

THERE IS NOT JUST POWER IN THE BLOOD,
BUT THERE IS DANGER IN THE BLOOD.
(Part 1)

When talking about blood as we know it.....human blood

1. Our Blood has a very short life span.
2. The average person has about ten pints of blood in his or her body.
3. Over half of it is liquid, called plasma
4. And most of the rest of it is made up of red cells,
5. Red Blood Cells die after 120 days
and are constantly being replaced.

In contrast, one of the most non-perishable things on earth is **gold**.

1. Not even salt water affects it –
2. Even if it lies in it for centuries.

1 Peter 1:18-19

"For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

The blood of Jesus certainly is not perishable."

1. There are at least 43 references to the blood of Christ in the New Testament,
2. The blood of Jesus will never lose its power.

OLD TESTAMENT – GOD MAKING A COVENANT WITH MAN

Exodus 24:8

*"Moses then took the blood, sprinkled it on the people and said, "This is the **blood of the covenant** that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."*

Hebrews 9:13

*"The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are **outwardly clean**."*

1. Jews were pious people – careful not to sin outwardly
2. If they did sin, they would offer an animal sacrifice
 - a. Blood of goats and bulls would only mask our sins before God
 - i. Hide them
 - ii. Like during Passover
 - a. Blood on doorpost – God would just pass over those houses
 - b. Didn't affect the people on the inside (they were still the same people)

iii. That's the reason they had to keep making animal sacrifices year-after-year

3. Sins were excused, Not Forgiven

4. ILLUSTRATION

Like at school, if you do something bad or get in trouble, you get a disciplinary referral. When you meet with the Principal or Assistant Principal they may give you a pass/a pardon.

BUT GOES DOWN ON YOUR PERMANENT RECORD

Same if you commit a crime – Me with shoplifting at 17 years old (\$2.50 8 track tape). I was given a 3 month suspended sentence (3 months probation) and a small fine. But the offense stayed on my permanent record. I still have to report this on every job application I fill out. I'm sure just having something there has removed my name for some possible jobs. This was almost 50 years ago.

IT'S STILL ON MY RECORD

1. Not forgotten
2. Still Consequences

5. Hebrews 10:3-4

"But those sacrifices are an annual reminder of sins, because it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."

NEW COVENANT: Jesus Brought in a New Covenant

Matthew 26:27-28

"Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

1. Different from the Old Covenant
2. Jesus understood that the First Covenant only to disguised (excuse) our sins
3. Sins were not just a manifestation of 'Outward Actions'
 - a. Jesus addressed Sins are **"in the heart"**

i. Mark 7:20-23

"He went on: "What comes out of a man is what makes him 'unclean.' For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man 'unclean.'"

ii. Matt 5 Sermon on the Mount

1. Anger/Hatred – Murder

2. Lust – Adultery

4. BLOOD OF JESUS – (UNDER THE NEW COVENANT) – 5 Things We Get From The Blood Of Jesus

a. NOT MASKED, BUT FORGIVEN

i. **Ephesians 1:7** says that,

“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.”

1. Once and for all time
2. God Forgets
3. Keeps no record of our wrongs

b. CLEAR CONSCIENCE

i. **Hebrews 9:9-10**

*“This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to **clear the conscience** of the worshiper. They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings--external regulations applying until the time of the new order.”*

ii. **Hebrews 9:14**

*“How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, **cleanse our consciences** from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!”*

c. NO LONGER DESIRE TO SIN:

i. **Romans 6:1-4**

“What shall we say, then? Shall we go on sinning so that grace may increase? By no means! We died to sin; how can we live in it any longer? Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.”

This is where we come into contact with the Blood of Christ

ii. **Hebrews 10:26-31**

*“If we deliberately keep on sinning after we have received the knowledge of the truth, no sacrifice for sins is left, but only a fearful expectation of judgment and of raging fire that will consume the enemies of God. Anyone who rejected the law of Moses died without mercy on the testimony of two or three witnesses. How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the **blood of the covenant** that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace? For we know him who said, “It*

is mine to avenge; I will repay," and again, "The Lord will judge his people." It is a dreadful thing to fall into the hands of the living God."

THIS IMPLIES THAT WE NO LONGER DESIRE SIN

NO LONGER A DELIBERATE DESIRE

d. CONFIDENCE - Clear Conscience produces Confidence

i. Hebrews 10:19-22

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water."

e. WITHSTAND the deceptions and accusations of Satan

Revelation 12:11

"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death."

- i. This is the last reference in the Bible to the shed blood of the Lord Jesus Christ
- ii. Here it is the overcoming blood, enabling believers.
- iii. The verse is about the power of the blood of Jesus;
 - a) Gives us weapons that we can use in our lives
 - b) It's a weapon that has never lost his power
 - c) It's highly effective.
 - d) The devil and demons begin to squirm,
 - e) It's what ultimately defeated the devil

iv. ILLUSTRATION:

In the 14th century, Robert Bruce of Scotland was leading his men in a battle to gain independence from England. Near the end of the conflict, the English wanted to capture Bruce to keep him from the Scottish crown. So they put his own bloodhounds on his trail. When the bloodhounds got close, Bruce could hear their baying. His attendant said, "We are done for. They are on your trail, and they will reveal your hiding place." Bruce replied, "It's all right." Then he headed for a stream that flowed through the forest. He plunged in and waded upstream a short distance. When he came out on the other bank, he was in the depths of the forest. Within minutes, the hounds, tracing

their master's steps, came to the bank. They went no farther. The English soldiers urged them on, but the trail was broken. The stream had carried the scent away. A short time later, the crown of Scotland rested on the head of Robert Bruce.

With the Blood of Jesus – Satan can no longer take us away from our crown – which is our destiny
Satan can no longer chase us in the afterlife – we have eternal forgiveness