christ came, He abolished the animal sacrifices and replaced them with an entirely new system – the New Covenant.

And then he said, "God, I will be the One to go and do your will."

So by being the sacrifice that removes sin, he abolishes animal sacrifices and replaces that entire system with the new covenant.

¹⁰ By God's will we have been purified and made holy once and for

all through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus, the Messiah!

Hebrews 10:9-10 TPT

In contrast with the Old Testament priests who brought the same offerings repeatedly, our High Priest, Jesus Christ, brought one supreme sacrifice to fulfil every single requirement of the law. The good news is that when Jesus cried out, “Tetelestai!”, all was done! It was finished! He ascended to Heaven and sat down at the right hand of the Father. He ceased from His own works! He now invites us to cease also from our own works. He does not require any ritual from us anymore. Instead, He longs for fellowship and intimacy.

Yet every day priests still serve, ritually offering the same sacrifices again and again—sacrifices that can never take away sin’s guilt.

¹² *But when this Priest had offered the one supreme sacrifice for sin for all time he sat down on a throne at the right hand of God,*

¹³ *waiting until all his whispering enemies are subdued and turn into his footstool. ¹⁴ And by his one perfect sacrifice he made us perfectly holy and complete for all time!* Hebrews 10:11-14 TPT

When Christ’s Blood was shed, Paul referred to it as the fulfilment of the Scripture in Jeremiah 31.

The Holy Spirit confirms this to us by this Scripture, for the Lord says, ¹⁶ “Afterwards, I will give them this covenant: I will embed my laws into their hearts and fasten my Word to their thoughts.”

¹⁷ *And then he says, “I will not ever again remember their sins and lawless deeds!” ¹⁸ So if our sins have been forgiven and forgotten,*

why would we ever need to offer another sacrifice for sin?

Hebrews 10:15-18 TPT

And now we are brothers and sisters in God's family because of the blood of Jesus, and he welcomes us to come right into the most holy sanctuary in the heavenly realm—boldly and with no hesitation. ²⁰ For he has dedicated a new, life-giving way for us to approach God. For just as the veil was torn in two, Jesus' body was torn open to give us free and fresh access to him!

Hebrews 10:19-20 TPT

The only way Old Testament saints could approach God was once a year through the high priest when he sprinkled blood on the Mercy Seat. Since the crucifixion, we have a new way of approaching God.

For the Messiah did not enter into the earthly tabernacle made by men, which was but an echo of the true sanctuary, but he entered into heaven itself to appear before the face of God in our place.

Hebrews 9:24 TPT

*And we have come to Jesus who established a new covenant with his blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat; blood that continues to speak from heaven, "**forgiveness**," a better message than Abel's blood that cries from the earth, "justice."* Hebrews 12:24 TPT

Christ beautifully embedded the sprinkling of the blood on the Mercy Seat in prototypes – in shadows of better things to come. He fulfilled it all when He entered the Holy of Holies in the heavenly places. Now we can come closer to God and approach Him with an open heart.

We come closer to God and approach him with an open heart, fully convinced by faith that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity and we have been freed from an accusing conscience and now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out! Hebrews 10:22 TPT

Another Warning

*For if we continue to persist in deliberate sin after we have known and received the truth, there is not another sacrifice for sin to be made for us. ²⁷ But this would qualify one for the certain, terrifying expectation of judgment and the raging fire ready to burn up his enemies! ²⁸ Anyone who disobeyed Moses' law died without mercy on the simple evidence of two or three witnesses. ²⁹ How much more severely do you suppose a person deserves to be judged who has contempt for God's Son, and who **scorns the blood of the new covenant that made him holy**, and who mocks the Spirit who gives him grace? Hebrews 10:26-29 TPT*

Many of us violate the Blood by scorning it. "How?", you might ask. Any addition of our own works to approach God is a violation of the Blood. Our sins are forgiven, there is nothing else we can do to please God. We do however need to judge our hearts and motives when participating at the Lord's Table. If we do not do so, then He will!

It is the most terrifying thing of all to come under the judgment of the Living God! Hebrews 10:31 TPT

Paul made it clear in Romans 7 that we are now released from the law. He was writing to those who understood the law. We might conclude that he was writing to the Jewish people still under the obligations of the law. Gentiles were never under those obligations!

I write to you, dear brothers and sisters, who are familiar with the law. Don't you know that when a person dies, it ends his obligation to the law? ² For example, a married couple is bound by the law to remain together until separated by death. But when one spouse dies, the other is released from the law of the marriage. ³ So then if a wife is joined to another man while still married, she commits adultery. But if her husband dies, she is obviously free from the marriage contract and may marry another man without being charged with adultery. Romans 7:1-3 TPT

*So, my dear brothers and sisters, the same principle applies to your relationship with God. For you died to your first husband, the law, by being co-crucified with the body of the Messiah. So you are now free to "marry" another—the one who was raised from the dead so that you may now bear spiritual fruit for God. ⁵ **When we were merely living natural lives, the law, through defining sin, actually awakened sinful desires within us, which resulted in bearing the fruit of death.** ⁶ But now that we have been fully released from the power of the law, we are dead to what once controlled us. And our lives are no longer motivated by the obsolete way of following the written code, so that now we may serve God by living in the freshness of a new life in the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans-7:4-6 TPT*

*But now God has shown us a different way to heaven —not by “being good enough” and trying to keep his laws, but by a new way (though not new, really, for the Scriptures told about it long ago). Now God says he will accept and acquit us—declare us “**not guilty**”—if we trust Jesus Christ to take away our sins. And we all can be saved in this same way, by coming to Christ, no matter who we are or what we have been like. ²³ Yes, all have sinned; all fall short of God’s glorious ideal; ²⁴ yet now God declares us “**not guilty**” of offending him if we trust in Jesus Christ, who in his kindness freely takes away our sins. Romans 3:21-24 TLB*

The law reminds us of our sins. Our consciences accuse us of never being good enough. Christ put Himself on the cross in our place and fulfilled all the requirements on our behalf. Rejecting these deep Biblical truths is not only a violation of the Blood but also a repeated crucifixion of Christ, just like the Old Testament sacrifices.

*And you did not receive the “**spirit of religious duty**,” leading you back into the fear of never being good enough. But you have received the “**Spirit of full acceptance**,” enfolding you into the family of God. And you will never feel orphaned, for as he rises up within us, our spirits join him in saying the words of tender affection, “Beloved Father!” Romans 8:15 TPT*

Those who accept His invitation and love Him, have the assurance that they are called according to His design and purpose to be moulded into the Son’s image and likeness!

For those whom He foreknew [of whom He was aware and [loved beforehand], He also destined from the beginning [foreordaining them] to be molded into the image of His Son [and share inwardly His likeness], that He might become the firstborn among many brethren.³⁰ And those whom He thus foreordained, He also called; and those whom He called, He also justified (acquitted, made righteous, putting them into right standing with Himself). And those whom He justified, He also glorified [raising them to a heavenly dignity and condition or state of being].

Romans 8:29-30 AMPC

This is the work of the Son, His greatest treasure and gift.

*For God has proved his love by giving us **his greatest treasure, the gift of his Son**. And since God freely offered him up as the sacrifice for us all, he certainly won't withhold from us anything else he has to give.³³ Who then would dare to accuse those whom God has chosen in love to be his? God himself is the judge who has issued his **final verdict over them—"Not guilty!"***

Romans 8:32-33 TPT

The Blood of the Lamb issued a final verdict over us. We are not guilty anymore! Why are we still accusing ourselves? Why do we condemn ourselves and others?"

Who then is left to condemn us? Certainly not Jesus, the Anointed One! For he gave his life for us, and even more than that, he has conquered death and is now risen, exalted, and enthroned by God at his right hand. So how could he possibly condemn us since he is

continually praying for our triumph? ³⁵ Who could ever separate us from the endless love of God's Anointed One? Absolutely no one! Romans 8:34-35 TPT

This was an act of love. Do not take it lightly. Nothing can separate us any longer from our beloved Father.

There is no power above us or beneath us—no power that could ever be found in the universe that can distance us from God's passionate love, which is lavished upon us through our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One! Romans 8:39 TPT

The even better news is that we as Gentiles have never been part of this covenant of Abraham. Its benefits were exclusively ordained for Israel. We were excluded from all the benefits of this covenant!

*So don't forget that you were not born as Jews and were uncircumcised (circumcision itself is just a work of man's hands); **you had none of the Jewish covenants and laws**; you were foreigners to Israel's incredible heritage; you were without the covenants and prophetic promises of the Messiah, the promised hope, and without God. Ephesians 2:11-12 TPT*

Because of Christ's crucifixion, burial and resurrection, Paul said:

***Yet look at you now! Everything is new!** Although you were once distant and far away from God, now you have been brought delightfully close to him **through the sacred blood of Jesus**—you have actually been united to Christ! ¹⁴ Our reconciling "**Peace**" is Jesus! He has made Jew and non-Jew one in Christ. By dying as our sacrifice, he has broken down every wall of prejudice that*

separated us and has now made us equal through our union with Christ. Ephesians 2:13-14 TPT

Through the sacred Blood of Jesus, we are now part of this covenant! We are reconciled with Christ and heavenly **peace** is now ours!

Peace

Notice the shadow type in the Old Testament, when Israel sacrificed peace offerings in Exodus and Moses sprinkled the BLOOD!

Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD. ⁶And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar. ⁷Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, All that the Lord has said we will do, and be obedient. Exodus 24:5-7 KJV

The fulfilment of this shadow type was when Jesus shed His BLOOD on the Cross and we were sprinkled with His BLOOD to remove our impurity. We have been freed from an accusing conscience and now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God - inside and out!

Paul referred to Exodus 24 when he wrote:

Under the old covenant the blood of bulls, goats, and the ashes of a heifer were sprinkled on those who were defiled and effectively cleansed them outwardly from their ceremonial impurities. Hebrews 9:13 TPT

For Moses ratified the covenant after he gave the people all the commandments of the law. He took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and a hyssop branch, and sprinkled both the people and the book of the covenant. Hebrews 9:19 TPT

And later Moses also sprinkled the tabernacle with blood and every utensil and item used in their service of worship. Hebrews 9:21 TPT

*We come closer to God and approach him with an open heart, fully convinced by faith that nothing will keep us at a distance from him. **For our hearts have been sprinkled with blood to remove impurity and we have been freed from an accusing conscience and now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out!** Hebrews 10:22 TPT*

*And we have come to Jesus who established a new covenant with his blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat; blood that continues to speak from heaven, “**forgiveness**,” a better message than Abel’s blood that cries from the earth, “**justice**.” Hebrews 12:24 TPT*

Peter and the other disciples experienced the outpouring of this PEACE. It was the sprinkling of the BLOOD on their hearts.

You are not forgotten, for you have been chosen and destined by Father God. The Holy Spirit has set you apart to be God’s holy ones, obedient followers of Jesus Christ who have been gloriously sprinkled with his blood. May God’s delightful grace and peace cascade over you many times over! 1 Peter 1:2 TPT

Peter fully understood this because Luke recorded the resurrection of Christ Jesus. Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary (the mother of James) saw the open tomb and reported it to the apostles (Luke 24:10).

But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; and stooping down and looking in, he saw the linen cloths alone by themselves, and he went away, wondering about and marveling at what had happened. Luke 24:12 AMPC

In the next verse, two disciples were travelling to a village called Emmaus. Jesus caught up with them and accompanied them. They recognised Him only much later when He broke bread with them.

And it occurred that as He reclined at table with them, He took [a loaf of] bread and praised [God] and gave thanks and asked a blessing, and then broke it and was giving it to them.³¹ When their eyes were [instantly] opened and they [clearly] recognized Him, and He vanished (departed invisibly). Luke 24:30-31 AMPC

They immediately arose and went back to Jerusalem where they found the eleven apostles gathered together. The Emmaus disciples told them they had just broken bread with the resurrected Jesus.

Now while they were talking about this, Jesus Himself took His stand among them and said to them, "Peace (freedom from all the distresses that are experienced as the result of sin) be to you!"

Luke 24:36 AMPC

Peace came upon them, but also FREEDOM from the DISTRESS of SIN. "I have sprinkled My BLOOD on the MERCY SEAT IN HEAVEN.

The Father accepted this final PEACE SACRIFICE and there is now PEACE between humanity and My Father because of MY BLOOD!”

Could the absence of PEACE be because we violate the BLOOD?

Grafted in

The act of Christ Jesus on the Cross, His resurrection and the sprinkling of His BLOOD on the heavenly Mercy Seat, reconciled us to Him.

So if while we were still enemies, God fully reconciled us to himself through the death of his Son, then something greater than friendship is ours. Now that we are at peace with God, and because we share in his resurrection life, how much more we will be rescued from sin's dominion! Romans 5:10 TPT

And God has made all things new, and reconciled us to himself, and given us the ministry of reconciling others to God. 2 Corinthians 5:18 TPT

Paul explained how the Gentiles were grafted into this covenant of Israel.

So, am I saying that Israel stumbled so badly that they will never get back up? Certainly not! Rather, it was because of their stumble that salvation now extends to all the non-Jewish people, in order to make Israel jealous and desire the very things that God has freely given them. Romans 11:11 TPT

The blindness of Israel is only temporary to give opportunity for the non-Jewish people to make it unto salvation.

For if their temporary rejection released the reconciling power of grace into the world, what will happen when Israel is reinstated and reconciled to God? It will unleash resurrection power throughout the whole earth! Romans 11:15 TPT

As the Gentiles are now being reconciled to God, so will Israel eventually be. This will unleash resurrection power throughout the whole earth!

Since Abraham and the patriarchs are consecrated and set apart for God, so also will their descendants be set apart. If the roots of a tree are holy and set apart for God, so too will be the branches.
Romans 11:16 TPT

We are now **grafted into** the Olive Tree. Glory to God!

And now, because we are united to Christ, we both have equal and direct access in the realm of the Holy Spirit to come before the Father! ¹⁹ So, you are not foreigners or guests, but rather you are the children of the city of the holy ones, with all the rights as family members of the household of God. ²⁰ You are rising like the perfectly fitted stones of the temple; and your lives are being built up together upon the ideal foundation laid by the apostles and prophets, and best of all, you are connected to the Head Cornerstone of the building, the Anointed One, Jesus Christ himself! Ephesians 2:18-20 TPT

We have not come to Mount Sinai as with the first marriage ceremony, but we come to Him at Zion – the New Jerusalem in Heaven. We are family members and citizens of Heaven because of the BLOOD of Christ.

For we are not coming, as Moses did, to a physical mountain with its burning fire, thick clouds of darkness and gloom, and with a raging whirlwind. Hebrews 12:18 TPT

*By contrast, we have already come near to God in a totally different realm, the Zion-realm, for we have entered the city of the Living God, which is the New Jerusalem in heaven! We have joined the festal gathering of myriads of angels in their joyous celebration! ²³**And as members of the church of the Firstborn all our names have been legally registered as citizens of heaven!** And we have come before God who judges all, and who lives among the spirits of the righteous who have been made perfect in his eyes! ²⁴**And we have come to Jesus who established a new covenant with his blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat; blood that continues to speak from heaven, “forgiveness,” a better message than Abel’s blood that cries from the earth, “justice.”** Hebrews 12:22-24 TPT*

Now we’re no longer living like slaves under the law, but we enjoy being God’s very own sons and daughters! And because we’re his, we can access everything our Father has—for we are heirs of God through Jesus, the Messiah! Galatians 4:7 TPT

Jesus, the Holy One, makes us holy. And as sons and daughters, we now belong to his same Father, so he is not ashamed or embarrassed to introduce us as his brothers and sisters! Hebrews 2:11 TPT

And so that we would know for sure that we are his true children, God released the Spirit of Sonship into our hearts—moving us to cry out intimately, “My Father! You’re our true Father!”

Galatians 4:6 TPT

Sonship comes through correction and discipline and if we do not endure discipline, we are still living as slaves under the law.

We all should welcome God’s discipline as the validation of authentic sonship. For if we have never once endured his correction it only proves we are strangers and not sons.

Hebrews 12:8 TPT

If you are co-crucified with the Messiah and dead to your first husband, the law, you are free to marry another! Who will your new spouse be?

For you died to your first husband, the law, by being co-crucified with the body of the Messiah. So you are now free to “marry” another—the one who was raised from the dead so that you may now bear spiritual fruit for God. Romans 7:4b TPT

You cannot be married to both! When you mingle law with grace you expose yourself to a perverse and fake gospel and commit adultery. Paul received this deep revelation from the Holy Ghost while in the Arabian Desert. He shares the transformation in his life in Galatians 1:24 TPT.

*No one taught me this revelation, for it was given to me directly by the unveiling of Jesus the Anointed One. ¹³ By now you have heard stories of how severely I harassed and persecuted Christians and did my best to systematically destroy God’s church, **all** because of my radical devotion to the Jewish religion. ¹⁴ My zeal*

and passion for the doctrines of Judaism distinguished me among my people, for I was far more advanced in my religious instruction than others my age. ¹⁵ But then God called me by his grace; and in love, he chose me from my birth to be his. ¹⁶ God's grace unveiled his Son in me so that I would proclaim him to the non-Jewish people of the world. After I had this encounter I kept it a secret for some time, sharing it with no one. ¹⁷ And I chose not to run to Jerusalem to try to impress those who had become apostles before me. Instead, I went away into the Arabian Desert for a season until I returned to Damascus, where I had first encountered Jesus.

Galatians 1:12-17 TPT

Paul was more advanced in Jewish religious customs than any other person in his class and age. He was a Pharisee of all Pharisees. He was better educated in the Jewish Law than any other person, including us! But after he had an encounter with the Son of God, everything changed. He considered all his accomplishments as dung, a pile of manure!

*Yet all of the accomplishments that I once took credit for, I've now forsaken them and I regard it all as nothing compared to the delight of experiencing Jesus Christ as my Lord! ⁸ To truly know him meant letting go of everything from my past and throwing all my boasting on the garbage heap. It's all like a pile of **manure** to me now, so that I may be enriched in the reality of knowing Jesus Christ and embrace him as Lord in all of his greatness. ⁹ My passion is to be consumed with him and not clinging to my own "righteousness" based in keeping the written Law. My "righteousness" will be his, based on the faithfulness of Jesus*

Christ—the very righteousness that comes from God. ¹⁰And I continually long to know the wonders of Jesus more fully and to experience the overflowing power of his resurrection working in me. I will be one with him in his sufferings and I will be one with him in his death. ¹¹Only then will I be able to experience complete oneness with him in his resurrection from the realm of death.

Philippians 3:7-11 TPT

When we consider our self-righteous deeds as dung and manure, we experience complete oneness with Him in His resurrection. May we have that same deep desire to know Him and experience the overflowing POWER of His resurrection that now works within us.

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VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD

Without knowledge, we can easily violate the Blood.

1. Not realising that Christ paid for every single thing leads to adding our own self-righteous deeds, which is a violation of the sacred Blood of the Lamb.
2. Disobeying God's instructions of the Blood Covenant means we are operating in the "Cain spirit", doing things on our own terms. This will open a door for envy to sneak in. Envy invites the spirit of murder.
3. The Cain spirit causes subtle speaking against brothers and sisters in the body, which is the same as murdering a brother or sister, as Cain did.
4. An uncircumcised heart is like Moses, who violated the Blood covenant of Abraham by not circumcising his son. This brings us under the judgment of our Lord Jesus Christ.
5. Mingling the law with grace results in a fake gospel. We cannot be married to both, since that makes us guilty of adultery.
6. Trying to live under the conditions and requirements of the law implies that Christ did not successfully fulfil the requirements for us, therefore, we have to add self-righteous deeds to complete it. We then violate His Blood by putting Jesus on the cross repeatedly.
7. Those under the law must approach Christ under the requirements of the law. After Christ had died on the cross, He was raised from the dead and gave us a new way to approach the Father through the Blood of His Son. We now have free access to

the throne. Approaching Him in any other way violates the Blood and prevents us from entering the Holy of Holies.

8. When Israel disobeyed Moses' law, they died without mercy on the simple evidence of two or three witnesses. How much more will we come under the judgment of God when we **scorn the Blood of the new covenant that made us holy** and mock the Spirit who gave us grace!
9. We are free to choose whom we want to marry, but we cannot violate the Blood by being married to both the law and Christ.
10. Accepting the Blood of Christ declares us NOT GUILTY anymore. Our names are now legally registered as citizens of Heaven. We are perfect in HIS eyes. The Blood on the Mercy Seat in Heaven continues to speak "forgiveness" from Heaven and not "justice", like the blood of Abel.

Staying under elements of the Old Covenant not only violates the Blood of the Lamb but also puts us in slavery. We then miss out on the benefits of sonship.



The Benefits of the Blood

Most believers are familiar with the terminology that we will discuss in this section. Unfortunately, few have received the true and deeper meaning of it. Hence, my prayer is that the Holy Spirit will minister to each of us to receive revelation knowledge about the benefits of the Blood of Christ for the citizens of Zion, the heavenly Jerusalem for those who are born from above. Carefully read, meditate on and study this chapter until the Holy Ghost has deeply imparted these truths within your innermost being. Only then will you reach that point where all unbelief is replaced by faith to receive these benefits.

Life is in the Blood

We have already discovered that the Lamb was slain even before the foundation of the world (Revelation 13:8). Before man ever had breath in his body, God had determined that the life of the flesh would be in the blood (Leviticus 17:11).

Hank Kunneman remarked in his book, "The Supernatural Power of Jesus' Blood," that God was already living inside of Adam and breathed out of Adam's nostrils, giving him his very first breath and causing blood to flow into every vein of his body (Genesis 2:7). The Hebrew word for "breathe" in this verse is "***naphach***", which means "**to cause to breathe out**" (Strong's #H5301).

Blood carries breath (oxygen) throughout the body and sustains life. When God breathed, blood flowed into Adam's veins and he became alive. Adam was brought into spiritual life and natural life when God breathed that day.

(Acknowledgement: Kunneman, Hank. The Supernatural Power of Jesus' Blood (pp. 8-9). Destiny Image, Inc. Kindle Edition).

“Adam” in Hebrew means **“red man”** or **“blood man”** (Strong's #H121) and refers to him who was formed from the dust of the earth (reddish). But, he was also the first man whose blood carried life throughout his body, as God had ordained that life would be in the blood.

Let's look again at our text in Leviticus 17. The blood is given to us upon the altar to make an atonement for the soul.

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 is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Leviticus 17:11 KJV

The Hebrew word for “atonement” is **“kaphar”** (Strong's #H3722). It means “to cover over, to atone for sin and persons by legal rights”. It means that humanity's sins were covered, but that is not where it stops. How sad that when we confess with our mouths unto righteousness and believe in our heart unto salvation (Romans 10:10) we think that is the end. As motivation, many quote 2 Corinthians 5:17, which says, *“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”*. Those who quote this scripture without receiving the full revelation of the true gospel are still in captivity because they have not yet discovered the full benefits of the Blood!

When Christ was offered as the sacrifice for our sins, His Blood did more than atone for our sins. It completely removed them! David knew this when he wrote, *“As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us”* (Psalms 103:12).

Satan accuses us and condemns us through our consciences, reminding us of our past. If we are still living in regret over the past, we are violating the Blood of the Lamb. Now is the time to let the past go! Living in the past is to “remind” God of our sins. We bring an accusation against ourselves and come into agreement with the enemy, who is the accuser of our brethren (Revelation 12:10).

This section is to help us come free from the past by having a deeper and better understanding of the significance of the Blood.

Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, ¹⁰ Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God. 1 Corinthians 6:9-11 KJV

“And such WERE some of you” - past tense! But NOW we are WASHED, SANCTIFIED and JUSTIFIED.

I have read and studied these words so many times, without grasping the fullness of it. As the first Adam came into the world and polluted the blood

of humanity with a single act of disobedience, likewise, the second Adam, Jesus Christ, came into the world with unpolluted blood to pay the penalty for man's sin.

Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption. Hebrews 9:12 MEV

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

Romans 5:19 KJV

When Jesus came to be baptised, John the Baptist declared He was *"the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world"* (John 1:29) and *"the One who would baptize with the Holy Spirit"* (John 1:33).

**The outpouring of the Blood of the Lamb had to take place
before the Spirit could be bestowed.**

Jesus also taught about the BLOOD. Four times He said, *"Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have NO LIFE in you"* (John 6:53) and *"He that drinketh my BLOOD hath everlasting life and My BLOOD is drink indeed. He that drinketh my BLOOD dwelleth in me and I in him"* (John 6:56). Without Blood, ETERNAL LIFE cannot be ours. The Blood has been shed and Christ can do nothing to make us partakers of that eternal life which He has procured for us, unless WE decide to accept the invitation to eat and drink, and believe that eternal life is indeed in the BLOOD.

Before Christ completed His great work by giving His life as a ransom for many, He instituted the Holy Supper by saying, *"This cup is the New Testament in MY BLOOD that is shed for you and for many for the*

remission of sins. Drink ye all of it” (Matthew 26:28). Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins and without remission of sins there is no life.

“By the shedding of His Blood Holy Spirit obtained a new life for us. The blood SHED in the Atonement, which frees us from the SIN, the guilt of sin; and from death, the punishment of sin; the blood, which by faith we drink, bestows on us His life. The BLOOD He shed was, in the first place FOR us, and is then given TO us.”

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 16). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

Those who eat and drink unworthily are violating and scorning the Blood and can easily add self-righteous deeds to the Blood in an attempt to seek eternal life.

- **Many are so focused on their bodies by trying to stay fit and young without acknowledging that it is THE BLOOD that gives LIFE.**
- **This Life is not temporary, but ETERNAL!**

**ETERNAL LIFE IS THE FIRST BENEFIT THE BLOOD
ESTABLISHED IN THE BELIEVER’S LIFE.
You will never die! You will live forever!**

A Purged Conscience

Now that we know that an important benefit of the Blood is eternal life, we can move on to the second very important aspect of the Blood.

*...he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh. 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? Hebrews 9:12b-14 KJV*

The word “**purge**” is “**katharizo**” (Strong’s #G2513) in Greek and means to cleanse (literally or figuratively), (make) clean (-se), purge, purify. When we further investigate the meaning of “purge” we see it is to get rid of someone or something of an unwanted quality, condition, or feeling. It is to empty one’s stomach or bowels by inducing vomiting or using laxatives. When the Blood purges our conscience, it gets rid of the enemy’s lies and deception that he speaks to us through many voices.

There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and none of them is without signification. 1 Corinthians 14:10 KJV

Satan is the accuser of the brethren day and night (Revelation 12:10). Once we come into agreement with these voices, we violate the Blood by giving the enemy the legal right to speak even more lies and deception to us.

Although every voice has meaning, Paul says:

But I am like a foreigner if I don’t understand the language, and the speaker will be like a foreigner to me. 1 Corinthians 14:11 TPT

The Blood purged our conscience and, like Paul, we need to declare that the voices are now foreign to us. We do not understand them!

Understanding this principle is crucial, not only to come free but also to grow into a deeper relationship with Abba Father, with a clean conscience. Let this truth deeply sink into your mind so that the Holy Spirit can open up your understanding to receive revelation knowledge.

Once we accept that the Blood has already cleansed and purged our consciences, we have the boldness to enter the Throne of God.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; ²¹ And having an high priest over the house of God; 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 KJV

Naked

“So, who told you that you were naked?”, Jesus asked Adam after they had sinned. When Elohim created Adam and Eve they were both naked, but not ashamed (Genesis 2:25). After the fall in Genesis 3, they suddenly became aware of their nakedness and hid from God. They were afraid. They had been deceived by satan’s lies that they would surely not die, but their eyes would only be opened.

And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: ⁵ For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as gods, knowing good and evil.
Genesis 3:4-5 KJV

When their eyes opened, they suddenly realised they were naked, and fear entered. Self-consciousness and fear make man hide from God. It steals our intimacy with our Lord. This is satan's plan! He does not care that we attend "church". This is no threat to him. His primary goal is to hinder intimacy with the Father.

*And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him. Where art thou? ¹⁰ And he said, I heard Your voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I am naked, and I hid myself. ¹¹ And He said, **Who told you that you were naked?** Have you eaten of the tree which I commanded you that you should not eat?*

Genesis 3:9-11 NKJV

Notice that God did not even mention satan. God knew they hid themselves because they had eaten from the tree of good and evil. Therefore, God asked, "Have you eaten?"

The moment Adam and Eve sinned, their consciences came alive and they were aware of their nakedness. They had moved from God-consciousness to self-consciousness! Their act of disobedience resulted in man being sin-conscious.

Romans 10 verse 10 is our reference to make it unto salvation. In other words, we have to believe and confess. But what is it we need to believe to be converted? It is to believe we have right standing before Christ, and through His Blood have been made perfectly acceptable to God. Nothing less and nothing more! This act also includes a purged conscience.

For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation. Romans 10:10 MKJV

*This was a prophetic picture of the immersion that now saves you—not a bathing of the physical body but rather the **response of a good conscience before God** through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 3:21 TPT*

The moment we bring Romans 10:10 and 1 Peter 3:21 together in what had happened in the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3), the mystery of our freedom unlocks. When this revelation is unveiled, chains will break, prison doors will open and the full benefits of the Blood will flow through us to receive God's blessings in and over our lives.

Sin-consciousness

Do you believe lies that you are ugly, useless, unloved, abandoned, and rejected? Are you walking in FEAR? If your answer is “**yes**”, then you are violating the Blood of the Lamb by having a sin-conscious mind, which is satan's intention for you.

Satan also loves to remind us that we were all once guilty of fornication, idolatry, adultery, covetousness, drunkenness and all such things, but now we are washed, sanctified and justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, through the Spirit of our God (1 Corinthians 6:9-11 KJV).

God did not give us the spirit of FEAR, but of a sound mind, (Dunamis) power, which is the resurrection power and of love (2 Timothy 1:7)! We have to believe what God did for us on the cross. We have to fully understand all the benefits of the Blood to be set free.

When sin entered the world, our conscious minds opened up to bring us under the conviction of sin in our lives and to distinguish between right and wrong.

Let us read Paul's profound words that the knowledge of who God is has been deeply implanted within the DNA of humanity.

For God in heaven unveils his holy anger breaking forth against every form of sin, both toward ungodliness that lives in hearts and evil actions. For the wickedness of humanity deliberately smothers the truth and keeps people from acknowledging the truth about God. ¹⁹In reality, the truth of God is known instinctively, for God has embedded this knowledge inside every human heart.

Romans 1:18-19 TPT

When the Lord formed man in His image and likeness, He embedded this knowledge inside of humanity, within our DNA and heart, so that we would acknowledge the truth about Elohim. This is what scientists refer to as the VMAT2 gene. According to Wikipedia, the God gene hypothesis proposes that human spirituality is influenced by heredity and that a specific gene, called vesicular monoamine transporter 2 (VMAT2), predisposes humans towards spiritual or mystic experiences. The idea was proposed by geneticist Dean Hamer in the 2004 book called, "The God Gene: How Faith is Hardwired into our Genes". Even scientists have proven this. The following true story confirms this. An unbeliever once looked over a city from a hill. While staring at all the city lights, he realised that someone had erected the poles and wired every light to enable them to shine at night. He looked up into the sky and realised that, similar to the streetlights, someone must have placed the stars in the sky. Someone

had to “wire” each of them. “That someone must have been GOD”, he thought to himself. Right there he gave his heart to God!

We all possess the VMAT2 gene to know the truth about Him. We simply have to acknowledge the truth, believe unto righteousness and confess unto salvation. Glory to God! One day my family and I sat next to a river, watching red finches weaving their nests. All the nests looked the same. I asked my children if they had ever seen a bird teaching others to weave a nest. “No”, they replied. “Then how do they know how to weave it?”, I asked. “God embedded it into the bird’s genes!” Swallows, again, build their nests out of clay. Not a single species debates how to build a nest. They are not confused about doing it. I have never seen a finch nest mixed with clay or a swallow nest mixed with grass. Likewise, God embedded it within the human body to know the truth about Him so that no one will ever have any excuse!

For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse.

Romans 1:20 KJV

Spirits of Deception

Why is it then that so many people are unaware of the truth about God? I believe Paul gave us the answer.

*Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the **latter times** some shall **depart** from the faith, giving heed to **seducing spirits**, and*

doctrines of devils; ²Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron. 1 Timothy 4:1-2 KJV

The detail of 1 Timothy 4:1-2 is a teaching on its own. The doctrines of devils are discussed in the book “The Doctrine of Demons”, available on the Berashith Ministry website to be downloaded for free (www.berashithministry.co.za).

First, Paul clarified that the Holy Spirit explicitly revealed to him that in the “*latter times*” (age) some will depart from “*the faith*”.

“Latter times” can be explained by the following example. Round about September and October people often remark that the year is at its end, although three months of the year are still left. If that was the time frame Paul referred to, he would have used the words “last days”. “Latter times” would refer to the 31st of December, when the year is at its very end, with only 24 hours left. In the “latter times”, or “at the end of this age” (of Pentecost, or church age as many refer to it) many shall depart from “the faith”. Notice that Paul is not saying many shall depart from God, but from “the faith”. “The FAITH” is to believe the truth about God.

False Revival

While I was working on this section of the book in 2023, the Asbury Revival broke out on the Asbury Campus in Kentucky. There was worldwide excitement, and some even claimed that the revival resulted from their diligent prayers. I stayed neutral while waiting on the Holy Spirit. Less than a week later He revealed the truth about the revival. Please do not interpret my investigation as sceptical, critical or negative, but let us rather connect it to what Paul explained to Timothy.

The Asbury revival was being led by the LGBT community, also known as the LGBTQ+ community, which stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and other queer individuals united by a common culture in social movements. These individuals seem to seek acceptance and love within the Body of Christ without repentance of sin. Of course, God loves every one of us, but that is not the issue here. God will not be mocked by people refusing to repent of their sins. It would only have been a real revival had the LGBTQ community truly repented of their sin and asked God for forgiveness, but it did not happen. Also, this was not the first time a revival had broken out at Asbury. Similar events had previously taken place on the campus.

This is the influence of spirits of deception, which will lead many to depart from “the faith”. This is not a God issue, but a faith issue. Many people living sinful lives still love God and they might seek more of Him, but they have not yet come to true repentance. True repentance means to turn away from sin with a renewed mind (Romans 12:2).

Beware of these spirits of deception that will lead many into false signs and wonders and also into false praise, worship and revival. Now is the time for discernment! It is a “Trojan Horse” event! During the Trojan War, the Greeks constructed a huge wooden horse at the behest of Odysseus, and hid a select force of men inside, including Odysseus himself. They left the wooden horse and pretended to sail away. The Trojans then pulled the horse into their city as a victory trophy. That night, the Greek force crept out of the horse and opened the gates for the rest of the Greek army, which had sailed back under the cover of darkness. They entered and destroyed the city, ending the war.

Likewise, satan and his demonic spirits of deception are currently sneaking into the “*churches*” with their doctrine of devils, seeking acceptance. We see in the Old Testament already that God did not allow homosexuality, and the unrepented heart will be judged by God for such a sin. Like Sodom and Gomorrah, these communities will be destroyed by fire and brimstone.

Charles Spurgeon said, “Revival begins by Christians getting right first and then spills over into the world”.

Billy Graham said, “Now when revival comes, I expect to see two things which we have not seen yet. First, a new sense of the holiness of God on the part of Christians; and second, a new sense of the sinfulness of sin on the part of Christians.”

**God is holy and nothing unclean or unholy
can approach Him.
DO NOT VIOLATE THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB!**

This is where we are in the timeframe just before the Second Coming of the Messiah, as in the days of Noah and Lot’s wife. In the time of Noah, there was mixed seed on Earth. The modern media is full of the new hybrid race, the Luciferian race of half-human, half-artificial intellect (AI). Lot and his family lingered when the angel warned them to come out of Sodom and Gomorrah. The angel had to take Lot and his family by their hands to lead them out of the “LGBTQ” community. However, Lot’s wife couldn’t let go and because she looked back, she changed into a salt pillar.

My dear friend, please do not be led astray by these spirits of deception. It is demons who mislead a man to believe that he is a woman, and vice versa, even though DNA and gender prove their sex.

Paul then addressed speaking lies in hypocrisy. This is deep and very subtle. Hypocrisy in Greek is “**hupokrisis**” (Strong’s #G5271) and it means acting under a feigned part; that is, (figuratively) deceit (“hypocrisy”): - condemnation, dissimulation. It is the practice of claiming to have higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case (Afrikaans - “skynheilig”). Now, Paul is saying that such people are speaking “*white lies*”. They take the truth and twist it by not telling the whole truth so that they can appear better. This is hypocrisy.

Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron. 1 Timothy 4:2 KJV

A Seared Conscience

The result is a seared conscience. It is like being burnt with a hot iron repeatedly until the skin loses its sensitivity. Likewise, the conscience is seared, insensitive and without the possibility of hearing or understanding the truth any longer. Through the VMAT2 gene, such people know instinctively that it is wrong to live by the rules of the LGBTQ community, yet they embrace the lie.

This is why God lifted off his restraining hand and let them have full expression of their sinful and shameful desires. They were given over to moral depravity, dishonoring their bodies by sexual perversion among themselves—²⁵all because they traded the truth of God for a lie. They worshiped and served the things God

made rather than the God who made all things—glory and praises to him for eternity of eternities! Amen! Romans 1:24-25 TPT

*And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; **because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.** ¹¹ And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: ¹² That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness. 2 Thessalonians 2:10-12 KJV*

When we constantly disrespect God's grace and mercy and quench the Holy Spirit's work, God does not have a choice but to step aside so that those who choose so will believe the LIE and have pleasure in unrighteousness. This is the last stage of a seared mind when men and women ignore the natural order God had created!

For this reason God gave them over to their own disgraceful and vile passions. Enflamed with lust for one another, men and women ignored the natural order and exchanged normal sexual relations for homosexuality. Women engaged in lesbian conduct, and men committed shameful acts with men, receiving in themselves the due penalty for their deviation. Romans 1:26-27 TPT

And because they thought it was worthless to embrace the true knowledge of God, God gave them over to a worthless mind-set ("reprobate mind"), to break all rules of proper conduct Romans 1:28 TPT

The King James Version uses the words “reprobate mind”. In Greek, it is **“adokimos”** (Strong’s #G96) and it means unapproved, that is, rejected; by implication worthless (literally or morally): - castaway, rejected, reprobate. It is then impossible to be converted as the mind has become worthless to accept any truth.

*Their sinful lives became full of every kind of evil, wicked schemes, greed, and cruelty. Their hearts overflowed with jealous cravings, and with conflict and strife, which drove them into hateful arguments and murder. They are deceitful liars full of hostility. They are gossips ³⁰ who love to spread malicious slander. With inflated egos they hurl hateful insults at God, yet they are nothing more than arrogant boasters. They are rebels against their parents and totally immoral. ³¹ They are senseless, faithless, ruthless, heartless, and completely merciless. ³² Although they are fully aware of God’s laws and proper order, and knowing that those who do all of these things deserve to die, **yet they still go headlong into darkness, encouraging others to do the same and applauding them when they do!** Romans 1:29-32 TPT*

Paul could not have expressed it any clearer. In the latter times, at the end of this age (where we are now, just before the Millennium Reign), many will depart from the faith, giving head to seducing spirits and speaking lies in hypocrisy. An unrepented heart will lead to a seared conscience. What God uses to bring humanity unto repentance, satan now hijacks for his purpose, and that is to lead you astray and eventually to death!

**A PURGED CONSCIENCE IS THE SECOND BENEFIT OF THE
BLOOD ESTABLISHED IN THE BELIEVER'S LIFE.**

It is possible to live without a sin-conscious mind!

VIOLATING THE BLOOD LEADS TO A SEARED MIND.

**Instead of eternal life, eternal death is lined up for the
unrepentant heart.**

The Purpose of the Law

Although we have already addressed the purpose of the law to some extent, it is of cardinal importance to dig deeper into this. The book, "Isaac & Ishmael: Born from Free- and Slave Woman", is available on the Berashith Ministry's website for free. I fully discuss Galatians in this book to bring revelation knowledge to the reader.

Cain and Abel

Out of envy, Cain slew his brother, Abel. When God asked him where his brother was, he pretended not to know.

*The LORD asked Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" He answered,
"I don't know. Am I supposed to take care of my brother?"*

Genesis 4:9 GNB

Many wrongly believe that the God of the Old Testament was unmerciful. This is not true. God was and still is a merciful God. He was so merciful that He protected Cain even though he was a murderer!

*And the LORD said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain,
vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And the LORD set a*

mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him.

Genesis 4:15 KJV

This was mercy to the ultimate extent. But sin abounded and escalated because the inhabitants of the earth wrongly interpreted God's mercy and grace. They misused and scorned His mercy to live in sin. God could not impute sin on the world, because there was not yet a law to direct them. Impute means to put it on a person's account.

For until the law sin was in the world: but sin is not imputed when there is no law. Romans 5:13 KJV

Sin was in the world before Moses gave the written law, but it was not charged against them where no law existed. Romans 5:13 TPT

Therefore, God gave Moses His laws written on stone. Why was it written on stone? Because it could not yet be written on man's heart. God had already declared through his prophet Jeremiah:

I will put my law in their minds, and write it on their hearts.

Jeremiah 31:33 NKJV

God could not yet write it on the hearts of the Old Testament believers because the Holy Spirit lives within humanity to bring us under conviction of sin through the conscience. Only the Holy Spirit can testify of the Blood. The Blood of Christ was not yet shed and therefore the Spirit could not be outpoured. The prophet Joel prophesied the outpouring of the Spirit and Peter quoted him in Acts 2 when the Spirit was outpoured on those waiting in the upper room.

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,

*your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see
visions. Joel 2:28 KJV*

Through the human conscience, God leads man to reach that point where he can cry out, “*O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?*” (Romans 7:24). Those who think they are fine are not. The more we walk the road of cleansing and sanctification the more we realise our filthiness, to such a point that we seek for a saviour. Jesus confirmed that without Him we are nothing!

*Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself,
except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me.*
John 15:4 KJV

God gave Israel the law on stone. It represented a heart of stone, but God knew that when the Spirit witnessed of the Blood, He would remove the heart of stone and replace it with a heart of flesh.

*I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them;
I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart
of flesh. Ezekiel 11:19 NIV*

Established for the unrighteous

*We know that the moral code of the law is beautiful when applied
as God intended, ⁹ but actually the law was NOT established for
righteous people, but to bring conviction of sin to the unrighteous.
The law was established to bring the revelation of sin to the
evildoers and rebellious, the sinners without God, those who are*

vicious and perverse, and to those who strike their father or their mother, sinners, murderers, ¹⁰rapists, those who are sexually impure, homosexuals, kidnappers, liars, those who break their oaths, and all those who oppose the teaching of godliness and purity in the church! They are the ones the law is for.

1 Timothy 1:8-10 TPT

Paul used very sharp words when he wrote to the Galatians.

*I am shocked over how quickly you have strayed away from the Anointed One who called you to himself by his loving mercy. I'm frankly astounded that you now embrace a distorted gospel! ⁷That is a fake "gospel" that is simply not true. There is only one gospel—the gospel of the Messiah! **Yet you have allowed those who mingle law with grace to confuse you with lies.** ⁸Anyone who comes to you with a different message than the grace gospel that you have received will have the curse of God come upon them! For even if we or an angel appeared before you, to give you a different gospel than what we have already proclaimed, God's curse will be upon them. Galatians 1:6-8 TPT*

We cannot mingle the Old Covenant with the New Covenant. They are two different methods that God had laid down to approach Him. While the earth was still waiting for the Messiah to come, all the rituals in the Old Testament were symbols and shadows (prototypes) of better things coming.

*Now the Holy Spirit uses the symbols of this pattern of worship to reveal that the perfect way of holiness had not yet been unveiled. For as long as the tabernacle stood ⁹**it was an illustration that***

pointed to our present time of fulfillment, demonstrating that offerings and animal sacrifices had failed to perfectly cleanse the conscience of the worshiper. Hebrews 9:8-9 TPT

But now the Anointed One has become the King-Priest of every wonderful thing that has come. For he serves in a greater, more perfect heavenly tabernacle not made by men. ¹²And he has entered once and forever into the Holiest Sanctuary of All, not with the blood of animal sacrifices, but the sacred blood of his own sacrifice. And he alone has made our salvation secure forever! ¹³Under the old covenant the blood of bulls, goats, and the ashes of a heifer were sprinkled on those who were defiled and effectively cleansed them outwardly from their ceremonial impurities. ¹⁴Yet how much more will the sacred blood of the Messiah thoroughly cleanse our consciences! For by the power of the eternal Spirit he has offered himself to God as the perfect Sacrifice that now frees us from our dead works to worship and serve the living God. Hebrews 9:11-14 TPT

Only the BLOOD of the Lamb can thoroughly cleanse our consciences.

*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?* Hebrews 9:14 KJV

Christ, the Messiah is therefore the Negotiator and Mediator of an [entirely] new agreement (testament, covenant), so that those who are called and offered it may receive the fulfillment of the promised everlasting inheritance—since a death has taken place

which rescues and delivers and redeems them from the transgressions committed under the [old] first agreement.

Hebrews 9:15 AMPC

Under the old agreement (the law), God commanded Moses to build Him a sanctuary (His dwelling place) and laid down specific and very precise rituals to approach Him in the Holy of Holies.

But now, as New Testament believers, God changed these rituals through the BLOOD of His Son, Jesus Christ the Anointed One. We can now come boldly to the Throne through the Blood. He paid the penalty of sin, the death sentence, so we are freed to enter.

Blood and water came out of His side when they pierced Him, and then the veil in the temple tore in two. He cried out, "Tetelestai!" (It is Finished!) Jesus then declared, "There is peace between you and my Father. I PAID THE PRICE! You are fully accepted. You are flawless, because of MY BLOOD! Come in, my Child. You have free access to Me. You can have communion and intimacy with Me!" Don't add to what Jesus did. Change nothing. Do not go back to the old system, to the old agreement with its customs, rituals and prototypes to approach God. In so doing we are violating His sacred and precious Blood.

He understands humanity, for as a Man, our magnificent King-Priest was tempted in every way just as we are, and conquered sin. ¹⁶So now we come freely and boldly to where love is enthroned, to receive mercy's kiss and discover the grace we urgently need to strengthen us in our time of weakness.

Hebrews 4:15-16 TPT

Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].
 Hebrews 4:16 AMPC

**Now we are justified! This means it is as if we have never sinned.
 This could never be possible under the old system!**

*Therefore, since we are now **justified** (acquitted, made righteous, and brought into right relationship with God) **by Christ's blood**, how much more [certain is it that] we shall be saved by Him from the indignation and wrath of God. ¹⁰ For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is much more [certain], now that we are reconciled, that we shall be saved (daily delivered from sin's dominion) through His [resurrection] life. ¹¹ Not only so, but we also rejoice and exultingly glory in God [in His love and perfection] through our Lord Jesus Christ, through Whom we have now received and enjoy [our] reconciliation.*
 Romans 5:9-11 AMPC

Romans 5 is very clear that through the BLOOD of Christ, we are now justified and reconciled to Christ. The phrase “**while we were enemies**”, means while we were under the law, so to speak.

But God's free gift is not at all to be compared to the trespass [His grace is out of all proportion to the fall of man]. For if many died through one man's falling away (his lapse, his offense), much

more profusely did God's grace and the free gift [that comes] through the undeserved favor of the one Man Jesus Christ abound and overflow to and for [the benefit of] many. ¹⁶ Nor is the free gift at all to be compared to the effect of that one [man's] sin. For the sentence [following the trespass] of one [man] brought condemnation, whereas the free gift [following] many transgressions brings justification an act of righteousness). ¹⁷ For if because of one man's trespass (lapse, offense) death reigned through that one, much more surely will those who receive [God's] overflowing grace (unmerited favor) and the free gift of righteousness [putting them into right standing with Himself] reign as kings in life through the one Man Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). Romans 5:15-17 AMPC

Reconciliation means to be joined to Christ. Let us value this reconciliation, made possible only by the Blood!

Since we are now joined to Christ, we have been given the treasures of redemption by his blood—the total cancellation of our sins—all because of the cascading riches of his grace.
Ephesians 1:7 TPT

The total cancellation of our sins could never have taken place under the law. That is why Jesus is very clear that no one could come to the Father except through Him!

Jesus explained, "I am the Way, I am the Truth, and I am the Life. No one comes next to the Father except through union with me. To know me is to know my Father too. John 14:6 TPT

But then Law came in, [only] to expand and increase the trespass [making it more apparent and exciting opposition]. But where sin increased and abounded, grace (God's unmerited favor) has surpassed it and increased the more and superabounded, ²¹ So that, [just] as sin has reigned in death, [so] grace (His unearned and undeserved favor) might reign also through righteousness (right standing with God) which issues in eternal life through Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) our Lord.
Romans 5:20-21 AMPC

For in the Son all our sins are cancelled and we have the release of redemption through his very blood. Colossians 1:14 TPT

Dear believer, it is not merely about obeying the commandments.

So if you know of an opportunity to do the right thing today, yet you refrain from doing it, you're guilty of sin. James 4:17

No Sin-Consciousness

The old system of living under the law was only a faint shadow of something better to come in the future. All the sacrifices and rituals offered year after year were still incomplete. It could not cleanse the conscience of man. The law was a reminder of their sins!

The old system of living under the law presented us with only a faint shadow, a crude outline of the reality of the wonderful blessings to come. Even with its steady stream of sacrifices offered year after year, there still was nothing that could make our hearts perfect before God. ⁽²⁻³⁾ For if animal sacrifices could once and for

*all eliminate sin, they would have ceased to be offered and the worshipers would **have clean consciences**. Instead, once was not enough so by the repetitive sacrifices year after year, the worshipers were continually **reminded of their sins, with their hearts still impure**. Hebrews 10:1-3 TPT*

*For the Messiah did not enter into the earthly tabernacle made by men, which was but an echo of the true sanctuary, but he entered into heaven itself to appear before the face of God in our place.²⁵ Under the old system year after year the high priest entered the most holy sanctuary with blood that was not his own. **But the Messiah did not need to repeatedly offer himself year after year,**²⁶ for that would mean he must suffer repeatedly ever since the fall of the world. But now he has appeared at the fulfillment of the ages to abolish sin once and for all by the sacrifice of himself! Hebrews 9:24-26 TPT*

Christ paid the price in full! With His own Blood, He purified us, made us completely holy for all time and purged our consciences so that we can walk and live without any sin-consciousness!

By God's will we have been purified and made holy once and for all through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus, the Messiah!¹¹ Yet every day priests still serve, ritually offering the same sacrifices again and again—sacrifices that can never take away sin's guilt.¹² But when this Priest had offered the one supreme sacrifice for sin for all time he sat down on a throne at the right hand of God,¹³ waiting until all his whispering enemies are subdued and turn

into his footstool. ¹⁴ And by his one perfect sacrifice he made us perfectly holy and complete for all time! Hebrews 10:10-14 TPT

With this once and for all sacrifice of Christ Jesus, He gave us the power to overcome sin. This is very important we so often overlooked.

For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under the law, but under grace. Romans 6:14 KJV

The law enforced therefore the power of sin, but the BLOOD demolished that power. It has been replaced by the power of His resurrection. In the above scriptures, we see the Blood reconciled us to Christ and we have become one with Him. But this is not all. The power of His resurrection working within us brings us now in complete oneness with Him!

And I continually long to know the wonders of Jesus more fully and to experience the overflowing power of his resurrection working in me. I will be one with him in his sufferings and I will be one with him in his death. ¹¹ Only then will I be able to experience complete oneness with him in his resurrection from the realm of death. Philippians 3:10-11 TPT

Cain demonstrated man's inability to love. Our Adam nature is to hate. No man can love his brother! But the Blood of Reconciliation brought love's full expression. We now recognise God's love for us. It drives out the fear of punishment and of the day of judgment.

By living in God, love has been brought to its full expression in us so that we may fearlessly face the day of judgment, because all that Jesus now is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ Love never brings fear, for fear is always related to punishment. But love's perfection

drives the fear of punishment far from our hearts. Whoever walks constantly afraid of punishment has not reached love's perfection.

¹⁹ Our love for others is our grateful response to the love God first demonstrated to us. 1 John 4:17-19 TPT

Our Lowest Point

Sometimes God takes us to the lowest point to activate our senses to return to Him. We learn this lesson from the parable of the prodigal son.

*And when **he came to himself**, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and **I perish** with hunger! ¹⁸ **I will arise** and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, **I have sinned** against heaven, and before thee, ¹⁹ And am no more worthy to be called thy son: make me as one of thy hired servants. ²⁰ **And he arose**, and came to his father. But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him. Luke 15:17-20 KJV*

In this scripture, there are many lessons to learn. For a Jew to feed pigs is as low as you can get. We often need to reach that low point in our lives before we come to our senses and embrace the truth.

Acknowledging the truth is the first step to recovery. “*When he came to himself*” was the moment of his truth. He recognised and acknowledged that he was perishing! This is the only way to escape the snare of the devil, as Paul explained:

*And the servant of the Lord must not strive; but be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient, ²⁵In meekness instructing those that oppose themselves; if God peradventure will give them **repentance to the acknowledging of the truth;** ²⁶And that they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, who are taken captive by him at his will. 2 Timothy 2:24-26 KJV*

How did we in the first place end up being captive? By believing the lie! In this Ministry, we set the captives free daily by helping them to identify the lie and acknowledge the truth. Repentance is always a requirement from God. Once we are willing to reject the lie and acknowledge the truth, repentance follows.

Yashuah is so easily pleased. Even the smallest sincere repentance prayer puts a smile on His face. But repentance can only take place once we decide to return to the FATHER! We have to return to our First Love (Revelation 2:4). There is no other way to escape the snare of the devil. Merely contemplating our return will not do any good. We have to put action to the decision and return to the Father as the prodigal son did. Many do not return because of a sin-conscious mind. Instead of approaching the throne with boldness, the shame of our past withholds us. Accepting what our First Love had done for us on the cross and understanding the Father's heart will bring us to the decision to arise!

The son saw himself as a servant and not as a son anymore, but the father proved otherwise by embracing him with no reprimand. He was so happy his lost son had returned that he welcomed him back without hesitation!

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: ²³And bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: ²⁴For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. Luke 15:22-24 KJV

We see the same picture when Jesus tells about the one lost sheep.

*There once was a shepherd with a hundred lambs, but one of his lambs wandered away and was lost. So the shepherd left the ninety-nine lambs out in the open field and searched in the wilderness for that one lost lamb. He didn't stop until he finally found it. **With exuberant joy he raised it up and placed it on his shoulders, carrying it back with cheerful delight!** ⁶Returning home, he called all his friends and neighbors together and said, **'Let's have a party! Come and celebrate with me the return of my lost lamb. It wandered away, but I found it and brought it home.'**" ⁷Jesus continued, **"In the same way, there will be a glorious celebration in heaven over the rescue of one lost sinner who repents, comes back home, and returns to the fold—more so than for all the righteous people who never strayed away.***

Luke 15:4-7 TPT

My dear friend, when one lost sinner repents and comes home, there is a celebration in Heaven! Let us not forget that we are here to obey God's command, **"Go ye unto the world and preach the Gospel"**. Let us labour together to bring in this end-time harvest for the Kingdom. Christ had paid for it all. He is waiting to see who will return.

From a long distance away, his father saw him coming, dressed as a beggar, and great compassion swelled up in his heart for his son who was returning home. So the father raced out to meet him. He swept him up in his arms, hugged him dearly, and kissed him over and over with tender love. Luke 15:20 TPT

Let us not hesitate any longer! Let us arise and return to our heavenly Father so that a glorious celebration can take place in Heaven!

A New Heart

And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:26 ESV

Only then will the Lord cut a New Covenant with us and put His laws in our hearts. Before, it was impossible. He had to write the law in stone.

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:33 ESV

Paul quoted this scripture from Jeremiah when he wrote to the Hebrews.

*For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith the Lord; **I will put my laws into their mind, and write them in their hearts:** and I will be to them a God, and they shall be to me a people: ¹¹ And they shall not teach every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord:*

for all shall know me, from the least to the greatest. ¹² For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more. Hebrews 8:10-12 KJV

God is merciful to the lost. At their lowest point, God declared He would remember their iniquities and sins no more.

And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. ¹⁸ Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.
Hebrews 10:17-18 KJV

Free from a Sin-Conscious Mind

What a wonderful blessing awaits those who decide to return! If we accept the invitation made by the BLOOD, we have free access to the Holy of Holies and God welcomes us into His heavenly family.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;
Hebrews 10:19-20 KJV

The Passion Translation reveals a NEW WAY to approach God.

*And now we are brothers and sisters in God's family because of the blood of Jesus, and he welcomes us to come right into the most holy sanctuary in the heavenly realm—boldly and with no hesitation. ²⁰ For he has dedicated a new, life-giving way for us to **approach God**. For just as the veil was torn in two, Jesus' body was torn open to give us free and fresh access to him!*
Hebrews 10:19 20 TPT

Let us not violate the BLOOD by approaching God according to the old system layout in the Old Covenant! Let us not stumble over the “Stumbling Stone” - the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He is “*a Stone that will make men stumble, a Rock that will make them fall*” (Romans 9:33).

*What shall we say then? That Gentiles who did not follow after righteousness [who did not seek salvation by right relationship to God] **have attained it by faith** [a righteousness imputed by God, based on and produced by faith],³¹ Whereas Israel, though ever in pursuit of a law [for the securing] of righteousness (right standing with God), actually did not succeed in fulfilling the Law.³² **For what reason? Because [they pursued it] not through faith, relying [instead] on the merit of their works [they did not depend on faith but on what they could do]. They have stumbled over the Stumbling Stone.** Romans 9:30-32 AMPC*

For Christ is the end of the Law [the limit at which it ceases to be, for the Law leads up to Him who is the fulfillment of its types, and in Him the purpose which it was designed to accomplish is fulfilled. That is, the purpose of the Law is fulfilled in Him] as the means of righteousness (right relationship to God) for everyone who trusts in and adheres to and relies on Him. Romans 10:4 AMPC

John wrote, *"I remind you, dear children: your sins have been permanently removed because of the power of his name"* (1 John 2:12 TPT). This is through faith in who Christ is and what He has done to redeem us through the Blood of His sacrifice. Let this truth deeply penetrate our innermost being! Because Christ died on the cross, our SINS have been permanently removed. We who believe have received a clean conscience to walk with no sin-consciousness.

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VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD

It is important to understand the consequence of trying to cover ourselves with fig leaves, and the significance of the shed Blood on the Cross.

1. Covering ourselves with fig leaves is a violation of the Blood and leads to a seared conscience. A seared conscience is insensitive towards the truth and opens up the door to believe the lie.
2. We need to fully acknowledge the finished work of Jesus Christ on the cross by knowing that our consciences have been purged by the Blood. The accuser cannot bring any accusations against us. Many still listen to deceiving voices and come into agreement with them.
3. Agreement with these voices is a violation of the Blood.
4. When you are at your lowest point in life, do not miss the opportunity to return to the TRUTH - Yashuah HaMashiach. His shed Blood paid it all for you!

Instead of listening to deceptive voices, we have to silence the lie by listening to the Shepherd's voice. Only then can the power of the Blood do its work.



Protection in the Blood

Once the invitation has been accepted, the believer has the right to protection. From the beginning, God had established the power of the Blood to protect. After the fall, it was blood that protected Adam and Eve from the death penalty. During all the plagues in Egypt, God protected Israel. At the last plague, it was the blood that protected the firstborn of Israel. God's judgment fell on Egypt, because those who did not apply blood to their doorposts, lost their firstborn (Exodus 11:4-5). This act of deliverance for the children of Israel was such a pivotal point in history that God said *"This month shall be your beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year to you."* (Exodus 12:2).

For I will pass through the land of Egypt on that night, and will strike all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the LORD. Exodus 12:12 NKJV

Those without the blood came under the judgment of God, but those who obeyed God's commandment to apply the blood on the doorposts escaped the judgment. Then the Lord gave this promise:

Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt. Exodus 12:13 NKJV

"At midnight on the night of the Passover, the firstborn in every Egyptian household died. The wailing was heard across the land even before the sun rose (Exodus 12:29–30). But in the houses of the Israelites there was not

*one dead. That first Passover was a shadow of what was to happen one day on a hill called Calvary. For at Calvary “**Christ, our Passover, was sacrificed for us**” (1 Corinthians 5:7). There we were redeemed “with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:19).”*

(Hinn, Benny. The Blood: Experience the Power to Transform You (p. 73). Charisma House. Kindle Edition).

When the Lord told Israel to slaughter a lamb for each household, it meant salvation for all the members of that household. Therefore, we can expect salvation for the whole family when we apply the Blood of the Lamb. Likewise, God provided protection and deliverance for Lot and his family because of His covenant with Abraham.

God remembered Abraham, and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow. Genesis 19:29 KJV

God will always remember His covenant. We see this also in the New Testament when the Philippian jailer asked Paul and Silas what he had to do to be saved (Acts 16:30). They told him, “*Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, **you and your household***” (Acts 16:31). How marvellous to know that God’s mercy is on the entire family!

For the unbelieving husband has been made holy by his believing wife. And the unbelieving wife has been made holy by her believing husband by virtue of his or her sacred union to a believer. Otherwise, the children from this union would be unclean, but in fact, they are holy. 1 Corinthians 7:14 TPT

The sign of God’s covenant with Israel was a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night. These two pillars allowed the Israelites to travel both

day and night. They were more than mere signs of God's faithfulness. They served as protection for the people. The nation of Israel did not have to fear because they were under the protection of the covenant. These two pillars were a prophetic reminder and symbol of the covenant God made with Abraham. This symbol is a beautiful picture of the bull cut in two halves by Abraham, and of the smoking furnace and the burning lamp carried by God Himself when He established His covenant.

And it came to pass, that, when the sun went down, and it was dark, behold a smoking furnace, and a burning lamp that passed between those pieces. ¹⁸In the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, Unto thy seed have I given this land.

Genesis 15:17-18 KJV

As already explained, the number “two” refers to a covenant. As New Testament believers, we now live under a better covenant than Israel did. How sad that both Israel and the New Testament believers live in defeat because of unbelief. When Israel faced their first obstacle at the Red Sea, they had no faith and courage to push forward.

Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it had been better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness. Exodus 14:12b KJV

God led Israel to the Red Sea “by way of the wilderness”. Our journey under God's covenant can sometimes take us through the wilderness as well, and we may cry out like Israel did, fearing that God might let us die in the wilderness. What sometimes seems like abandonment to us, is God's protection. The wilderness is never the end but the way to holiness for those in covenant with God. The children of Israel were very frightened

when they stood at the Red Sea (Exodus 14:10). Likewise, when we face obstacles. But when we are in covenant with God, we never have to fear! God is a covenant-making and covenant-keeping God!

Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of the LORD, which he will shew to you to day: for the Egyptians whom ye have seen to day, ye shall see them again no more for ever. Exodus 14:13 KJV

God allows our enemies to pursue us because He wants to destroy them in the end. God hardened the heart of Pharaoh to follow the children of Israel (Exodus 14:17). How naïve of Pharaoh to believe that he could follow them through the Red Sea!

And the LORD said unto Moses, Stretch out thine hand over the sea, that the waters may come again upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots, and upon their horsemen. Exodus 14:26 KJV

And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, and all the host of Pharaoh that came into the sea after them; there remained not so much as one of them. Exodus 14:28 KJV

Likewise, we need to stand under God's covenant promises to be delivered because of His faithfulness to His Word! The "Red Sea" represents BLOOD! It is God's Blood Covenant with Abraham in action. Abraham's covenant is our covenant. We as Gentiles were not born as Jews but were foreigners with no covenant.

So don't forget that you were not born as Jews and were uncircumcised (circumcision itself is just a work of man's hands); you had none of the Jewish covenants and laws; you were

foreigners to Israel's incredible heritage; you were without the covenants and prophetic promises of the Messiah, the promised hope, and without God.¹³ Yet look at you now! Everything is new! Although you were once distant and far away from God, now you have been brought delightfully close to him through the sacred blood of Jesus—you have actually been united to Christ!

Ephesians 2:11-13 TPT

But now, because of the BLOOD, we are united with Christ and belong to Him and *“If you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s seed, and heirs according to the promise”* (Galatians 3:29 NIV). The power of our covenant with God is clear in God’s deliverance of Israel from Pharaoh and his army when He parted the Red Sea.

“This is because His Blood always makes a way for us, and His Blood defeats our enemies! Israel had God Himself with them through every challenge and seemingly impossible situation as the cloud by day and the fire by night followed them. This is also a reminder that through our Blood covenant in Jesus Christ we have the overshadowing presence of God and His wonderful fire of protection and guidance. Whatever we need or whatever enemy we face, our covenant provides a way of blessing and the defeat of the enemy.”

*(Kunneman, Hank. The Supernatural Power of Jesus' Blood (pp. 32-33).
Destiny Image, Inc.. Kindle Edition).*

Let us learn from the Old Testament, for it was written for us as examples. It points to the New Testament promises. Israel’s passing through the Red Sea points directly to the promises of Calvary. On Calvary, the

enemy was defeated, and we are now seated with Christ in heavenly places with the enemy under our footstools.

He raised us up with Christ the exalted One, and we ascended with him into the glorious perfection and authority of the heavenly realm, for we are now co-seated as one with Christ!

Ephesians 2:6 TPT

Sit on my right hand, until I make thine enemies thy footstool?

Hebrews 1:13 KJV

Freedom

In this section, we will look into familiar concepts and terminologies. Few of us have yet received deep, true revelation knowledge of these principles. Therefore, do not rush through this section, but rather progress slowly and meditate on each sentence and scripture. Only by knowledge and a better understanding of the fullness of the Blood of Christ can we grow into a deeper relationship with Him.

There is FREEDOM in the BLOOD! To fully understand the concept of “freedom”, we first need to explain how slave bidding was once legalised. The following story reveals its meaning.

“A gentleman studied a group of slaves waiting to be auctioned. He paused when he saw a young girl standing at the back. Her eyes were filled with fear; she looked so frightened. He hesitated for a moment and then disappeared briefly. When he returned, the auctioneer was about to start the bidding for the young girl he had noticed beforehand. As the auctioneer

opened the bidding, the gentleman shouted out a bid that was twice the amount of any other selling price offered that day. There was silence for an instance, and then the gavel fell as “Sold to the gentleman” was heard. The gentleman stepped forward, making his way through the crowd. He waited at the bottom of the steps as the young girl was led down to her new owner. The rope that bound her was handed to the man, who accepted it without saying anything. The young girl stared at the ground. **Suddenly she looked up and spit in his face.** Silently, he reached for a handkerchief and wiped the spittle from his face. **He smiled gently at the young girl and said, “Follow me.”** She followed him reluctantly. As they reached the edge of the crowd, he continued to a nearby area where each deal was closed legally. When a slave was set free, legal documents, called “manumission papers,” were necessary. The gentleman paid the purchase price and signed the necessary documents. When the transaction was complete, he turned to the young girl and presented the documents to her. Startled, she looked at him with uncertainty. Her narrowed eyes asked, **“What are you doing?”** The gentleman responded to her questioning look. He said, **“Here, take these papers. I bought you to set you free. As long as you have these papers in your possession, no man can ever make you a slave again.”**

The girl looked into his face. What was happening? There was silence. Slowly, she said, **“You bought me to set me free? You bought me to set me free?”** As she repeated this phrase over and over, the significance of what had just happened became more and more real to her.

As she began to grasp the significance of the documents that she now held in her hand, she fell to her knees and wept at the gentlemen’s feet. Through her tears of joy and gratitude, she said; **‘You bought me to set me free? I’ll serve you forever!’**

(Hinn, Benny. *The Blood: Experience the Power to Transform You* (p. 137-88). Charisma House. Kindle Edition).

Likewise, you and I were once bound in slavery to sin. The Lord paid the price to set us free when He shed His Blood on Calvary!

This is what the Bible calls REDEMPTION!

Redemption

There is so much Jesus has freely given us because of His precious Blood that was shed. This is because God has provided us with complete freedom and victory through Jesus' Blood. His Blood is life-giving. How sad that so many disregard, devalue and misunderstand it. Without realising it, we too spit in the face of Jesus who bought us with His precious Blood!

*Since we are now joined to Christ, we have been given the treasures of **redemption by his blood**—the total cancellation of **our sins**—all because of the cascading riches of his grace.*

Ephesians 1:7 TPT

As the gentleman handed the legal documents that proved her eternal freedom to the slave woman, likewise, Christ sealed our redemption with His own Blood. As long as we have the document, the New Covenant, we are FREED! Peter explained that the corruptible seed was handed down from generation to generation, but a spotless and blameless "Lamb" came to pay for our freedom. This time not with the silver and gold that the slave woman in our story was bought with, but by His precious Blood!

For you know that your lives were ransomed once and for all from the empty and futile way of life handed down from generation to generation. It was not a ransom payment of silver and gold, which

eventually perishes,¹⁹ but the precious blood of Christ—who like a spotless, unblemished lamb was sacrificed for us.²⁰ This was part of God’s plan, for he was chosen and destined for this before the foundation of the earth was laid, but he has been made manifest in these last days for you. 1 Peter 1:18-20 TPT

Let us not violate this Blood! Let us ask for revelation knowledge to fully understand and grasp this truth and accept all the benefits and freedom it offers.

Free Will

God created man with free will. He commanded that man could eat everything in the Garden of Eden except from the Tree of Good and Evil. Man disobeyed God’s commandment out of free will, which opened the door to eternal separation from God. Separation was never God’s intention. His greatest desire was to be joined with us forever. Because of His tremendous love for us, He was prepared to pay with His very own Blood to have His children back.

After Adam and Eve had sinned in the Garden of Eden, God cursed the soil and the consequence of man’s sins caused him to labour in the sweat of his face.

*And unto Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: **cursed is the ground for thy sake; in sorrow shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life;**¹⁸ Thorns also and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field;¹⁹ In the sweat of thy face shalt*

thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

Genesis 3:17-19 KJV

The good news is that by the Blood we have received full redemption in the Garden of Gethsemane!

And being in an agony he prayed more earnestly; and his sweat became as it were great drops of blood falling down upon the ground. Luke 22:44 ASV

Jesus laboured in anguish as He prayed. The sweat dripping from His face became His Blood. This represented the sweat of man's brow, his hard toil of life, being cancelled. When Christ was risen from the dead and appeared to Mary in the Garden Tomb, it was His final act to fully restore us to a perfect relationship with the FATHER through His Blood!

Take note that *"we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away"* (Isaiah 64:6 KJV). Man is always trying to produce his own righteousness. Adam and Eve did it with fig leaves and we are doing so with our dead works. We pray more, fast more and give more to convince God to respond to us. There is nothing wrong with these deeds, but it is the motives behind them that determine whether or not they are dead works.

It cannot be over-emphasised that the Blood of Jesus has cleansed our consciences from dead works so that we can serve the living God (Hebrews 9:14). Instead of leaving Adam and Eve in coverings of fig leaves (filthy rags), God quickly stepped in and made clothes for them of

animal skin. This was the first blood sacrifice. These animal skins were probably dripping with blood - a demonstration of the Blood Covenant that was required for our redemption. It is a powerful picture of the Lamb who would be slain to cover all our sins and give us new life.

Legally speaking, Jesus is perfectly positioned between us and any judgment that would be rendered. His Blood is our defence against every accusation of the enemy, and His Blood declares us not guilty. We have to realise how important it is to remember the covenant rights, which Jesus provided for us as He paid for them with His own Blood. God will never break His covenant. He CANNOT break it! If he would, the entire universe would be destructed, because God upholds ALL THINGS by the word of His power (Hebrews 1:3). Therefore, God remembers and keeps His covenant!

And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. Exodus 2:24 KJV

When the Israelites cried out to God after 400 years in bondage, He moved on their behalf. He didn't move because they groaned, but because He remembered His covenant. How much more will our merciful God remember His New Covenant when we cry out to Him! He is waiting for us to return!

The Redemption Plan in the Old Testament

I believe to a certain extent that the New Testament believer has a backlog in understanding New Testament scriptures. The Old Testament saints were familiar with certain terminology because for over 1400 years they were under the law. The law was merciless, as the letter of the law

required death when not obeyed. Let us have a look at the pattern for redemption that God laid down in the Old Testament.

Leviticus 14 speaks of laws to cleanse the leper. Leprosy represents our condition apart from God. The cleansing of the leper foreshadowed God's plan to cleanse all of mankind from sin. All the elements we find in Leviticus 14 remind us of the work of Christ for the remission of sin. The priest had to take the leper outside the camp and examine him, (Leviticus 14:3). This points to Jesus who was later crucified outside the walls of Jerusalem. As the leper needed cleansing from disease through water, likewise, we as sinners need to be cleansed from our sins.

*Then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two **birds** alive and clean, and **cedar wood**, and **scarlet**, and **hyssop**: ⁵And the priest shall command that **one of the birds be killed** in an earthen vessel over running water.*

Leviticus 14:4-5 KJV

One bird had to be killed, and its blood was caught in an earthen vessel with water in it. This speaks of Christ shedding His Blood in an earthen vessel, His human body, pointing to the redemptive plan of the crucifixion of the Messiah. The second bird had to stay alive and foreshadowed the resurrection of Christ.

*As for the living bird, he shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the scarlet, and the hyssop, and shall dip them and the living bird in the blood of the bird that was killed over the running water: ⁷And he shall sprinkle upon him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy **seven times**, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let the living bird loose into the open field. Leviticus 14:6-7 KJV*

The cedar wood represents the CROSS and the scarlet represents Jesus' BLOOD. His suffering and hyssop symbolise the application of the Blood and point to our faith.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Psalm 51:7 KJV

Water flowed from Jesus' side when He was pierced on the cross. The priest also used water. He took the living bird along with the cedar wood (Christ's cross), the scarlet (His suffering), and the hyssop (faith) and dipped them into the shed blood of the bird that was slain. The bird's blood was mixed with the water in the earthen vessel, symbolising cleansing by the Word (Ephesians 5:26). Notice in Leviticus 14:7 that the lepers were sprinkled before the bird was released. This symbolises that we can only be cleansed and made whole by the Blood of Jesus. The leper was pronounced clean only once he was sprinkled seven times with blood. This speaks of our sins being cleansed by the Blood. Then we see the resurrection in the living bird that was released.

After this, the leper had to wash himself in water before he was allowed back into the camp, although he was not yet allowed inside the tent.

And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, that he may be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, and shall tarry abroad out of his tent seven days. Leviticus 14:8 KJV

In the same way, when we have been cleansed and purified by Christ's Blood we are ready to enter God's kingdom. This is a powerful prophetic picture of the full redemptive plan of God. The Blood and the water testify

of our reconciliation with Christ, but there remains a cleansing and sanctification process to be completed.

Notice that the priest had to sprinkle the leper seven times. This is a prophetic act of the shed Blood of Christ from seven different parts of His body during His suffering.

His sweat: *And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.*
Luke 22:44 NKJV

His face: *I gave... ..My cheeks to those who plucked out the beard.*
Isaiah 50:6 NKJV

His head: *When they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' ³⁰ Then they spat on Him, and took the reed and struck Him on the head.*
Matthew 27:29-30 NKJV

His back: *Then he (Pilate) released Barabbas to them; and when he had scourged Jesus, he delivered Him to be crucified.* Matthew 27:26 NKJV

His hands: *For dogs have surrounded Me; the congregation of the wicked has enclosed Me. They pierced My hands...* Psalms 22:16 NKJV

His feet: *They pierced...My feet.* Psalms 22:16 NKJV

His side: *But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. John 19:34 NKJV*

After the leper had been sprinkled seven times, he was pronounced clean and could enter the camp, as we can also enter as sons and daughters of the living God and members of His family, once we are cleansed by His Blood. The Blood made it possible for the leper to be anointed. This was only the beginning of the process to announce the leper clean, though. The priest was then to “*take one male lamb and offer it as a trespass offering*” (Leviticus 14:12 NKJV), as restitution for a specific sin.

Then he shall kill the lamb in the place where he kills the sin offering and the burnt offering, in a holy place.

Leviticus 14:13 NKJV

“Notice that the man offered more sacrifices even after he was considered cleansed and allowed back into the camp! In the same way, the Lord Jesus shed His blood once for the remission of our sins, but we continue to ask for the cleansing and protection that His blood provides.”

(Hinn, Benny. The Blood: Experience the Power to Transform You (p. 113). Charisma House. Kindle Edition).

The process continued with the priest applying the blood to the cleansed leper three times.

And the priest shall take some of the blood of the trespass offering, and the priest shall put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot: Leviticus 14:14 KJV

The blood on the tip of the right ear symbolises being shielded from the voice of the enemy. We so easily agree with the enemy's voice and invite satan and his kingdom into our lives.

There are, it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and no kind is without signification. 1 Corinthians 14:10 ASV

Every voice has meaning. It tells you how useless you are, unloved, rejected, ugly, and all such things. The moment you agree with this voice, it gives the enemy the legal right to speak to you. But Paul clearly and explicitly said that those voices are foreign to him and he does not understand them.

If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and the speaker is a foreigner to me.
1 Corinthians 14:11 TLB

Let us apply the Blood on our right ears to free us from these voices!

*Attend to me, and hear me; I am restless in my complaint, and moan noisily, **Because of the voice of the enemy,** ³ Because of the oppression of the wicked; For they bring down trouble upon me, And in wrath they hate me.* Psalms 55:2–3 NKJV

Satan was cast out of the heavens (Revelation 12:9). He cannot touch the glorified Jesus any longer, but attempts to touch Him by attacking His people. We must live under the holy consciousness that we are constantly being watched by an unimaginable cunning and powerful enemy, unwearied in his endeavour to gradually bring us under his authority. He is the prince of this world. The world is ready to serve him. The believer

who desires to share in the victory over satan through the Blood of the Lamb must be a fighter.

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.

Revelation 12:11 KJV

God's word is clear that no weapon formed against us shall prosper, and that every tongue which rises against us in judgment, we shall condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of the Lord (Isaiah 54:17). We can and must condemn these voices through the Blood of Christ and the authority of His Word. Let us acknowledge the only true voice – that of the Shepherd.

My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

John 10:27 KJV

Next, the priest reached out to the leper and placed the blood “on the thumb of his right hand (Leviticus 14:14). Our hands represent the work that we do. It is wonderful to know that the Lord gives guidance and protection to our work.

And let the beauty of the LORD our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands for us; Yes, establish the work of our hands.

Psalms 90:17 NKJV

Then, the priest applied blood on the big toe of the leper's right foot (Leviticus 14:14). Our feet are symbolic of our daily walk with the Lord.

But if we walk in the light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7 NKJV

Still, this was not yet the end. The moment the blood was applied to the leper's earlobe, his thumb, and his toe, the priest was instructed to perform another action.

And the priest shall take some of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own left hand: ¹⁶ And the priest shall dip his right finger in the oil that is in his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before the LORD: Leviticus 14:15-16 KJV

Let the New Testament believer learn from the Old Testament that where the blood was, the glory descended and consumed the sacrifice. For example, Elijah laid the animal sacrifice on the altar and poured out water over the altar, then came the fire (the Holy Ghost) to consume the sacrifice. The anointing oil throughout Scripture represents the work of the Holy Spirit in consecrating and empowering for service. It is therefore essential to understand that God anoints what the blood has covered. The anointing of the Holy Spirit follows the blood. The anointing oil was sprinkled seven times (God's number of completion) to represent the reception of a total anointing.

The above principle is beautifully illustrated in the next verse.

And of the rest of the oil that is in his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass offering. Leviticus 14:17 KJV

Where you find the Blood of the cross, you will find the anointing of the Holy Spirit. The anointing oil was placed on top of the blood. The

anointing of the Holy Spirit (the oil) multiplies and expands the benefits of the blood, enabling the believer to live an overcoming, victorious life.

- When the blood is applied to our hearing, we will not hear the enemy's voice; then God brings the anointing so we can hear His voice.
- When the blood is applied to our hands, the devil cannot touch our work for God; then the anointing multiplies our efforts.
- When the blood is applied to our walk, then God anoints our steps so that we can walk with Him.

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Members of the Body of Christ wrongly believe that once we make it unto salvation, it is the end. But we need to pay attention to Jesus' words that he who is bathed needs only to wash his feet (John 13:10). This means that after we have been redeemed and washed by the Blood, our walk still needs to be cleansed by His Word every day (Ephesians 5:26). We are living in a corruptible body, the flesh, and we are walking in a fallen world.

It is very interesting that God gave precise instructions for the building of the Tabernacle and also for the clothes of the priest. There were, however, no instructions regarding their shoes (Exodus 39). This reminds us that we are still touching the dust of the earth. We are in touch with the world every day. That is why we need to come to the Lord daily to be cleansed and washed anew.

And the remnant of the oil that is in the priest's hand he shall pour upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make an atonement for him before the LORD. Leviticus 14:18 KJV

To atone for someone is to suffer the penalty for their sins, thereby removing the effects of sin from the repentant sinner and allowing him or her to be reconciled to God. Jesus Christ was the only one capable of carrying out the atonement for all mankind.

Because of His atonement, all people will be resurrected, and those who obey His gospel will receive the gift of eternal life with God. When the priest made atonement for the leper by pouring the remnant of the oil over his head, it foreshadowed the atonement that was still to come through the Messiah.

Not only do we have the atonement of the Blood, but we also have the anointing of the Holy Spirit. As the oil covered the leper from head to toe, so it covers our thoughts, sight, words and entire lives. How sad that many believe they are not good enough for God's anointing because of their past.

This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, whose hand is not able to get that which pertaineth to his cleansing.

Leviticus 14:32 KJV

It is important to grasp the revelation that Jesus did not destroy, demolish or nullify the Old Testament Law, BUT He came to fulfil it. He made atonement for us once and for all, and does not require one more ritual to be performed. He FULFILLED it! It is DONE! Tetelestai!

New Life

If we do not acknowledge the truth, we are taken captive by the devil (2 Timothy 2:25-26). Most people live in a never-ending cycle of

hopelessness and despair because they cannot forget their past. They are tormented by memories that lead to depression, mental anguish and even thoughts of suicide. Satan uses our past mistakes to torture and trap us. The only way to escape the snare of the devil is by acknowledging the truth (2 Timothy 2:25-26). What truth are we speaking about?

The Truth about the Blood! We have to understand the work of the cross and the power of the Blood, which removed dead works from our consciences!

But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; 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. ¹³ For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: 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? Hebrews 9:11-14 KJV

Because of this TRUTH, we can now draw near with a true heart, and approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we will receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need (Hebrews 4:16).

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 10:22 KJV

*For our hearts have been **sprinkled with blood to remove impurity** and we have been **freed from an accusing conscience** and now we are clean, unstained, and presentable to God inside and out!*

Hebrews 10:22b TPT

We are FREED from ALL impurities by the Blood of the Messiah. We are unstained and presentable to the Almighty God inside and outside (not only outwardly from ceremonial cleansing as the Old Testament saints).

Do not violate THE BLOOD! You are FREED – liberated from your past! R. A. Torrey says, *“If we could see our past as God sees it before it is washed, the record of the best of us would be black, black, black. But if we are walking in the light, submitting to the truth of God, believing in the light, in Christ, our record today is [as] white as Christ’s garments were when the disciples saw Him on the Mount of Transfiguration.”* (Matthew 17:2, Mark 9:3, Luke 9:29).

“The moment the shed Blood of Christ has been applied to your heart, your past is buried! It is gone forever and no longer remembered in glory. To dwell on it is an insult to God.”

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VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD

We receive a new life in Christ Jesus because of the New Covenant.

1. Approaching Adonai according to the Old Covenant customs, is a violation of the Blood of the Lamb.
2. Scriptures are clear that the Son of God once and for all entered into the Holy of Holies with His shed Blood to make final atonement for all our sins.
3. There is protection in the Blood of the Lamb and we violate it when we protect ourselves in any other way (fig leaves).
4. Only through the Blood are we FREED from the death penalty. Adding anything else, e.g. man-made traditions, and keeping customs and rituals, is a violation of the Blood.

The Old Testament contains shadows of the real Blood of the Lamb!

Do not embrace the shadows!



Justified

Imagine standing in the Courts before God, the Judge. In His holy presence, you become aware of all your sins, and God's voice thunders, "You are guilty and deserve the death penalty!". Then comes the unexpected verdict:

"Although you are guilty, I declare you righteous! Your punishment is waived!"

This is what justification is!

*Yet through his powerful declaration of acquittal, God freely gives away his righteousness. His gift of love and favor now cascades over us, all because Jesus, the Anointed One, has **liberated** us from the guilt, punishment, and power of sin! Romans 3:24 TPT*

*Jesus' God-given destiny was to be the sacrifice to take away sins, and now **he is our mercy seat** because of his death on the cross. We come to him for mercy, for God has made a provision for us to be forgiven by **faith** in the sacred blood of Jesus. This is the perfect demonstration of God's justice, because until now, he had been so patient—holding back his justice out of his tolerance for us. So he covered over the sins of those who lived prior to Jesus' sacrifice.*

Romans 3:25 TPT

We must release faith towards the shed Blood so that His peace can come upon us. Even though the Blood was shed, we can still have an evil conscience mind. Only through faith are we justified and saved from God's wrath.

Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: Romans 5:1 KJV

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. Romans 5:8-9 KJV

But God shows and clearly proves His [own] love for us by the fact that while we were still sinners, Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One) died for us. ⁹Therefore, since we are now justified ([f]acquitted, made righteous, and brought into right relationship with God) by Christ's blood, how much more [certain is it that] we shall be saved by Him from the indignation and wrath of God Romans 5:8-9 AMPC

For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, it is much more [certain], now that we are reconciled, that we shall be saved (daily delivered from sin's dominion) through His [resurrection] life. Romans 5:10 AMPC

*"In forgiveness we are stripped of the vile and stinking rags of our sins; in justification we are clothed upon with the glory and beauty of Christ."
(RA Torrey)*

*(Hinn, Benny. The Blood: Experience the Power to Transform You
(p. 124). Charisma House. Kindle Edition.)*

Justification by His Blood means He sees us as if we have never sinned. It means to be pronounced innocent or absolved of all guilt. Sin is not simply being pardoned or excused. It is for something to be put away as if it had never been. Through this supernatural miracle of God's grace,

we stand justified - not because we are sorry for our sin, or because we have repented, but because of what Jesus did.

God declared in the Old Testament:

I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

Isaiah 44:22 KJV

Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. Isaiah 38:17 KJV

He will turn again, he will have compassion upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:19 KJV

This is justification in the New Testament.

*Since all have sinned and continue to fall short of God's glory. ²⁴ By his grace they are justified freely through the redemption that is in the Messiah Jesus, ²⁵ **whom God offered as a place where atonement by the Messiah's blood would occur through faith.** He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because he had waited patiently to deal with sins committed in the past. ²⁶ He wanted to demonstrate at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies anyone who has the faithfulness of Jesus.*

Romans 3:23-26 ISV

Justification by faith is as simple as the acknowledgement of the Blood!

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom also we have access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God. Romans 5:1-2 NKJV

*Our faith in Jesus transfers God's righteousness to us and he now declares us **flawless** in his eyes. This means we can now enjoy true and lasting **peace** with God, all because of what our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One, has done for us. ²Our **faith** guarantees us permanent access into this marvelous kindness that has given us a perfect **relationship** with God. What incredible joy bursts forth within us as we keep on celebrating our hope of experiencing God's glory!* Romans 5:1-2 TPT

So many aspects are covered in this passage. Because we acknowledge in faith what God did for us on the cross, He transferred His righteousness upon us and declared us not guilty (flawless). We are without spot or wrinkle. So perfect is the reconciliation and so perfectly has sin been covered and blotted out, that he who believes in Christ and what He did for us on the cross stands now in a new relationship with Him. We are flawless and can enjoy everlasting PEACE! The Blood brought peace between us and the Father and gave us free access to the Holy of Holies in Heaven. The acquittal which we have received from God is so complete that there is nothing, absolutely nothing, to prevent us from approaching God with the utmost FREEDOM. An acquittal is a judgment or verdict that a person is not guilty of the crime with which he has been charged.

Faith in the Blood is the single most important substance for freedom. Nothing else!

He came to save us. Not because of any virtuous deed that we have done but only because of his extravagant mercy. ⁶ He saved us, resurrecting us through the washing of rebirth. We are made completely new by the Holy Spirit, whom he splashed over us richly by Jesus, the Messiah, our Life Giver. ⁷ So as a gift of his love, and since we are faultless—innocent before his face—we can now become heirs of all things, all because of an overflowing hope of eternal life. Titus 3:5-7 TPT

Because of the Blood (*not our lineage*), we now become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

If you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise. Galatians 3:29 KJV

Here we see that the fulfilment of the covenant made with Abraham included the Gentiles. Through faith in the Blood, we have become partakers of all the blessings obtained for us by Jesus. May the Holy Spirit reveal to us the glory of this reconciliation, the pardon of our sins and justification through the Blood of Jesus. Pray for an enlightened heart to see how the accusing and condemning power of your sin has completely been removed, and how God has turned towards you in the fulness of His love and good pleasure.

“Then through the LIVING CHRIST, the powerful effects which the blood has exercised in heaven will increasingly be manifested in your hearts, and you will know what it means to walk, by the Spirit's grace, in the full light and enjoyment of forgiveness. And you who have not yet obtained forgiveness of your sins, does not this word come to you as an urgent call to faith in His blood? Will you never allow yourselves to be moved by what

God has done for you as sinners? "Herein is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the reconciliation for our sins" (1 John 4:20)."

"If you come as a guilty, lost sinner, longing for pardon, you may rest assured that the blood, which has already made a perfect RECONCILIATION, covers your sin and restores you, immediately, to the favour and love of GOD. So I pray you, exercise faith in the blood. This moment bow down before God, and tell Him that you do believe in the power of the blood for your own soul. Having said that, stand by it, cling to it. Through faith in His blood, Jesus Christ will be the RECONCILIATION for your sins also."

*(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated]
(p. 54-56). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition.)*

Man can never be justified by any self-righteous deed or by the works of the law! Those who claim that it is possible to keep the law, do not know what they are talking about. Israel couldn't obey the law and neither can you and I!

A man is not justified by the works of the law but by faith in Jesus Christ ... for by the works of the law no flesh shall be justified.

Galatians 2:16 KJV

When people work, they earn wages. It can't be considered a free gift, because they earned it. ⁵But no one earns God's righteousness. It can only be transferred when we no longer rely on our own works, but believe in the one who powerfully declares the ungodly to be righteous (justifying the ungodly - KJV) in his

eyes. It is faith that transfers God's righteousness into your account! Romans 4:4-5 TPT (emphases is mine)

But to one who, not working [by the Law], trusts (believes fully) in Him Who justifies the ungodly, his faith is credited to him as righteousness (the standing acceptable to God).
Romans 4:5 AMPC

Christ was put to death so that we could receive right standing and be acceptable to the Father.

Who was betrayed and put to death because of our misdeeds and was raised to secure our justification (our acquittal), [making our account balance and absolving us from all guilt before God]
Romans 4:25 AMPC

Note this very important fact. Sin came into the world long before God gave His Law to Moses. Thus, sin was not charged to man's account before the law was given.

Therefore, as sin came into the world through one man, and death as the result of sin, so death spread to all men, [no one being able to stop it or to escape its power] because all men sinned. ¹³ [To be sure] sin was in the world before ever the Law was given, but sin is not charged to men's account where there is no law [to transgress]. Romans 5:12-13 AMPC

Therefore, the law brings death.

I found that the very commandment that was intended to bring life actually brought death. Romans 7:10 NIV

It is he who made us capable of serving the new covenant, which consists not of a written law but of the Spirit. The written law brings death, but the Spirit gives life. 2 Corinthians 3:6 GNT

Reconciliation

We have already said much about reconciliation, but it is worth further explanation. Andrew Murray said, *“Reconciliation must be the satisfaction of the demands of God’s holy law.”*

This statement opened up my spiritual understanding of the confusion in the Body of Christ regarding the fulfilment of the law by Christ Jesus!

Do not think that I have come to destroy the Law or the Prophets. I have not come to destroy but to fulfill. ¹⁸ For truly I say to you, Till the heaven and the earth pass away, not one jot or one tittle shall in any way pass from the Law until all is fulfilled.
Matthew 5:17-18 MKJV

The law was given to show us how guilty we are (Galatians 3:19). But the Lord Jesus accomplished the law for us.

*“By a willing, and perfect obedience, He fulfilled the law under which He had placed Himself. In the same spirit of complete surrender to the will of the Father, He bore the curse which the law had pronounced against sin. He rendered, in fullest measure of obedience or punishment, all that the law of God could ever ask or desire. **The law was perfectly satisfied by Him.**”*

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 48). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

Why then was the law given? It was meant to be an intermediary agreement added after God gave the promise of the coming One! It was given to show men how guilty they are, and it remained in force until the Seed was born to fulfill the promises given to Abraham. When God gave the law, he didn't give it to them directly, for he gave it first to the angels; they gave it to Moses, his mediator, who then gave it to the people. Galatians 3:19 TPT

Now, a mediator does not represent just one party alone, but God fulfilled it all by himself! Galatians 3:20 TPT

Since that's true, should we consider the written law to be contrary to the promise of new life? How absurd! Truly, if there was a law that we could keep which would give us new life, then our salvation would have come by law-keeping. ²² But the Scriptures make it clear that since we were all under the power of sin, we needed Jesus! And he is the Savior who brings the promise to those who believe. Galatians 3:21-22 TPT

So until the revelation of faith for salvation was released, the law was a jailer, holding us as prisoners under lock and key until the "faith," which was destined to be revealed, would set us free Galatians 3:23 TPT

The main purpose of the law, therefore, was to lead us to the Messiah. It was established to bring us to our knees and cry out for a saviour.

The law becomes a gateway to lead us to the Messiah so that we would be saved by faith. ²⁵ But when faith comes the law is no longer in force, since we have already entered into life. ²⁶ You have

all become true children of God by the faith of Jesus the Anointed One! Galatians 3:24-26 TPT

This is where reconciliation fits in. Since a perfect satisfaction of the demands of the law was accomplished by the shedding of His Blood, the reconciliation was the covering of our sins.

*Therefore, since we are justified (acquitted, declared righteous, and given a right standing with God) through faith, let us [grasp the fact that we] have [the peace of reconciliation to hold and to enjoy] peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One). ²Through Him also we have [our] access (entrance, introduction) by faith into this grace (state of God's favor) in which we [firmly and safely] stand. And let us rejoice and exult in our hope of experiencing and enjoying the glory of God. ³Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving **endurance**. ⁴And endurance (fortitude) develops **maturity** of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And **character** [of this sort] produces [the habit of] joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation. Romans 5:1-4 AMPC*

The question is whether the perfect, holy and just God can justify the sinner. We find the answer in Romans.

*But Christ proved God's passionate **love** for us by dying in our place while we were still lost and ungodly! ⁹And there is still much more to say of his unfailing love for us! For through the blood of Jesus*

*we have heard the powerful declaration, “You are now righteous in my sight.” And because of the sacrifice of Jesus, you will never experience the wrath of God. ¹⁰ So if while we were still enemies, God fully **reconciled** us to himself through the death of his Son, then something greater than friendship is ours. Now that we are at peace with God, and because we share in his resurrection life, how much more we will be rescued from sin’s dominion! ¹¹ And even more than that, we overflow with triumphant joy in our new relationship of living in harmony with God—all because of Jesus Christ! Romans 5:8-11 TPT*

In some other translations, Romans 5:11 states that we can now rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received this reconciliation! When we are justified by His Blood, it means we are pronounced innocent or absolved of all guilt. Sin is not simply pardoned or excused but put away and made as though it had never been. This was done by His perfect love and grace to allow man to be viewed as innocent and restored to the position he had occupied before he fell from grace. He is restored to the kind of relationship Adam had known in the Garden of Eden. The Old Covenant was only a shadow, but the New Covenant brought reality. Christ died “once for all” to atone for our sins and bring us back into fellowship with God (Hebrews 10:10). Through His shed Blood, atonement for sin has been made and peace is restored. For those who receive the reconciliation, sin has been brought to nought. The wrath of God turns round and hides in the depth of divine love.

Righteousness demanded it. Love offered it.
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There is nothing that can separate us from God. God no longer imputes sin. Reconciliation has wrought a perfect and eternal redemption. Let us unite with many saints in this song.

*Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof:
for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy Blood out
of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation.*

Revelation 5:9 KJV

*And they sung as it were a new song before the throne, and before
the four beasts, and the elders; and no man could learn that song
but the hundred and forty and four thousand, which were
redeemed from the earth.* Revelation 14:3 KJV

Let us abound in praise for the reconciliation that the power of the Blood has accomplished. Now the Lord gives us a new responsibility, which is to share the message of reconciliation with the world.

Pardon

The word “pardon” is the action of forgiving or being forgiven for an error or offence. It is to forgive or excuse, to release an offender from the legal consequences of an offence or conviction, and often implicitly from blame. After reconciliation, pardon of sin follows.

*“That the blood has made RECONCILIATION for sin, and covered it, and that as a result of this such a wonderful change has taken place in the heavenly realms - all this will avail us nothing, unless we obtain a personal share in it. **It is in the pardon of sin this takes place.** 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. "God was in Christ reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them." Following this word of RECONCILIATION is the invitation, "Be ye reconciled to God." Whoever receives RECONCILIATION for sin, is RECONCILED to God. He knows that all his sins are forgiven."

"The Scriptures use sundry illustrations to emphasise the fulness of forgiveness, and to convince the fearful heart of the sinner, that the blood has really taken his sin away."

I have blotted out as a thick cloud thy transgressions, and as a cloud thy sins. Isaiah 44:22 KJV

Thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back. Isaiah 38:17 KJV

Thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. Micah 7:19 KJV

The iniquity of Israel shall be sought for and there shall be none; and the sins of Judah and they shall not be found for I will pardon them. Jeremiah 50:20 KJV

"This is what the New Testament calls justification."

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (pp. 51-52). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:²⁵ Whom God hath 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;²⁶ To declare, I

say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. Romans 3:23-26 KJV

*Yet through his powerful declaration of acquittal, God freely gives away his righteousness. His gift of love and favor now cascades over us, all because Jesus, the Anointed One, has liberated us from the guilt, punishment, and power of sin! ²⁵ Jesus' God-given destiny was to be the sacrifice **to take away sins**, and now he is our mercy seat because of his death on the cross. We come to him for mercy, for God has made a provision for us to be forgiven by faith in the sacred blood of Jesus. This is the perfect demonstration of God's justice, because until now, he had been so patient—holding back his justice out of his tolerance for us. So he covered over the sins of those who lived prior to Jesus' sacrifice. ²⁶ And when the season of tolerance came to an end, there was only one possible way for God **to give away his righteousness and still be true to both his justice and his mercy—to offer up his own Son**. So now, because we stand on the faithfulness of Jesus, God declares us righteous in his eyes! Romans 3:24-26 TPT*

It is above human understanding that God had to act justly towards His own Word and law, and yet could give away righteousness. Only God could do this by offering His own Son, Christ Jesus!

“So perfect is the RECONCILIATION and so really has sin been covered and blotted out, that he who believes in Christ is looked upon, and treated by God, as entirely righteous. The acquittal which he has received from God is so complete that there is nothing, absolutely nothing, to prevent him approaching God with the utmost freedom.”

*(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated]
(pp. 52-53). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).*

Now, the only thing undone is that the penitent sinner should turn from his sin to God by releasing faith in that Blood! We then become partakers of all the blessings the Blood had obtained for us. Let us now rely on Him, as having already covered our sins before the Father. Set Yashuah between yourselves and your sins, and you will experience how complete the redemption is which He accomplished, and how powerful the reconciliation is through faith in His Blood.

Acknowledging the powerful effects of the Blood exercised in Heaven is the road and the path to the Throne, giving us free access to the Father. The Blood of the Lamb is the foundation of the Throne of God. Through faith, these effects will increasingly manifest in your heart, and you will know what it means to walk by the Spirit's grace in the full light and enjoyment of forgiveness. For those who have not yet obtained forgiveness of sins, let these words be an urgent call to have faith in His Blood!

Paul clarified, *"If anyone is in Christ, **that one is a new creature**; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new"* (2 Corinthians 5:17 MKJV). Reconciliation has taken place through Jesus Christ. The result is that no sin is imputed on us anymore and the word of reconciliation is within us.

*And all things are of God, who has **reconciled** us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given to us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹whereas God was in Christ reconciling the world*

to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and putting the word of reconciliation in us. 2 Corinthians 5:18-19 MKJV

Paul says if we repent of our sins and desire to be delivered from its power and bondage, we need to exercise faith in the Blood. Then comes the message. **“Be ye reconciled to God”**.

*Then we are ambassadors on behalf of Christ, as God exhorting through us, we beseech you on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God.** ²¹For He has made Him who knew no sin, to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him. 2 Corinthians 5:20-21 MKJV*

If you come as a guilty, lost sinner longing for pardon, you may rest assured that the Blood which has already made perfect reconciliation, covers your sin and restores you immediately to the favour and love of God. Acknowledge and believe in the power of the Blood for your soul.

Cleansing

The Blood of Christ cleanses us from all our sins. There is a prerequisite, however - “if ye walk in the light”.

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7 MKJV

The fruit of **knowledge** and **faith** in reconciliation is the pardon of sin. Pardon, therefore, is a declaration of what has already taken place in Heaven on the sinner’s behalf, and his hearty acceptance of it.

Unfortunately, many believers get stuck at this point in their Christian lives, instead of enjoying the full power of reconciliation. One of the first results of reconciliation is cleansing from sin.

Cleansing from sin means deliverance from the pollution of sin, not from the guilt of sin.

*“The **guilt** of sin concerns our relationship to God, and our responsibility to make good our misdoings, or to bear the punishment of them. The **pollution** of sin, on the other hand, is the sense of defilement and impurity, which sin brings to our inner being, and it is with this that cleansing has to do. It is of the greatest importance for every believer who desires to enjoy the **full salvation** which God has provided for him, to understand aright what the Scriptures teach about this cleansing”.*

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 58). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition)

Full salvation awaits God's people.

Through our faith, the mighty power of God constantly guards us until our full salvation is ready to be revealed in the last time. ⁶ May the thought of this cause you to jump for joy, even though lately you've had to put up with the grief of many trials.

1 Peter 1:5- 6 TPT

Pressing forward in faith releases a harvest.

We then reap the harvest of our faith – the full salvation promised us, our soul's victory. 1 Peter 1:9 TPT

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Cleansing in the Old Testament

Understanding the Old Testament way of approaching God enlightens our understanding of cleansing. There are two ceremonies to be observed by God’s people to prepare for approaching Him, namely:

- Offerings or sacrifices
- Cleansings or purifications.

Both ceremonies should remind man how sinful he was, and how unfit to draw near to a holy God. Both are a proto-type, a foreshadowing of the redemption by which the Lord would restore man to fellowship with Him. Paul explained that the ceremony of animal sacrifices had failed to perfectly cleanse our consciences.

*It was an illustration that pointed to our present time of fulfillment, demonstrating that offerings and **animal sacrifices** had failed to perfectly **cleanse the conscience** of the worshiper. ¹⁰ For this old pattern of worship was a matter of external rules and rituals concerning food and drink and **ceremonial washings** which was imposed upon us until the appointed time of heart-restoration had arrived. Hebrews 9:9-10 TPT*

In the Old Testament, God’s people were obligated unto many cleansing and purification rituals. Cleansing was accomplished by using the ashes of a young heifer which had been burned, as described in Numbers 19. Paul referred to the same fact.

Under the old covenant the blood of bulls, goats, and the ashes of a heifer were sprinkled on those who were defiled and effectively cleansed them outwardly from their ceremonial impurities.

Hebrews 9:13 TPT

These ashes, mixed with water, were sprinkled on the one who was unclean, with a bunch of hyssop. The person then had to bathe himself in water, after which he was ceremonially clean. In Leviticus 14, we see that the words “unclean”, “cleanings” and “clean” were used regarding the healing of leprosy. First, the unclean person had to be sprinkled with water mixed with the blood of a bird that had been sacrificially offered, after which he had to bathe in water. Seven days later he again had to be sprinkled with sacrificial blood.

The offering had definite reference to the transgression for which reconciliation had to be made. Cleansing had more to do with conditions which were not sinful in themselves, but resulted from sin, and therefore had to be acknowledged by God’s holy people as defilement.

Second, with an offering, nothing was done to the person who brought the offering, in contrast with the cleansing ritual. He only saw the blood sprinkled on the altar or carried into the Holy Place and therefore had to believe that it procured reconciliation before God. Defilement was something that came upon a person either through internal disease, or outward touch, so the washing or sprinkling with water had to be applied on himself, as ordained by Adonai. Cleansing was, therefore, something that he could feel and experience. It brought both a change in his relationship with God and in his own condition.

With an **offering**, something was done **FOR** him.

By **cleansing**, something was done **IN** him.

David understood these two ceremonies when he wrote Psalms 51 after he had committed adultery with Bathsheba.

Purify my conscience! Make this leper clean again! Wash me in your love until I am pure in heart. Psalms 51:7 TPT

David confessed his spiritual uncleanness by referring to himself as a leper. He was well acquainted with the cleansing ceremony of a leper. He cried out also that the Lord might purify his conscience.

In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have purged thee, and thou wast not purged, thou shalt not be purged from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my fury to rest upon thee. Ezekiel 24:13 KJV

*Then will I **sprinkle clean water upon you**, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. ²⁶A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh. Ezekiel 36:25-26 KJV*

Cleansing in the New Testament

Under the old covenant the blood of bulls, goats, and the ashes of a heifer were sprinkled on those who were defiled and effectively cleansed them outwardly from their ceremonial impurities. Hebrews 9:13 TPT

Under the New Covenant, it is about the Blood of Jesus.

Yet how much more will the sacred blood of the Messiah thoroughly cleanse our consciences! For by the power of the eternal Spirit he has offered himself to God as the perfect Sacrifice that now frees us from our dead works to worship and serve the living God. Hebrews 9:14 TPT

David's call to the Lord for purification of his conscience and Ezekiel's understanding that filthiness had to be purged, were fulfilled by the sacred Blood of the Messiah when He thoroughly cleansed our consciences. This is a mystery few know and even less understand.

*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? Hebrews 9:14 KJV*

Having a purged conscience means walking without sin-consciousness, as it had been washed by the Blood of the Messiah. The Leviticus 14 ceremony was a foreshadowing of the Blood of the Messiah. Now we are not only outwardly clean, as the Old Testament believers, but also inwardly clean! We can live without a sin-conscious mind!

Having a sin-conscious mind is a violation of the Blood of the Lamb!

The priest had to sprinkle the blood of the lamb with hyssop. For the New Testament believer, our faith is the hyssop. In layman's terms, faith is to acknowledge the truth. Here the truth is our "Passover Lamb", Jesus Christ, who purged our conscience. Only by acknowledging His finished work on the cross can we come free from a sin-conscious mind.

Just a reminder that cleansing is much more than pardon.

Pardon is the action of forgiving or being forgiven for an error or offence, e.g. “He obtained pardon for his sins”. It is a total cancellation of the legal consequences of an offence or conviction.

It means to be forgiven or excused (a person, error, or offence), or to release (an offender) from the legal consequences of an offence or conviction, and often implicitly from blame. “He was pardoned for his treason”.

It is used to indicate that someone is justified in doing or thinking a particular thing, given the circumstances.

Malachi connects this word with fire.

And he shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver: and he shall purify (cleanse) the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the LORD an offering in righteousness.

Malachi 3:3 KJV (emphasis is mine)

Cleansing by water, blood and fire is typical of the cleansing which would take place under the New Testament Covenant, which is an inner cleansing and deliverance from the stain of sin.

He canceled out every legal violation we had on our record and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He erased it all—our sins, our stained soul—he deleted it all and they cannot be retrieved! Everything we once were in Adam has been placed onto his cross and nailed permanently there as a public display of cancellation. Colossians 2:14 TPT

Once again we find the fulfilment of the “**blood**”, the “**water**” and the “**fire**” in the New Testament.

*Jesus Christ is the One who was revealed as God’s Son by his **water baptism** and by **the blood of his cross**—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the **Spirit**, who is truth, confirms this with his testimony. ⁷ So we have these three constant witnesses giving their evidence: ⁸ the **Spirit, the water, and the blood**. And these three are in agreement. 1 John 5:6-8 TPT*

The water bears witness to the Son. “*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased*” (Matthew 2:17). The Blood bears witness to the Son on the cross when He cried out “It is Finished!” (John 19:30). The Spirit bears witness to the “water” and the “blood” fifty days after the Messiah’s ascension when it came upon 120 people in the Upper Room like flames or tongues of FIRE and settled on each of them (Acts 2:1-3). Glory to God for our cleansing!

David prayed in Psalms 51 for a clean heart. Later, Matthew recorded the Sermon on the Mount (the Beatitudes) and said, “*Blessed are the pure in hearts*” (Matthew 5:8). Paul speaks of “*love out of a pure heart*” (1 Timothy 1:5) and Peter exhorts his readers to “*love on another with a pure heart fervently*”.

Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart. 1 Peter 1:22 NIV

Both Peter and John emphasised purification.

And all who focus their hope on him will always be purifying themselves, just as Jesus is pure. 1 John 3:3 TPT

How do we purify ourselves? By the acknowledgement of the TRUTH!
John warned us to not be diverted from the truth.

Delightfully loved children, don't let anyone divert you from this truth. The person who keeps doing what is right proves that he is righteous before God, even as the Messiah is righteous. 1 John 3:7 TPT

Notice that the **“light”** uncovers our sin.

*But if we freely admit our sins when his **light** uncovers them, he will be faithful to forgive us every time. God is just to forgive us our sins because of Christ, and he will continue to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9 TPT*

Jesus expressed the glory of God as the “light-being or radiance of the divine”. He is the one who offered Himself to cleanse us from any sins and guilt through the power of His Name.

He is the sole expression of the glory of God [the Light-being, the out-raying or radiance of the divine], and He is the perfect imprint and very image of [God's] nature, upholding and maintaining and guiding and propelling the universe by His mighty word of power. When He had by offering Himself accomplished our cleansing of sins and riddance of guilt, He sat down at the right hand of the divine Majesty on high, ⁴ [Taking a place and rank by which] He

*Himself became as much superior to angels as the glorious **Name (title)** which He has inherited is different from and more excellent than theirs.* Hebrews 1:3-4 AMPC

Because of that obedience, God exalted him and multiplied his greatness! He has now been given the greatest of all names!
Philippians 2:9 TPT

Through the power of His great name, He has permanently removed our sins.

I remind you, dear children: your sins have been permanently removed because of the power of his name. 1 John 2:12 TPT

When this radiance of the divine exposes the darkness within us, confession of sins follows. Christ is faithful to forgive us every time and He will continue to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

If we boast that we have no sin, we're only fooling ourselves and are strangers to the truth.⁹ But if we freely admit our sins when his light uncovers them, he will be faithful to forgive us every time. God is just to forgive us our sins because of Christ, and he will continue to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.¹⁰ If we claim that we're not guilty of sin when God uncovers it with his light, we make him a liar and his word is not in us. 1 John 1:8-9 TPT

In the confession of sin, we find restoration and unbroken fellowship with God. It cleanses the conscience and removes every obstacle that prevents us from communion with Christ. Confession does not gain God's acceptance, for we already have it forever by the sacrifice of Christ. It is because we are His dearly loved children that intimacy with God is

restored through our tender-hearted confession before Him. God will always be faithful to restore the passion of our first love for Him. There is no need to confess the same sins repeatedly. All our sins were paid for on the cross and we can do nothing more to remove them, but confession acknowledges God's faithfulness to restore our intimacy with Him. Our Father and our forgiving Redeemer fill the heavens with grace toward every believer, even when we sin.

If we do this one thing, namely to confess our sin, God will do four things:

- Demonstrate His faithful love.
- Demonstrate justice by regarding our sins paid for by Christ.
- Forgive every sin.
- Continue a deeper work of cleansing our lives from all aspects of sin's defilement.

Only now can we love each other from a pure heart. The Messiah desires to purify for Himself a people for special use. He did that by sacrificing Himself to purchase us unto freedom.

He sacrificed himself for us that he might purchase our freedom from every lawless deed and to purify for himself a people who are his very own, passionate to do what is beautiful in his eyes.
Titus 2:14 TPT

*Here is how God's children can be clearly distinguished from the children of the Evil One. Anyone who does not demonstrate righteousness and show **love to fellow believers** is not living with God as his source.* 1 John 3:10 TPT

But if we keep living in the pure light that surrounds him, we share unbroken fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, continually cleanses us from all sin. 1 John 1:7 TPT

To walk in the light involves being transparent and honest, acknowledging any darkness the Lord reveals in us. The Blood of Jesus will cleanse us from all known sin, and if we are open to God's pure light, His Blood will cleanse us from all unknown sin as well, enabling imperfect believers to walk in fellowship with a holy God. Freedom from sin (which is mentioned seventeen times in 1 John) is equated to walking in the pure light of God. It is not simply a fleshly struggle but a sincere desire to walk in fellowship with God.

Let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 1 Corinthians 7:1 KJV

*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. 1 John 1:7 KJV*

"Cleansing" in these scriptures does not refer to the grace of pardon received at conversion, but to the effect of grace in God's children who walk in the light. Walking in the light and the Blood of Christ cleanses us from all our sins. It is more than the pardon of sin. Therefore, cleansing comes after pardon. The result is the inward reception of the power of the Blood of Jesus in the believer's heart. According to Paul, it first takes place in the purifying of the conscience (Hebrews 9:14). Notice how the Blood cleanses our conscience. It is to bear witness to our relationship with God and His relationship with us. When the conscience is cleansed by the Blood, it bears witness that we are well pleasing to God.

All the sacrifices in the Old Testament *“which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect”* (Hebrews 10:1), for it was *“not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins”* (Hebrews 10:3). If it was indeed possible, those who have been purged, *“should have no more conscience of sins”* (Hebrew 10:2).

“We have received through the Spirit an inward experience that the blood has so fully delivered us from the guilt and power of sin that we, in our regenerated nature, have escaped entirely from its dominion. Sin still dwells in our flesh, with its temptations, but it has no power to rule. The conscience is cleansed, there is no need for the least shadow of separation between God and us; we look up to Him in the full power of redemption. The conscience cleansed by the blood bears witness to nothing less than a complete redemption; the fulness of God’s good-pleasure”.

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 64). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

If the conscience is cleansed, so is the heart.

*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 10:22 KJV*

Notice once again the blood and the water. By the power of His death and resurrection, sinful lusts and dispositions are slain. Those who deeply experience and believe this, in whose lives the Blood is fully efficacious, experience that the old nature is hindered from manifesting its power. It is through the BLOOD that its lusts and desires are subdued and slain, and everything is cleansed so that the Spirit can bring forth His glorious

fruit! In case of the least stumbling, the soul finds immediate cleansing and restoration. Even unconscious sins are rendered powerless through the BLOOD of CHRIST! When cleansing by the Blood happens, reconciliation takes place.

We wrongly believe that if we sin, we can turn again to the Blood to be cleansed. The Blood is like a fountain that flows constantly and always purifies what is placed under its stream. This fountain of Blood was opened for sin and uncleanness.

*In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David
and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.*

Zechariah 13:1 KJV

The Blessing of Cleansing

A pure heart is the result of a purged conscience. We received our purged conscience mind by the Blood of the Lamb and can now walk a daily walk without any sin-consciousness.

*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? Hebrews 9:14 KJV*

*Who being the brightness of his glory, and the express image of
his person, and upholding all things by the word of his power,
when he had by **himself purged our sins**, sat down on the right
hand of the Majesty on high. Hebrews 1:3 KJV*

Our Messiah, the Anointed One, is the only one worthy to purge our sins and free us from the death penalty.

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

In the Old Testament, the blood was shed onto almost everything to cleanse and purify it. Without blood, there can be no remission of sin. We are told in 1 John 1:7, that “**the Blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin**”. Remission of sin is the cancellation of a debt, charge, or penalty, or the reduction of a prison sentence, especially as a reward for good behaviour. Only Christ Jesus could do it for us. Let us never forget that we have been washed, cleansed and purged from our sins!

*But if anyone lacks these things, he is blind, constantly closing his eyes to the mysteries of our faith, and forgetting his innocence—for his past sins have been **washed away**. 2 Peter 1:9 TPT*

The GNB uses the word “**purified**” instead of “washed away”. The ISV refers to “**cleansing**” and the KJV says “**purged**” from our old sins. All of these explain that we are freed from the death penalty.

Blessed are the “pure in heart” (Matthew 5:8). How wonderful that we receive this blessing when our consciences are purged. Now we have received a pure heart and can love from a pure heart, having a good conscience!

Now the end of the commandment is charity out of a pure heart, and of a good conscience, and of faith unfeigned: 1 Timothy 1:5 KJV

Why is this so important? Because He *“gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works”* (Titus 2:14 KJV).

...let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God. 2 Corinthians 7:1b KJV

The Passion Bible uses the words **“to remove”** everything that contaminates us. The result is holiness within us for special use by our Bridegroom.

...we must remove everything from our lives that contaminates body and spirit, and continue to complete the development of holiness within us. 2 Corinthians 7:1b TPT

Let us accept the revelation knowledge that the word “cleanseth” does not refer to the grace of pardon received at conversion, but to the effect of grace in God’s children who walk in the light.

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. 1 John 1:7 KJV

We have to walk in the light to be cleansed. It does not happen at conversion when we believe unto righteousness and confess with our mouths (Romans 10:10). This indicates something more than pardon of sin, and something that comes afterwards. It comes from the inward and experimental reception of the power of the Blood of Jesus in the heart.

“Our conscience is not only a judge to give sentence on our actions, but it is also the inward voice which bears witness to our relationship to God and

His relationship with us. When it is cleansed by the blood then it bears witness that we are well pleasing to God. It is written in Hebrews 10:2, "The worshippers once purged should have no more conscience of sins." We receive through the Spirit an inward experience that the blood has so fully delivered us from the guilt and power of sin that we, in our regenerated nature, have escaped entirely from its dominion. Sin still dwells in our flesh, with its temptations, but it has no power to rule."

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 64). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

Glory to God that the Blood silences the power of sin over us. There are no shadows or traces of separation between us and Adonai anymore. If the conscience is cleansed, so also is the heart of which the conscience is the centre. Our evil conscience is silenced by the Blood and even our bodies are washed!

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 10:22 KJV

In case we stumble, the soul finds immediate cleansing and restoration in the fountain of Blood. Remember that cleansing from sin means deliverance from pollution and not from the guilt of sin. The pollution of sin is the sense of defilement and impurity which sin brings to our inner being.

The guilt of sin, on the other hand, concerns our relationship with God, and our responsibility to make good our misdoings, or to bear the punishment for them.

During cleansing, what happened to the person was the main thing. Defilement was something that, either through internal disease, or outward touch, had come upon the man. The washing or sprinkling with water had to take place on himself, as ordained by God. Cleansing was something that he could feel and experience. It brought about a change not only in his relationship with God but also in his own condition.

In the offering, something was done FOR him. By cleansing, something was done IN him.

The OFFERING was regarding his guilt.
The CLEANSING was regarding the pollution of sin.

*(Acknowledgement: Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus
[Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 61). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition.)*

These two aspects go hand-in-hand. The Blood manifests its power simultaneously over both the guilt and the pollution of sin. Reconciliation and cleansing always go together and the Blood is ceaselessly operative.

Four conditions are needed to experience the full enjoyment of this glorious blessing.

- First, knowledge is necessary.
- Second, there must be a desire.
- The third condition is a willingness to separate yourself from everything unclean.
- The last condition is exercising faith in the power of the blood.

Knowledge

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee. Hosea 4:6a KJV

Lack of knowledge not only keeps us in bondage, but when we reject God's knowledge, He also rejects us. Let us, therefore, have a clear understanding that the Blood does much more than the pardoning of sin. Not only is our guilt removed, but cleansing of the believer follows. Through washing, our stains are removed and soon we will experience the full promise –the salvation of our souls and also our bodies! Having this knowledge is the first condition to experiencing the blessing.

Desire

Most believers think they are fine and have nothing to repent of. There must be a deep desire within us to come clean. The Word of God ought to awaken our desire to have restored fellowship with Him. Should we not every hour desire to experience the blessing of a purged conscience? We no longer need to be troubled by the stain of sin.

Willingness

Now the believer must show a willingness to be separated from any uncleanness. Through sin, everything in our nature and the world is defiled. Cleansing cannot take place unless there is an entire separation from, and giving up, of everything unclean.

Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you.

2 Corinthians 6:17 KJV

God is Holy and so must we too be holy. Only then can He receive us! Let us be very careful not to defile ourselves with bad friends as it will “destroy us” (1 Corinthians 15:33 CEV) and “lead to evil ends” (ISV).

And never let ugly or hateful words come from your mouth, but instead let your words become beautiful gifts that encourage others. Ephesians 4:29 TPT

“My friends, my possessions, my spirit, must all be surrendered that I may be cleansed in each relationship by the precious blood, and that all the activities of my spirit, soul, and being, may experience a thorough cleansing. He who is willing to pay the full price so as to have his whole being baptised by the blood is on the way to understand fully this word, The blood of Jesus cleanseth from all sin.”

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 69). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

Faith

Without faith, we cannot please God (Hebrews 11:6).

“Faith is simply the removal of that hindrance, the setting open of our hearts, for the divine power by which the living Lord will bestow His blood. Yes, let us believe that there is cleansing through the blood.”

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 69). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

To him who believes and by faith commits himself to the Lord, it will be given. Let us come to this fountain of Blood and wash in a fresh stream by plunging into the water to experience its cooling, cleansing and

strengthening effect. Let us reckon the cleansing from sin by His Blood as a blessing and a daily enjoyment in which we can confidently abide.

Christ, the Answer to SIN

You are my dear children, and I write these things to you so that you won't sin. But if anyone does sin, we continually have a forgiving Redeemer who is face-to-face with the Father: Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. ² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2 TPT

In these two verses, we find three things that Christ is to us:

- Our forgiving Redeemer / Intercessor
- The righteous One who suffered in our place
- The atoning sacrifice for our sins, who cleanses and shelters us.

It cannot be better explained than John did. This is what this book is all about, “**Christ is our answer**”. He **redeemed** us.

To redeem someone is to compensate for the faults or bad aspects of, to do something that compensates for poor past performance or behaviour, to atone or make amends for (sin, error, or evil), to save (someone) from sin, error, or evil (he was a sinner, redeemed by the grace of God), to gain or regain possession of (something) in exchange for payment, archaic - free (oneself or another) from slavery or captivity by paying a ransom, to fulfil or carry out (a pledge or promise).

There is only ONE who is righteous – Jesus Christ, the Anointed One. **He is the one who suffered in our place.** Many suffer greatly under the yoke of self-accusations, guilt and unnecessary overloads, not realising that Christ suffered in our place so that we can be free.

We now find our cleanness, protection (shelter), and much more, through this single and perfect sacrifice. How many of us subtly try to earn our purity, holiness, righteousness and intimacy by adding our own good works. We try to find protection by covering ourselves with so many other things but the Blood of the Lamb. The protection of the world is a false sense of security and it is leading us away from the Blood of the Lamb (e.g. insurance, medical protection, financial securities etc.).

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VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD

We have already been washed and CLEANSED by the Blood. Man can do nothing to cleanse himself. The old man in the Adam nature is washed and cleansed by the Blood of the Lamb to enter the presence of God.

1. Trying to approach our heavenly Father with all kinds of self-righteous deeds violates the Blood.
2. The sacrifice of the Lamb removed the guilt, and the Blood removed the pollution of sin. Only the Blood can remove the stains on the soul. Jesus deleted them and they cannot be retrieved at all!

Only the Blood can remove the stains on the soul!



Sanctification by the Blood

It might seem that there is little difference between cleansing and sanctification, but there is a huge and important difference.

CLEANSING has to do mainly with the **old life** and with the stains of sin which must be removed. It is a preparatory action.

SANCTIFICATION concerns the **new life** and its character which must be imparted by God.

SANCTIFICATION, which implies union with God, is the peculiar fulness of blessing purchased for us by the Blood.

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Paul explained, “that he **might sanctify it, having cleansed it by the washing of water with the word**” (Ephesians 5:26 ASV). After He has cleansed us, sanctification takes place.

When Christ cleanses us through His Blood, we are immediately justified (in right standing before the Father). We are reconciled with Him and can approach Him with boldness. We are no longer separated from Him because of the sin in the Garden of Eden. Now sanctification can take place. This is deemed necessary to experience our full salvation. The Body of Christ is ignorant about this. A lack of understanding of the difference between cleansing and sanctification keeps many in bondage. It is the result of assuming that we have arrived after believing unto righteousness and confessing that Jesus Christ is Lord and our Saviour.

When we understand the patterns and illustrations in the Old Testament, we will not doubt that these are indeed two different processes to be followed. In Numbers 8, the cleansing ceremony of the Levites is described. There is no mention of sanctification but for the priests.

And let the priests also, which come near to the LORD, sanctify themselves, lest the LORD break forth upon them.

Exodus 19:22 KJV

What then is the difference? Only priests could enter the Holy Place, the place of service. The Tabernacle of Moses was a protocol of how to approach Adonai and, therefore, a foreshadowing for us that sanctification follows cleansing on our journey to be restored and to receive a life of freedom. Priests stood in a closer relationship with God than the Levites did. Those who desired a more intimate relationship with Adonai had to go through sanctification.

With the consecration of the Levites, reconciliation for sin was made, and they were sprinkled with water of purification for cleansing, but they were not sprinkled with blood. With the consecration of the Priests, they had to be sprinkled with blood. They were sanctified by a more intimate application of the blood. New Testament believers are also now a royal priesthood for Adonai.

But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light.

1 Peter 2:9 KJV

Sanctification of the Redeemed

For us to understand sanctification, we first need to realise that Adonai is holy. Therefore, holiness can be received from Him alone. We know from the Garden of Eden that God's holiness cannot bear sin. When sin enters the holiness of Adonai, it will be consumed. We find this example in the Book of Samuel when Uzzah tried to save the Ark of the Covenant from falling when they brought it back after it had been stolen by the enemy.

The LORD's anger burned against Uzzah because of his irreverent act; therefore God struck him down, and he died there beside the ark of God. 2 Samuel 6:7 NIV

*"Holiness is that attribute of God because of which He always is, and wills, and does what is supremely good; because of which also He desires what is supremely good in His creatures, and bestows it upon them. God is called "The Holy One" in Scripture, not only because He punishes sin, but also because He is the Redeemer of His people. It is His holiness, which ever wills what is good for all, that moved Him to redeem sinners. Both the WRATH of God which **punishes sin**, and LOVE of God which **redeems the sinner**, spring from the same source - His holiness. Holiness is the perfection of God's nature."*

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 76). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition.)

"As He is holy, so be ye holy" (1 Peter 1:15) is God's commandment. Holiness is nothing else than oneness with God. The holiness of God affects the sanctification of God's people. He alone is the Holy One sanctifies.

Sanctification has to do with separation. We see this concept from the beginning when God had ordained the sons of Israel to be separated from their uncleanness, so that they would not die by defiling the Tabernacle that was among them (Leviticus 15:31). When the sons of Israel returned from exile, they and all those who had separated themselves from the impurity of the nations to seek the Lord God of Israel, ate the Passover (Ezra 6:21).

“Therefore, come out from their midst and be separate,” says the Lord. “And do not touch what is unclean; And I will welcome you.”

2 Corinthians 6:17 NASB

Let us capture the importance of being separated and set apart for special use for our Bridegroom.

Do not be deceived: “Bad company corrupts good morals.”

1 Corinthians 15:33 NASB

God sanctified the seventh day. This does not mean that the other days were unclean. In the same way, God separated Israel from other nations, and the priests had been separated to be holy unto Him. This separation unto sanctification is always God’s work, and the electing grace of God is often closely connected with sanctification. Adonai is holy and has no connection with other lords.

“When separated, man stands before God in no respect differing from an object without life that has been sanctified to the service of God. If the separation is to be of value, something more must take place. Man just surrender himself willingly, and heartily, to this separation. Sanctification includes personal consecration to the Lord to be His. SANCTIFICATION

can become ours only when it sends down its roots into, and takes up its abode in the depths of our personal life; in our will, and in our love. God sanctifies no man against his will, therefore the personal, hearty, surrender to God is an indispensable part of SANCTIFICATION”.

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 78). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition.)

Separation and consecration (*the act of making or declaring something, typically a church, sacred*) together is only the preparation for the glorious work that God will do as He imparts His holiness to the soul. Partaking of His divine nature is the blessing which is promised to believers in sanctification. This impartation of His holiness is NOT A GIFT, but a personal FELLOWSHIP with Him. Adonai dwelt among the people of Israel to sanctify His people (Exodus 29:43-45). As He dwells in us, it is therefore His presence alone that can sanctify.

We can conclude that true sanctification is fellowship with God and Him dwelling in us.

Christ's Suffering

Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate. Hebrews 13:12 KJV

What a statement made by our Messiah when He said to His Father, “**And for their sakes I sanctify myself, that they also might be sanctified through the truth**” (John 17:19 KJV). What does this mean? Jesus, the Anointed One, was already blameless and holy and sent to earth to

redeem us. How could He sanctify Himself before we could receive our sanctification?

Through His suffering, Jesus Christ showed how perfectly His will was surrendered to the holiness of God. We have already seen that true holiness in man is the perfect oneness of his will with that of God. Throughout our Lord's life, He had subjected His will to the will of His Father and had consecrated Himself as a sacrifice to God. It reached a climax in the Garden of Gethsemane. The temptation to put away the cup of God's terrible wrath came with almost irresistible power, but He rejected the temptation and did God's will. He offered Himself and His will to the will of His Father. He sanctified Himself by a perfect oneness of will with that of His Father. This sanctification of Himself has become the power by which we also may be sanctified through the TRUTH.

Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second.¹⁰ By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:9-10 KJV

Because the offering of His body was the surrender of Himself to the will of God, we can become sanctified by that will of God. Christ had to show how perfectly His will was surrendered to the holiness of God. We can now say that true holiness in man is the perfect oneness of his will with that of God. Since the temptation in the wilderness, Jesus had subjected His will to the will of His Father and had consecrated Himself as a sacrifice to God. In the Garden of Gethsemane, He rejected the temptation to resist the cup of wrath. He offered up Himself and His will to the will and holiness of God. He sanctified Himself, by a perfect oneness of His will with that

of God. The sanctification of Himself has become the power by which we also may be sanctified through the truth.

(Acknowledgement: Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (pp. 80-81). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition.)

By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Hebrews 10:10 KJV

Christ surrendered Himself in perfect obedience so that God's holy will could be accomplished in Him. This was the meritorious cause of our salvation and also the power by which sin has forever been conquered. That same disposition and sanctification can now be created in our hearts.

*But we see Jesus, who as a man, lived for a short time lower than the angels and has now been crowned with glorious honor because of what he suffered in his death. For it was by God's grace that he **experienced death's bitterness on behalf of everyone!***
¹⁰*For now he towers above all creation, for all things exist through him and for him. And that God made him, pioneer of **our salvation, perfect through his sufferings**, for this is how he brings many sons and daughters to share in his glory. ¹¹Jesus, the Holy One, makes us holy. And as sons and daughters, we now belong to his same Father, so he is not ashamed or embarrassed to introduce us as his brothers and sisters! Hebrews 2:9-11 TPT*

Our salvation came through His perfect sufferings. He sanctified us and made us holy, to bring many sons and daughters to God who can share in His glory. He introduces us as His brother and sisters. Glory to God!

Sanctification came by the Blood, therefore, sanctification is the characteristic and purpose of the entire sufferings of our Lord. Through His holiness, He conquered sin and now sanctifies man after His image. Because of His sufferings and His sanctification at work within us, we must be consecrated to God. To be consecrated means to be set apart.

Now may the God of peace and harmony set you apart, making you completely holy. And may your entire being—spirit, soul, and body—be kept completely flawless in the appearing of our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 TPT

To “**set apart**” is to “**sanctify**”, as the King James Translation states:

And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23 KJV

To sanctify man after His image has to be a complete process. Therefore, this sanctification takes place in the spirit, soul and the body. It is a total transformation. To reach this completeness, cleansing, reconciliation and pardon from sin are deemed necessary and point onward to sanctification.

*“It is God’s will that each one who has been marked by the precious blood, should know that it is a divine mark, characterising his entire separation to God; **that this blood calls him to an undivided consecration to a life**, wholly for God, and that this blood is the promise, and the power of a participation in God’s holiness, through which God Himself will make His abiding place in him, and be his God”.*

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 83). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

Therefore, Jesus suffered outside the city gate to **sanctify** the people with His own Blood.

And Jesus, our sin-sacrifice, also suffered death outside the city walls to make us holy by his own blood. Hebrews 13:12 TPT

Let this sink in deeply. It is the precious Blood of Jesus that sanctifies us and makes us holy and whole again.

Let us not violate the Blood by adding anything to it!

Obtaining Sanctification

How can sanctification be obtained? The short answer is that those who wholeheartedly give themselves up to believe in the Lamb, and intercourse with the One who bought us with His Blood, will experience, through that Blood, sanctification beyond conception. The believer ought to grow in knowledge, however, to enter into the full blessing which has been prepared for him. For by the Blood, we were bought and we do not belong to ourselves. The Blood sanctifies us in spirit, soul and body, and therefore we now need to glorify God in our spirit, soul and body.

Ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

1 Corinthians 6:19b-20 KJV

Because He desires to have us entirely for Himself, He has chosen and bought us, and set upon us the distinguishing mark of the Blood. Those who are separated from the world live only for His service. Nothing should any longer have the least right over us, nor may we have any right over

ourselves. God has separated us unto Himself and confirmed it by setting His mark upon us. That mark is the Blood of Christ Jesus!

"The blood in which the life of the eternal Son of God is; the blood that on the throne of grace is ever before God's face; the blood that assures you of full redemption from the power of sin; that blood is sprinkled upon you, as a sign that you belong to God. Believer, I pray you, let every thought about the blood awaken in you the glorious confession, "By his own blood, the Lord Jesus has sanctified me, he has taken complete possession of me for God, and I belong entirely to God."

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated]

(p. 86). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

The Power of the Blood

Let us increase our knowledge about the Blood. It is not enough to believe that the Blood redeemed us and set us free from sin.

As the Lord Jesus Christ ultimately surrendered Himself to the Father in the Garden of Gethsemane, the first drop of Blood fell. He offered Himself entirely to the Father and His holiness. Therefore, the Blood is so holy and possesses such sanctifying power. Now, we have an impressive representation of the self-surrender of Christ in the Blood.

*"The blood ever speak of the consecration of Jesus to the Father, as the opening of the way, and supplying the power for victor over sin. And the closer we come into contact with the blood, and the more we live under the deep impression of **having been sprinkled by the blood**, we shall hear more*

*clearly the voice of the blood, declare that "**Entire surrender to God is the way to full redemption from sin.**"*

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 87). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

The believer who surrenders himself unreservedly to the Blood obtains the full assurance that God will give Himself wholly and will reveal His holiness in him.

Sanctification means union with Adonai, fellowship in His will, sharing in His life and conformity to His image.

At the tomb, Jesus told to Mary to not touch Him, for He had not yet ascended to the Father (John 20:17). Christ then ascended, took His own Blood, and sprinkled it on the "Mercy Seat" in Heaven. The Father accepted the first fruit offering of His Son. Through this act, Christ opened the heavens for us and the Blood reconciled us back into fellowship with the Father. Jesus then descended back to Earth, stood amid His disciples, blew over them and said, "Peace be to you". He announced to them and us that we are now free from all the distress experienced as the result of sin (Luke 24:36 AMPC).

Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession.

¹⁵ For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need. Hebrews 4:14-16 KJV

Let us go boldly unto the throne to receive mercy and grace. Everyone willing to lose everything and let go of the past so Jesus may sanctify him, will obtain the blessing of sanctification. He who desires to experience the full power of the precious Blood at any cost can confidently reckon that he will be sanctified by Jesus Himself, through that Blood.

**May the God of peace sanctify you wholly and
make you holy in every way!**

Resurrected

In Romans 6, Paul discussed man being dead to sin and alive to God.

Obviously dead person is incapable of sinning and if we were co-crucified with the Anointed One, we know that we will also share in the fullness of his life. Romans 6:7-8 TPT

Christ's resurrection life vanquished death and its power over Him is finished (Romans 6:9b TPT). There is a prerequisite for sharing in the fullness of His resurrected life. We have to share in His death! How do we share in His death?

*Sharing in his death **by our baptism** means that we were co-buried and entombed with him, so that when the Father's glory raised Christ from the dead, we were also raised with him. We have been co-resurrected with him so that we could be empowered to walk in the freshness of new life. Romans 6:4 TPT*

Baptism is “**Baptizó**” in Greek, which means to immerse. It is not a religious ritual or a human-made tradition, but a necessity for a co-resurrected new life in Christ Jesus.

I invite you to follow the teaching on the “Doctrine of Baptisms” in the book “The Doctrine of Christ” and also on the Berashith Online Journey, which is available on the website. (www.berashith-oj.co.za).

When we come out of the water, we celebrate our freedom from sin!

And now you celebrate your freedom from your former master—sin. You’ve left its bondage, and now God’s perfect righteousness holds power over you as his loving servants. Romans 6:18 TPT

*But now, as God’s loving servants, you live in joyous freedom from the power of sin. So consider the benefits you now enjoy—you are brought deeper into the experience of **true holiness** that ends with eternal life! ²³ For sin’s meager wages is death, but God’s lavish gift is life eternal, found in your union with our Lord Jesus, the Anointed One. Romans 6:22-23 TPT*

Notice the protocol to bring us unto true holiness! It is through this holiness that the believer is brought into deeper fellowship and intercourse with Christ Jesus.

Intercourse through the Blood

It is clear from the above discussion that intercourse and fellowship with the Holy One follow. **Intercourse is the interchange of intimate thoughts and feelings or intimate communication.** Apart from sanctification, there can be no such intercourse or fellowship. Without intercourse, there can be no growth in holiness. Only in fellowship with the Holy One do we find holiness.

In Leviticus 10, we find the story of Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, who offered strange fire before the Lord. The Lord devoured them and they died. Then the Lord said:

I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace.

Leviticus 10:3b KJV

God chooses and separates a people for Himself. This process is closely connected to sanctification. The glory and blessing secured by this election to holiness is nothing else than intercourse with God. This is indeed the highest and most perfect blessing for man, who was created to enjoy His love.

Blessed is the one whom You choose, and cause to come near You. He shall dwell in Your courts; we shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house, of Your holy temple. Psalms 65:4 MKJV

“In the nature of the case, consecration to God, and nearness to Him are the same thing. The sprinkling of the blood which sanctifies man unto, and takes possession of him for God bestows, at the same time, the right of intercourse.”

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (pp. 92-93). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

As our High Priest entered through His own Blood once and for all into the Holy Place, likewise, will each believer.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰By a new and living way, which he hath

consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh;

Hebrews 10:19-20 KJV

To enter means to approach Him. The Old Testament believer had to follow a very precise protocol to approach Adonai. They, too, could only approach Him through the blood. Only the high priest could enter once a year to sprinkle blood on the Mercy Seat. Now we have Christ as our High Priest and He became our “Mercy Seat”. How wonderful to know that we can permanently dwell on His lap (the Mercy Seat). This is intimate fellowship and intercourse with our Bridegroom!

We were redeemed from our sins by His Blood. He has made us kings and priests unto God (Revelation 5:9-10). To Him be the glory forever!

These are they which... have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore are they before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple...

Revelation 7:14-15 KJV

The precious Blood of Christ has opened the way for the believer into God's presence. Intercourse with Him is a deep, spiritual reality. He who knows the full power of the Blood is brought so near that he can always live in the immediate presence of God and the enjoyment of the unspeakable blessings attached to it. Our souls are now kept in perfect rest and peace because of the Blood. Here, on His lap, on the “Mercy Seat”, we hear the softest whispers of the Holy Spirit. We now learn to understand the slightest sign of the Father's will and follow it. How wonderful to live permanently on the Father's lap.

But I'll keep coming closer and closer to you, Lord Yahweh, for your name is good to me. I'll keep telling the world of your awesome works, my faithful and glorious God! Psalms 73:28 TPT

The high priest had to bring the blood for sprinkling. He also prepared the incense to fill the house with its fragrance, to approach Adonai. So, if the Blood of Jesus brings us also near, then we too must live before Adonai as His servants and bring to Him spiritual sacrifices which are well pleasing in His sight.

In our intercourse with Adonai, there is no offering that we can bring more pleasing to Him than faith-filled honour of the Blood of the Lamb!

Intercourse with Him must be a glorification of the Blood before Adonai. Incense speaks of our prayer life. Prayers are not merely a few words uttered to God, but 24/7 conversation with our Abba Father. He becomes our whole life, even eating and drinking are now spiritual services. Our work, our businesses, our money, houses, and possessions become sanctified by God because we now walk constantly in His presence.

Let us not violate the BLOOD by resisting fellowship and intercourse with our Bridegroom.

Dwelling in The Holiest Place

Jesus cried with a loud voice, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?, that is My God, My God, why have you abandoned Me (leaving Me helpless, forsaking and failing Me in My need)? Matthew 27:46 AMPC

And Jesus cried again with a loud voice and gave up His spirit.

⁵¹ And at once the curtain of the sanctuary of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; the earth shook and the rocks were split. Matthew 27:50-51 AMPC

Here is a mystery. Through His Blood, His mercy, and His grace, the veil/curtain (His flesh) was torn in two and we now have access to enter the Holy of Holies. Through sin, man was driven out of Paradise, away from the presence and fellowship of God. In His Mercy, Adonai destined from the beginning to restore this broken fellowship.

Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; ²¹ And having an high priest over the house of God; 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 KJV

That curtain indicated separation, but it was torn into two pieces. This is an obvious invitation to dwell in His presence. Glory to God! Many still do not fully understand or accept the fact that we can do nothing to deserve this. Paul asked the Galatians, and us, why they were still trying to become perfect by their human effort. We started our new lives in the Spirit and we need to finish it in the Spirit (Galatians 3:3 NLT). We cannot add any human tradition (man's ideas of the material world, rather than the spiritual world (Colossians 2:8 AMP).

Are you so foolish and senseless? Having begun [your new life by faith] with the Spirit, are you now being perfected and reaching

spiritual maturity by the flesh [that is, by your own works and efforts to keep the Law]? Galatians 3:3 AMP

By following human traditions and adding our own efforts, we nullify the Word of God.

And so you cancel (nullify, making void, invalidating, making the word of God of none effect) the word of God in order to hand down your own tradition. And this is only one example among many others. Mark 7:13 NLV

Adding our own works is to cover our nakedness with fig leaves (dead works). This is self-righteousness and a violation of the Blood of the Lamb.

Many believers do not understand the way into The Holy of Holies has been opened for us and that every child of Adonai now has a permanent dwelling place there. Without the Blood, we cannot enter, though. The Father's acceptance of the Blood brought peace, reconciliation, fellowship, intercourse, full redemption and restoration for humanity.

Hebrews lists six very important privileges of the Blood for the New Testament believer.

*Having therefore, brethren, **boldness to enter** into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, ²⁰ By a **new and living way**, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; ²¹ And having an **high priest** over the house of God; 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 10:19-21 KJV*

- Boldness to enter.
- A new way to approach Adonai through His body (the veil).
- A new High Priest according to the order of Melchizedek.
- Boldness to draw near to Him.
- A new conscience that does not condemn us for our past sins because we are sprinkled with the Blood.
- A new life washed with pure water – the Word of God.

This, my brothers and sisters, is the Good News of the Gospel!

"LET US DRAW NEAR WITH A TRUE HEART, IN FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH, having our hearts CLEANSED FROM AN EVIL CONSCIENCE, and our bodies WASHED WITH PURE WATER."

Hebrews 10:22 KJV

The Power of Sin

The law is the power of sin. The shed Blood of Christ perfectly fulfilled the law and made sin entirely powerless. This is a hard concept for New Testament believers. Only the Holy Spirit can reveal the TRUTH!

There are predominately two groups. Those who claim to be free under God's "grace" and those who put themselves under the yoke of the "law". Paul discussed this concept.

Then what becomes of [our] pride and [our] boasting? It is excluded (banished, ruled out entirely). On what principle? [On the

*principle] of doing good deeds? **No, but on the principle of faith.***

²⁸ For we hold that a man is justified and made upright by faith independent of and distinctly apart from good deeds (works of the Law). [The observance of the Law has nothing to do with justification.] Romans 3:27-28 AMPC

Do we then by [this] faith make the Law of no effect, overthrow it or make it a dead letter? Certainly not! On the contrary, we confirm and establish and uphold the Law. Romans 3:31 AMPC

The Blood has wonderful power, not only because **the life of God's Son** was in it, but because it was given as an atonement for sin.

Emphasis:

The power of the Blood is because the LIFE of the SON was in it. We drink this Blood to receive His life. It brought reconciliation (made atonement for sin) between Adonai and humankind.

Let us not violate this Blood by adding our own works!

No blood but the Blood of Christ Jesus can give us access to the Holy of Holies.

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 KJV

Sin took away our liberty to approach Adonai. The Blood perfectly restored this liberty. He who takes time to meditate on the power of that Blood and appropriates it for himself will get a wonderful view of the liberty

and directness with which we can now have intercourse with God. Hebrews 10:19-21 says sin has been removed from our consciences. When the accuser attacks us with thoughts of condemnation, we can silence it with the Blood. Nothing else can silence those voices!

A New Life

We have a new protocol to approach Adonai. By the Blood of Jesus, we have the right of entrance. The veil that separated us from Adonai was the “FLESH”. Now the way into the Holy of Holies is through the torn veil of the FLESH of the MESSIAH.

“When Jesus came in the flesh, He could rend the veil only by dying; and so to bring to nought the power of the flesh and sin. He offered up the flesh, and delivered it to death. And this remains now the law for each one who desires to enter the Holy of Holies through His Blood, must be through the rent veil of the flesh. The Blood demands, the Blood accomplishes, the rending of the flesh. Where the Blood of Jesus works powerfully, there follows, always, the putting to death of the flesh. He who desires to spare the flesh cannot enter into "The Holiest." The flesh must be sacrificed, given over to death. In proportion as the believer perceives the sinfulness of his flesh, and puts to death all that is in the flesh, he will better understand the power of the Blood”.

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 114-115). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

We do this not in our own strength, but the life-giving power of Jesus works in and through us. He is the Great Priest, the true Melchizedek, the Eternal Son. He is seated on the Throne and intercedes for us for eternity. He receives us and presents us to the Father. He will complete in us the

sprinkling of the Blood. Through the Blood He has entered, and through the Blood we can enter as well. There, on the Mercy Seat, He will commune with us and teach us what we need to know. This is where we abide in Him and He abides in us. This holy place bears much fruit.

Those who belong to Christ, have crucified the flesh. It is in fellowship with Christ that we enter through the veil. The new and living way is full of life-giving power. In this way, we have the liberty to enter into the Holy of Holies by the Blood of Jesus. May the Lord God lead us along this "way", through the rent veil (the death of the flesh), to the full life of the Spirit. Then shall we find our dwelling place behind the veil in "The Holiest" with God. Each sacrifice of the flesh leads us, through the Blood, further into "The Holiest".

(Acknowledgement: Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p.115). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition.)

When we think that the Holy of Holies is too holy for us to enter, we have the full assurance and boldness to draw near because of the Blood! Let us, therefore, draw near. Let nothing hold us back from these wonderful blessings which God has designed for us. Our rights have been obtained for us by the Blood of Jesus. He lives in His eternal priesthood to receive us into the Holy of Holies to sanctify, preserve, and bless us. Let us draw near to appear before our Father in the light of His countenance.

A True Heart

The preaching of the Gospel begins with repentance and faith. We cannot receive God's grace by faith if sins are not forsaken. The full assurance of faith cannot be reached without a true heart. Without a true new heart, there is no entrance into the Holy of Holies. By the power of the Spirit of

God who dwells in our new hearts, we must place ourselves, by an exercise of our will, on the side of God against the sin that is still in our flesh.

Let us confess our sins to our Lord Jesus Christ, the High Priest, and submit before Him, casting down every sin and all of our self-life, forsaking all to follow Him!

Provision is made for all hidden sins in your flesh of which you are not even aware, and also for the malice of your heart. A blood-sprinkled conscience means that we do not have a sin-conscious mind any longer. An evil conscience tells us that our relationship with Adonai is not right and that we are sinful and alienated from Him. A good and clear conscience bears witness that we are well-pleasing to Adonai. Not only does it bear witness that our sins are forgiven, but also that our hearts are sincere before Adonai. He who desires to enter the Holy of Holies must have his heart cleansed from an evil conscience. We can draw near with a pure heart because the Blood purged our conscience. The Blood has done it all for us! Now we must only release FAITH in what Jesus had done. When we reject this knowledge, we violate the Blood.

As the heart is sprinkled with blood, so must the body be washed with pure water. When the priests were consecrated, they were washed with water and sprinkled with blood (Exodus 24:4, 20-21). So also did Christ come by water and Blood (1 John 5:6) which is His baptism and His death.

We too have to be cleansed with water and Blood. Baptism with water is unto repentance and symbolises the setting aside of sin. Be baptised and wash away your sins. The Blood cleanses the heart, and baptism is the yielding of the body with all its visible life to separation from sin.

Let us draw near, having our hearts cleansed from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water. Unless we cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh, the power of the Blood to cleanse inwardly cannot be experienced. The divine work of cleansing by the sprinkling of Blood and the human work of cleansing by laying aside sin are inseparable. We must be cleansed to enter the Holy of Holies.

No one would ever attend a high-profile banquet unwashed and unprepared. We cannot enter the presence of Adonai in the Holy of Holies unless washed and prepared. If we desire to dwell with Adonai in the Holy of Holies, we must always be united with the most careful laying aside of even the littlest sin. The unclean cannot enter the Holy of Holies. Let us draw near, having our hearts cleansed, and our bodies washed with pure water!

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VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD

Cleansing has to do with the old Adam nature, the natural man. Christ's Blood cleanses us to enter into His presence. Adding anything to this BLOOD is a violation of the Blood.

Now comes the second part – our SANCTIFICATION, which concerns the new life of man. Now that we are in His presence He wants to cleanse the wounds in our souls.

1. Jesus sanctified Himself to sanctify us. This sanctification is a total surrender and laying down of the "self". Being busy with our own agenda violates the Blood.
2. The Blood now offers us a new way of approaching God in the Holy of Holies - something only ordained high priests had the privilege to do, and only once a year. Lack of boldness to enter the Holy of Holies through the sacred Blood of the Lamb is a violation of His Blood, His mercy and His grace.

Our consciences have been purged (cleansed) by the BLOOD and it is now possible for us to walk without a sin-conscious mind.



Life is in the Blood

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 is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. Leviticus 17:11 KJV

For a long time, I could not understand why the next verses suddenly turned to a warning, forbidding the people to drink the blood.

Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood. Leviticus 17:11 KJV

For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off. Leviticus 17:14 KJV

Now I understand. YHWH gave Israel life by making atonement for them with His own Blood. Life is in the Blood and the power for atonement came because the life of the Son was in it! Leviticus 17:11 came into fulfilment when Jesus announced to the people to drink His Blood and to eat His flesh (something forbidden in the Old Testament). This was contrary to the Old Testament and they struggled with the new concept.

Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. ⁵⁴ Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath 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 eateth my

flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

John 6:53-56 KJV

Water has a two-fold effect, and so does this holy Blood. Water is used for cleansing, and it refreshes and revives. If we desire the full power of the Blood of Jesus, we must know the significance of drinking the Blood! Water is necessary for cleansing, but has more value to quench our thirst. It is only by drinking it that we enjoy the full benefit of its power to sustain life. It is the same with the Blood of Jesus. Without drinking the Blood of Christ, life cannot be obtained. This was an unspeakable offence for the religious people as the law of Moses forbid it.

Not only is the Blood doing something FOR us, but it also does something IN us. A body without the spirit is dead (James 2:26) and eternal life can only be obtained when we drink Yashuah's Blood!

Jesus replied to them, "Listen to this eternal truth: Unless you eat the body of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have eternal life. John 6:53 TPT

While The Passion Bible speaks of eternal life, the King James Version states there is NO LIFE without drinking the Blood.

Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. John 6:53 KJV

Here Yashuah is not referring to the natural life of the body or the soul but to our eternal life. That is a new heavenly life that can only be nourished by the drinking of the Blood, just as water is essential to maintain our natural life. The power of this Blood lies in the resurrection of the Messiah and, likewise, will we be resurrected into a new heavenly life.

“Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day” (John 6:53). We must be partakers of His body, none less than being partakers of His Spirit. Then our bodies, possessing that life, will one day be raised from the dead. Earthly food is not real food for it does not impart real life. The true food is the body and Blood of the Messiah which impart and sustain spiritual life.

For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

John 6:55 KJV

As water is the substance of life in the flesh, likewise, the Blood is the substance of the heavenly life.

He who partakes of my flesh and drinks My blood dwells in Me and

I in him. John 6:56 MKJV

Nourishment by His flesh and Blood affects the most perfect union with Him. This is why His flesh and Blood have the power to give eternal life. The blessing of drinking the Blood of the Lamb is to become one with Him. We become partakers of His divine nature. Let us acknowledge that this union is not only in spirit but also in body. We eat His flesh bone by bone and flesh by flesh and become one body with Him.

“We, through the Holy Spirit, become so nourished by the body and blood of Jesus in heaven, that even our body, through the power of His body, becomes a partaker in the power of eternal life. Hence we connect the resurrection of the body with the eating of Christ's body in the Supper. The bodily presence which the Sacrament demands is such, and exercises such a power here (in the Supper) that it becomes not only the undoubted assurance in our spirit of eternal life, but also assures the immortality of the flesh. If anyone asks me how this can be, I am not ashamed to acknowledge

that it is a mystery too high for my spirit to comprehend, or my words to express. I feel it more than I can understand it."

*(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated]
(pp. 138-139). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).*

When we eat His flesh and drink His Blood, it transfuses His life into us, as if penetrating our bones and marrow.

For we are members of His body, of His flesh and of His bone.

Ephesians 5:30 MKJV

Paul says it is “a great and sacred mystery – meant to be a vivid example of Christ and his church” (Ephesians 5:32 TPT). He spoke of this mystery by using as an example the marriage between man and wife who have become joined as one flesh (Ephesians 5:31). Likewise, have we become joined as one flesh with our Bridegroom.

“There is much more in the Supper than simply the believer appropriating the redemptive work of Christ. It is not only to embrace with a believing heart all the sufferings and death of Christ, and thereby to receive pardon of sin and eternal life; but, also, besides that, to become more and more united to His sacred body, by the Holy Spirit who dwells at once both in Christ and in us; so that we, though Christ is in heaven and we on earth, are, notwithstanding, flesh of His flesh, and bone of His bones; and we live and are governed for ever by one Spirit.”

*(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated]
(p. 140). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition.)*

Thirst for the Blood

As we thirst for natural water, we must thirst for Living Water. Unless we thirst, we will feel no need to drink. The longing for Jesus and perfect fellowship with Him makes us want to drink the Blood. It is by the Holy Spirit that the thirsty soul drinks the heavenly life-giving refreshment.

Jesus spoke of this mystery when He said, *“It is the Spirit that makes alive, the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit and are life”* (John 6:63 MKJV). He said to Nicodemus, *“That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit”* (John 3:6 MKJV). The Holy Spirit revealed this mystery to the Apostle Paul. He understood it and explained it in most of his epistles.

But I discern another power operating in my humanity, waging a war against the moral principles of my conscience and bringing me into captivity as a prisoner to the “law” of sin—this unwelcome intruder in my humanity. Romans 7:23 TPT

Romans 3 to 7, is about the old Adam nature, the man in the flesh. Then, in Chapter 8, Paul said:

So now the case is closed. There remains no accusing voice of condemnation against those who are joined in life-union with Jesus, the Anointed One. Romans 8:1 TPT

The King James Version says there is no condemnation for those who walk NOT after the FLESH, but after the SPIRIT.

The sinful nature wants to do evil, which is just the opposite of what the Spirit wants. And the Spirit gives us desires that are the opposite of what the sinful nature desires. These two forces are

constantly fighting each other, so you are not free to carry out your good intentions. Galatians 5:17 NLT

This mystery is not for the man in the flesh. It is beyond human reasoning and understanding. Faith is required for man to believe (acknowledge) the benefits of this Blood. The mystery is for the new man in the spirit, led by and walking according to the Spirit. Which is born from flesh is flesh and which is born from spirit is spirit. Those who are not yet born from the spirit cannot fully grasp this mystery.

Many think they are born from the spirit but are not. Only when Jesus baptised you into the Holy Ghost, are you born from the spirit. John the Baptist said, *“I baptise you with water, but He that comes after me will baptise you with the Holy Ghost and with Fire!”* (Matthew 3:11; Luke 3:16).

Let us trust that the Saviour Himself will cause us, through the Holy Spirit, to drink His Blood. Let us believe and heartily and continuously appropriate the effects of the Blood which we now understand better, namely its reconciling, cleansing and sanctifying abilities.

“O Lord, Thy Blood is my life drink. Thou who hast washed and cleansed me by that blood, Thou wilt teach me every day to eat the flesh of the Son of man, and to drink His Blood, so that I may abide in Thee and Thou in me.”

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (p. 146). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

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VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD

Eternal Life can only be found in the BLOOD. Seeking life anywhere else is a violation of the Blood.

1. Water is both the source of life and a necessity to cleanse ourselves. Our need to stay alive is bigger than to be clean. Likewise, the Blood is given to us not only to wash ourselves but also to keep us spiritually alive. Neglecting to drink the Blood is a violation thereof and you may die spiritually.
2. Let us daily eat His flesh and drink His Blood to receive eternal life.

**Eating His flesh and drinking His Blood is to abide in Him
and Him in us!**



Victory Through The Blood

On the Isle of Patmos, John specified our victory over satan's throne.

And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their testimony. And they did not love their soul until death. Revelation 12:11 MKJV

From the fall in the Garden of Eden there has been a conflict between light and darkness, good and evil, clean and unclean, and between the old serpent, the “seed of the woman”, and the seed of YHWH Elohim. For mankind, it seems that darkness overcame the light as if the unrighteous are prospering and the righteous are enslaved. Even when the Messiah was born, the old serpent tried his best to get rid of Jesus. Israel was waiting for Him to deliver them from the Roman Empire. How terrible the disappointment the death of Jesus brought to all who had believed in Him. It seemed, indeed, as if the powers of darkness had conquered and established their kingdom forever.

But, behold! Jesus has risen from the dead! Through death has He destroyed him that had the power of death, that is the devil. In that holy moment when He shed His Blood, it seemed as if satan was victorious, but the adversary was robbed of the authority he had possessed.

This “realm of death” describes our former state, for we were held in sin's grasp. But now, we've been resurrected out of that “realm of death” never to return, for we are forever alive and forgiven of all our sins! ¹⁴He canceled out every legal violation we had on our record and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He

*erased it all—our sins, our stained soul—he deleted it all and they cannot be retrieved! Everything we once were in Adam has been placed onto his cross and **nailed permanently there as a public display of cancellation.*** ¹⁵ *Then Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph. He was not their prisoner; they were his!* Colossians 2:13-15 TPT

She was pregnant and was crying out in labor pains, in the agony of giving birth. Revelation 12:2 TPT

She gave birth to a man-child who is about to rule and shepherd every nation with an iron scepter and her son was caught up to God and to his throne. Revelation 12:5 TPT

Then a terrible war broke out in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the great dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back. ⁸ *But the dragon did not have the power to win and they could not regain their place in heaven.* ⁹ *So the great dragon was thrown down once and for all. He was the serpent, the ancient snake called the devil, and satan, who deceives the whole earth. He was cast down into the earth and his angels along with him.* Revelation 12:7-9 TPT

*Then I heard a triumphant voice in heaven proclaiming: “**Now salvation and power are set in place, and the kingdom reign of our God and the ruling authority of his Anointed One are established.**”*

For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who relentlessly accused them day and night before our God, has now been defeated—cast out once and for all! Revelation 12:10 TPT

They conquered him completely through the blood of the Lamb and the powerful word of his testimony. They triumphed because they did not love and cling to their own lives, even when faced with death. Revelation 12:11 TPT

This victory is ascribed chiefly to THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB. It was the power by which the victory was gained. As the slain Lamb, He gained that position. Satan is still trying his best to lead the church into apostasy. The message is clear, however, that Christ has already overcome the world (John 16:33) He now expects us to follow His example so that we will also overcome! His Blood has already defeated the enemy. Revelation 12:11 clearly states that we also have a part to play, and that is through the word of our testimony and that we would not love our lives to the end.

I have been crucified with Christ [in Him I have shared His crucifixion]; it is no longer I who live, but Christ (the Messiah) lives in me; and the life I now live in the body I live by faith in (by adherence to and reliance on and complete trust in) the Son of God, Who loved me and gave Himself up for me. Galatians 2:20 AMPC

Under the influence of the Holy Spirit, David said:

*The Lord said to my Lord,
“Sit at My right hand,
Until I put Your enemies beneath Your feet.”
Psalm 110:1 (Mark 12:36)*

Not Without Conflict

Since the fall of Lucifer, there has been a conflict between light and darkness. We do not know how much time has passed since he was cast onto the earth and until God restored the earth and gave permission for the light to be separated from the darkness (Genesis 1:3).

In the word “**LET**” we find the mystery of creation. “**Let**” is a word of permission and not creation, which settles the whole debate on how old the earth is.

This conflict that occurred long before Adam and Eve were created, continued in the Garden of Eden when satan deceived them. Adam and Eve disobeyed God’s commandments and the conflict between light and darkness has been continuing ever since. Satan is full of wrath because he has little time left. He cannot reach the glorified Jesus but seeks to reach Him by attacking His people. The battle is not ours but God’s (2 Chronicles 20:15)!

We are constantly being watched by this cunning enemy as he pursues to bring us under his authority. He is the “god of this world” and attempts to lead the church into unfaithfulness towards the Lord. He gains entrance into our earthly engagements and businesses as we earn our daily bread. He sneaks into our politics, commercial combinations, literature, science and into our knowledge, to make all that is lawful into a tool for his devilish deceptions.

The believer who desires to share in the victory over satan through the Blood of the Lamb must be a fighter!
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Dismantled

Many believers do not understand the significance of what happened on the Cross. Jesus cancelled out every legal violation on our records and the old arrest warrant that stood to indict us. He erased all our sins and deleted the stains on our souls. It can never be retrieved (Colossians 2:14 TPT). The following verse is profound:

Then Jesus made a public spectacle of all the powers and principalities of darkness, stripping away from them every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. And by the power of the cross, Jesus led them around as prisoners in a procession of triumph. He was not their prisoner; they were his!

Colossians 2:15 TPT

Victory is through Faith

Without faith, we can never please God. Even our salvation is obtained through faith. So is our healing. It is therefore of no surprise that faith is also required to be an overcomer. Satan and all the principalities have been stripped of every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power to accuse us. As Christ overcame the world, He now commands us also to overcome.

And everything I've taught you is so that the peace which is in me will be in you and will give you great confidence as you rest in me. For in this unbelieving world you will experience trouble and sorrows, but you must be courageous, for I have conquered the world! John 16:33 TPT

Every child of God overcomes the world!

Because everyone who is born from God has overcome the world.

Our faith is the victory that overcomes the world. 1 John 5:4 ISV

There is a prerequisite, though. To overcome, we have to be born from above as members of the new heavenly Jerusalem.

But rather, you have come to Mount Zion, even to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to countless multitudes of angels in festal gathering, ²³ And to the church (assembly) of the Firstborn who are registered [as citizens] in heaven, and to the God Who is Judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous (the redeemed in heaven) who have been made perfect.

Hebrews 12:22-23 AMPC

Unbelief or ignorance of the fact that we take part in the victory of Jesus, gives satan authority over us, which he otherwise would not possess. We simply have to release faith like a mustard seed to acknowledge that we are one with Jesus. We have to embrace the fact that He lives in us and that He maintains us. He continues in us that victory which He gained, and satan has NO power over us! If we would ever have to meet the enemy in our weakness or try to gain victory by our own might, the strife with these satanic forces would simply be too severe for us.

But this is not what we are called to do. Jesus is the VICTOR! We need only to fill our minds with the heavenly vision of Jesus casting satan out of Heaven. With faith in His Blood, by which He conquered satan, we also are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. Christ made it clear to the seven end-time churches that there are rewards for the overcomers.

- To the Church in Ephesus: The overcomer will receive access to feast on the fruit of the Tree of Life that is found in the paradise of God (Revelation 2:7 TPT).
- To the Church in Smyrna: The overcomer will not be harmed by the second death (Revelation 2:11 TPT).
- To the Church in Pergamum: The overcomer will feast on the hidden manna and will be given a shining white stone, on which would be inscribed his new name, known only to the one who receives it (Revelation 2:17 TPT).
- To the Church in Thyatira: The overcomer (of the stronghold, Jezebel) will receive authority over the nations (Revelation 2:26 TPT). The prerequisite to rule over a nation would be to overcome Jezebel.
- To the Church in Sardis: The overcomer will be dressed in a white robe and his name will never be erased from the Book of Life (Revelation 3:5 TPT).
- To the Church in Philadelphia: The overcomer will be a pillar in the sanctuary, permanently secure and Jesus will write His own name on him (Revelation 3:12 TPT).
- To the Church in Laodicea: The overcomer will receive the privilege of sitting with Him on His throne, just as He conquered and sat down with His Father on His throne (Revelation 3:21 TPT).

Glory to God for the overcomers! As Christ overcame, we will also overcome!

So be made strong even in your weakness by lifting up your tired hands in prayer and worship. And strengthen your weak knees,¹³ for as you keep walking forward on God's paths all your stumbling ways will be divinely healed! Hebrews 12:12-13 TPT

"Faith is not merely a thought of which I lay hold, a conviction that possesses me - it is a life. Faith brings the soul into direct contact with God, and the unseen things of heaven, but above all, with the blood of Jesus. It is impossible to believe in victory over satan by the blood without being myself brought entirely under its power. Belief in the power of the blood awakens in me a desire for an: experience of its power in myself; each experience of its power makes belief in victory more carious."

(Murray, Andrew. The Power of the Blood of Jesus [Illustrated] [Annotated] (pp. 162-163). Niche Edition. Kindle Edition).

Let us seek to enter into perfect reconciliation with Adonai. Constantly exercise faith in the assurance that the Blood has cleansed you from all sin. Yield yourself to be sanctified and brought nigh to Adonai through His Blood. Let it be your life-giving nourishment and power. Only then will you have an unbroken experience of victory over satan and his temptations. Let us not forget that the resurrection and ascension of Jesus, and the casting out of satan, were the results of the shedding of His Blood. The sprinkling of the Blood opens the way to full enjoyment of resurrection with Jesus, and of being seated with Him in the heavenly places.

A Great Multitude

What an amazing revelation that YHWH will command that the plaques be held back until His loving servants are sealed in their foreheads.

*After this I looked, and behold, right in front of me I saw a vast multitude of people—an enormous multitude so huge that no one could count—made up of victorious ones from every nation, tribe, people group, and language. They were all in glistening white robes, standing before the throne and before the Lamb with **palm branches** in their hands. ¹⁰ And they shouted out with a passionate voice: “Salvation belongs to our God seated on the throne and to the Lamb!” ¹¹ All the angels were standing in a circle around the throne with the elders and the four living creatures, and they all fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing: “Amen! Praise and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving, honor, power, and might belong to our God forever and ever! Amen!”*

Revelation 7:9-12 TPT

The palm tree is symbolic of victory. In this case, victory over death through the resurrection. It symbolises the conflicts which are carried on between the flesh and the spirit. It not only expresses victory already gained but victory in anticipation.

When the crowd at the feast in Jerusalem heard Jesus was coming, they took branches of palm trees and went to meet the Messiah. They cried out, “*Hosanna, blessed is the King of Israel who comes in the name of the Lord*” (John 12:12-13 TPT). This was in anticipation of their King victoriously freeing them from the Roman Empire.

The palm tree is the symbol of martyrdom, for the early Christians considered death to be victory. Therefore, we conquer when we fall.

Palms grow in the desert, where they overcome the arid climate. Deborah sat under a palm tree as a judge of Israel and received the strategy to overcome her enemies.

One elder asked John, *“Who are these people dressed in white robes and where do they come from?”* (Revelation 7:13 GNB) John did not know, so the elder answered him, *“These are the people who have come safely through the terrible persecution. They have washed their robes and made them white with the Blood of the Lamb.”* (Revelation 7:14 GNB)

They were overcomers!

There is a vital connection between the sprinkling of the Blood and the joys of Heaven. A true, intimate connection with the Blood will enable the believer to share in the joy and glory of Heaven, even while still on the earth. The Blood gives us the right to a place in Heaven and it also makes us fit for the pleasures and joys of Heaven.

Only those who washed their robes and made them white in the BLOOD of the LAMB will find a place before the throne of God. That washing takes place during our life on Earth - not in Heaven and also not at death, but HERE! Do not deceive yourselves by having a hope of Heaven if you have not been cleansed by the precious Blood of the Lamb. Do not dare to meet death unless Jesus has cleansed you with His Blood.

A New Song

When Moses led the people of Israel through the Red Sea, they sang a song of victory to Jehovah when they got to the other side.

*Then the sons of Moses and Israel sang this song to Jehovah, and spoke, saying, I will sing to Jehovah, for He has **triumphed gloriously**; the horse and his rider He has thrown into the sea. ²Jehovah is my strength and song, and He has become my salvation. He is my God, and I will glorify Him, my father's God, and I will exalt Him. Exodus 15:1-2 MKJV*

After being in the wilderness for over 17 years, I also wrote a “new song” of victory on 28 March 2017. How wonderful that God completed a full circle in my life! I attached this at the end of this book as an encouragement. You too will have your personal song of victory when you release faith to overcome.

There is a corporate group of overcomers on the sea of glass - those who overcame the beast, his image, his mark, his number and his name, and they sing the victor’s song of Moses!!

And I saw as it were a sea of glass mingled with fire. And those who had gotten the victory over the beast, and over his image, and over his mark, and over the number of his name, stand on the sea of glass, having the harps of God. ³And they sing the song of Moses the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb, saying, Great and marvelous are Your works, Lord God Almighty, just and true are Your ways, O King of saints. Revelation 15:2-3 MKJV

Who are those standing on the sea of glass? Revelation 14 indicates that they are those who have been marked in their foreheads, as described in Revelation 7.

The Lamb and the 144,000

And I looked, and lo, the Lamb stood on Mount Zion. And with Him were a hundred and forty-four thousands, having His Father's name written in their foreheads. ²And I heard a voice from Heaven, like the voice of many waters and like the voice of a great thunder. And I heard the voice of harpers harping with their harps. ³And they sang as it were a new song before the throne and before the four living creatures and the elders. And no one could learn that song except the hundred and forty-four thousands who were redeemed from the earth. ⁴These are those who were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are those who follow the Lamb wherever He goes. These were redeemed from among men, as a firstfruit to God and to the Lamb. ⁵And in their mouth was found no guile, for they were without blemish before the throne of God. Revelation 14:1-5 MKJV

Ye who are redeemed

We can add absolutely nothing to the Blood. Those who accept, acknowledge and apply the Blood, and who wash their robes in it, will be redeemed and have access to the throne. Through His Blood, He cleanses us and invites us to drink His Blood. It is only through the Blood that we will be fit for full fellowship with Jesus and the Father in Heaven. The Blood prepares us for Heaven. Even while we are here on Earth, we can be heavenly-minded.

The Blood is always before the throne of grace. When we allow its power to manifest in our hearts, we will have unbroken fellowship with God and

the Lamb. The Blood bestows the blessedness of Heaven in our hearts, while we are still living on Earth. It gives us a foretaste of life in eternal glory. The precious Blood connects life on Earth with life in Heaven.

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VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD

Man can only overcome by the Blood, the word of his testimony, and by laying down his own life, not to love it to the end.

1. When we struggle to overcome, it might be because we are violating the Blood.
2. When we do not understand the Blood, it might be why we are constantly fighting demons and yet do not overcome them.

Only the Blood gives us access to the Throne to stand before the Father. We need to dip our robes in the BLOOD and be free of any self-righteous deeds to have the privilege to stand before the Father.



My Victor's Song – A New Song

1st Day of the Month Nissan in the Year 5777.

The Lord Answered Me!

***God Almighty's promise for me
came through***

I Prayed to my Lord

I love God because he listened to
me,

listened as I begged for mercy.

He listened so intently
as I laid out my case before him.

Death stared me in the face,
hell was hard on my heels.

Up against it, I didn't know which
way to turn;

then I called out to God for help:
"Please, God!" I cried out.

"Save my life!"

God is gracious — it is He who
makes things right,

our most compassionate God.

God takes the side of the helpless;
when I was at the end of my rope,
He saved me.

*"But before any of this happens,
they'll arrest you,*

*Hunt you down, and drag you to
court and jail.*

*It will go from bad to worse,
dog-eat-dog, and everyone at your
throat*

*because you carry My Name" says
the Lord.*

*"You'll end up on the witness
stand, called to testify*

*But make up your mind not to
worry about it*

*I will give you the words and
wisdom that will*

*reduce all your accusers to
stammers and stutters."*

(Luke 21:12 MSG)

*"When all these things start to
happen, up on your feet*

*Stand tall with your heads high
Help is on the way!*

*Your redemption - deliverance is
drawing near."*

(Luke 21:27 MSG - AMP)

I stood before the Cross
On my knees
Enfolded in my "black" Talith
Holding my Rod
Praying for my "deliverance".

On this day – the
1st Day of Nissan - 5777
My Lord's promise came through
And His mighty right hand moved
He brought me out of Egypt -
My sinful life
All the prison doors opened
and all the chains broke loose
and I came out of captivity and
bondage!

"But for you who fear my name,
the Sun of Righteousness will rise
with healing in his wings.
And you will go free, leaping with
joy
like calves let out to pasture."
And I sing a song to My Lord
My Deliverer.
He is my Fortress
He is my Light House

He is my Tower of Refugee
He is my Stronghold
He is my Rock
In Him I trusted
The Horn of my salvation
My High Tower!

***I sing a song - a new song
The Lord is my Stronghold***

I stood at the Red Sea
God commanded me to split the
sea
So, I took thy rod
Commanded the water to split
and walked through my
water of baptism,
I died with Christ,
Raised with Christ and am
Seated with Him!

***And I sing a new song with
Thanksgiving - Towdah to my
Lord!***

But all my enemies followed me
Saying we will pursue –
We will overtake you

I looked back
The Lord winked His eye

and I knew...
Softly I touched the waters with
mine rod
Through the mighty love, power,
grace and mercy
The waters closed on my enemies
And they drowned!

**And I sing a new song –
His courts with Praise - Tehilah**
God My Rock
Poured out His living water onto
me
in the wilderness
His divine provision of manna
Strengthens me – day-by-day

**And I sing a new song to
Bless His Name - Barak**
My Lord then called unto me!
Come out of the wilderness!
I stood at Mount Kadish-Barnea
Facing again my Giants on the
other side of the Jordan River
I picked five stones - My Rocks
And defeated mine enemies
In the mighty name of Christ Jesus
And the Lord Baptised me
with the Holy Spirit

Now the Holy Spirit lives within me!
And I reign and rule with
power and authority
given to Me!

**And I sing a song - a new song
with Power and Might**

God commanded me -
Make time!
Go to a place of rest and
restoration!
My promised land!
My dominion rest!
Come up to the new Jerusalem -
Zion!

Where inner (*emotional and
spiritual*) healing can take place
through the ministry of the Holy
Spirit

Where I, the Lord, promise to bring
you to a place of protection and
safety –

The new Jerusalem or Salvation

And I will give you holiness and
purity, praise and worship, glory,
victory and happiness!

I will give thee protection and
oversight

This is My promise says the Lord
and
You will then obey my
commandments

Great and marvelous *are* thy
works, Lord God Almighty; just and
true *are* thy ways, thou King of
saints.

Warring through thy enemies
God Almighty destroyed all the
enemies
And I entered my promised land
Entering into the Lord's Rest
Ceasing from all mine works!

**And I sing a song –
A new song of Freedom –
Yes, I am Free!
In Jesus Name**

HALLELUJAH!

***And I sing a new song -
The Lord shall reign forever and
ever***

And I saw as it were a sea of glass
mingled with fire:
and them that had gotten
the **victory** over the **beast**,
and over his **image**,
and over his **mark**,
and over the **number** of his name,
stand on the sea of glass,
having the harps of God.

And they sing the song of Moses,
the servant of God, and the song of
the Lamb, saying;

Conclusion

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And this is the record (the witness), that Adonai hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his SON. ¹²He that hath the Son hath life; and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life.

1 John 5:11-12 KJV

Without these three witnesses – the BLOOD, the WATER and the SPIRIT - there is no Good News and therefore no Gospel. The Good News is that His Blood was shed and sprinkled to give us a new life! Let us believe in the Blood, apply the Blood and add nothing to it to fully receive all its benefits!

A Prophetic Word to the Reader

On the 9th of March 2023, someone delivered a prophetic message to me which she had received in a vision. The title of the prophetic word was “**Lenos – a winepress**”. In the vision, a messenger from Heaven delivered a message to her that I, El-Azar, was dead. She said to the messenger that it was impossible since she had recently stood with me in faith for a blessing for the ministry.

In the vision, the messenger returned after a few days to announce that I had direct access to the “atonement”. She asked the messenger why I couldn’t have access to the revelations while still living on Earth. Why was it necessary for me to die to get access to the atonement? The messenger showed her a small tool, like a garlic presser. Instead of garlic, it crushed coffee beans to produce coffee, similar to olives pressed to produce olive oil. On the tool was written **Lenos**, which means “**wine press**”.

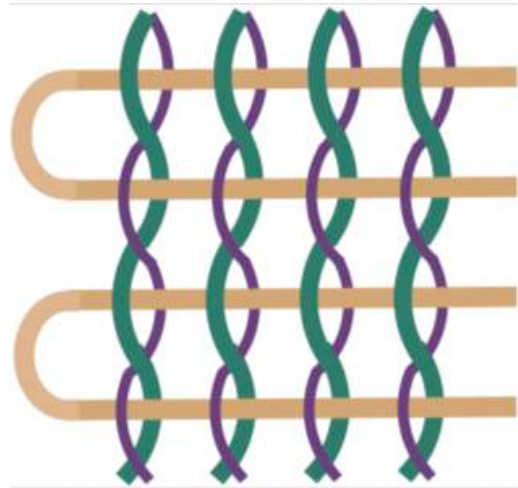
Then the messenger explained:

“El-Azar agreed with Adonai that a ‘**fleshly sacrifice**’ (water) will have to be made to understand the “**atonement**” (Blood) on a deeper level because it can only be understood in the spirit. This unique sacrifice was necessary as a prerequisite to receiving this deep level of understanding of the atonement of the Blood.”

**THIS TRUTH IS AN END-TIME MESSAGE FOR THE BODY OF CHRIST. TO
FULLY UNDERSTAND, AN EARTHLY DEATH IS REQUIRED.**

Further explanation of **Lenos**, also called 'leno weave':

This is a weave structure in which paired warp yarns are intertwined, producing a firm, open mesh. Warp yarns are twisted together in pairs between the weft or filling yarns. A leno weave (also called gauze weave or cross weave) is a weave in which two warp yarns are woven around the weft yarns to provide a strong yet sheer fabric. The standard warp yarn is paired with a skeleton or 'doup' yarn. These twisted warp yarns grip tightly to the weft, which causes the durability of the fabric. Leno weave produces an open fabric with almost no yarn slippage or misplacement of threads.



At the time this message was released, I experienced many trials and persecutions and it was such an emotional experience to realise why all of us need to go through the winepress. Over time, the Holy Spirit weaves His likeness and image within us. He has been twisting Himself within me through trials and persecutions to make me strong enough to endure and develop maturity of character to deliver this message to you, God's people.

Moreover [let us also be full of joy now!] let us exult and triumph in our troubles and rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that pressure and affliction and hardship produce patient and unswerving endurance. ⁴And endurance (fortitude) develops maturity of character (approved faith and tried integrity). And character [of

this sort] produces [the habit of] joyful and confident hope of eternal salvation. Romans 5:3-4 AMPC

I immediately thought about the trials and persecutions that Paul went through, which were far beyond human understanding. His sufferings led to him writing two-thirds of the New Testament. Then the Holy Ghost reminded me of the sufferings of Christ. No human that I am aware of has ever sweated BLOOD! The physical torture Jesus went through cannot be compared with the spiritual torture He took upon Himself – the sins of this world. He is and was holy, but SIN entered Him - all sexual perversity (such as bestiality, incest, homosexuality), murder, gossip, slander, bloodshed of the innocent, abortions, rejection, hatred, resentment and the list goes on and on. His sufferings were to birth sons and daughters for the Kingdom, a total cancellation of the death and guilt penalty. Then I realised what a small price it was for me to pay to receive such a revelation to share with the Body of Christ.

“What a ‘small price’ did I, Yashuah, pay on the cross, to see the glorious reward of brothers and sisters and sons and daughters of the Kingdom come to Me so that we can be one with the Father.”

For now he towers above all creation, for all things exist through him and for him. And that God made him, pioneer of our salvation, perfect through his sufferings, for this is how he brings many sons and daughters to share in his glory. ¹¹ Jesus, the Holy One, makes us holy. And as sons and daughters, we now belong to his same Father, so he is not ashamed or embarrassed to introduce us as his brothers and sisters! ¹² For he has said, “I will reveal who you really are to my brothers and sisters, and I will glorify you with praises in the midst of the congregation.” ¹³ And, “My confidence

*rests in God!" And again he says, "Here I am, one with the children
Yahweh has given me." Hebrews 2:10-13 TPT*

*Since all his "children" have flesh and blood, so Jesus became
human to fully identify with us. He did this, so that he could
experience death and annihilate the effects of the intimidating
accuser who holds against us the power of death.
Hebrews 2:14 TPT*

**Let us not take this message lightly!
The Blood is eternally available for FREE for our benefit,
but it cost the Father His only begotten Son!**

Let us not violate the precious BLOOD of our Passover Lamb!

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THE VIOLATION OF THE BLOOD

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We have come to Jesus, who established a new covenant with His Blood sprinkled upon the mercy seat - Blood that continues to speak forgiveness from heaven, a better message than Abel's blood, which cried justice from the earth (Hebrews 12:24 TPT).

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LET US NOT VIOLATE THE BLOOD!

(Violation means breaking or failing to comply with a rule or formal agreement. It is failing to respect someone's peace, privacy, or rights. It treats something sacred with irreverence or disrespect.)