

## The Blood of Christ

1 John 1:7

but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus His Son** cleanses us from all sin.

### /What the blood of Christ has accomplished\

Acts 20:28

"Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, **to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.** 29 "I

/The blood of Christ has purchased the church of God. This is Redemption, a finished work of Christ on the cross. Act 20:28\

Rom 3:21-25

21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 **being justified** as a gift by His grace through **the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;** 25 whom God displayed publicly as a **propitiation in His blood through faith.**

/God displayed Christ Jesus publicly as a propitiation in His blood. God the Father , His righteousness and His justice, is completely satisfied with us on the basis of the blood of Christ. We enter into the benefits of propitiation through faith. Rom 3:21-25\

Also, we have been justified as a gift through this redemption which is also by the blood of Christ. We have already been justified because we believed in Christ.

/This means because we are believers we are already declared righteous, meaning totally acceptable forever in God's sight.\

Rom 5:8-11

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, **having now been justified by His blood,** we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him. 10 For if while we were enemies **we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son,** much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. 11 And not only this, but we also exult in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

/Here again is repeated the fact that we have already been justified by the blood of Christ. And in addition we have already been completely reconciled to God through the death of His Son.

Rom 5:8-11\

Eph 1:7-8

A **In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,** according to the riches of His grace 8 which He lavished on us.

/We already have the redemption through the blood of Christ, and that means that we already have the forgiveness of our trespasses. Eph 1:7\

Col 1:19-20

For it was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, **having made peace through the blood of His cross;** through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.

/Christ has already made peace through the blood of His cross. Col 1:20\

What do all of these strong, clear, and definitive passages have in common?

/First, they speak of the blood of Christ in terms of things that have ALREADY HAPPENED in the past.\

/Second, they speak of the complete and finished work of Christ on the cross.\

/Third, they speak of the forgiveness of sins as something that the blood of Christ has already accomplished for the believer.\

/Acts 10:43

"Of Him all the prophets bear witness that through His name **everyone who believes in Him** receives **forgiveness of sins.**" \

/Acts 13:38-39

"Therefore let it be known to you, brethren, that through Him **forgiveness of sins** is proclaimed to you, 39 and through Him **everyone who believes is freed from all things,** from which you could not be freed through the Law of Moses.\

/Acts 26:18

18 to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the dominion of Satan to God, that they may receive **forgiveness of sins** and an inheritance among those who have been **sanctified by faith in Me.**' \

Those quotes are significant because that means these are the very words spoken by Jesus Himself – to Paul on that Damascus road.

/And this complete forgiveness of sins is the universal testimony of the New Testament epistles directed toward church age believers.\

/Eph 4:32

Be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as **God in Christ also has forgiven you.**\

Has forgiven you. It is finished!

/Col 2:13

When you were dead in your transgressions and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He made you alive together with Him, **having forgiven us all our transgressions.**\

Having forgiven us - at the cross.

Having forgiven us ALL our transgressions – past, present, and future.

And right here in 1 John God's word tells the church age believer the same thing:

/1 John 2:12

12 I am writing to you, little children, because **your sins have been forgiven you** for His name's sake. \

This is not said to our about the unbeliever when he believes. This is said about US – believers.

There is no distinction in any of these passages between pre-salvation and post-salvation sins.

Your sins HAVE BEEN forgiven you for His name's sake. Already. All your sins – past, present, and future – have been forgiven you for the sake of the name of Jesus Christ!

Heb 9:11-14

11 But when Christ appeared as a **high priest** of the good things to come, He **entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle**, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation;

Heb 9:12 and not through the blood of goats and calves, but **through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, 14 **how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

/Knowing the truth about what the blood of Christ HAS ACCOMPLISHED for us, the finished work, the blood, serves to cleanse our conscience. Put aside dead works meant to deal with the guilt of our sins. Heb 9:11-14\

The blood has already dealt with the guilt of our sins. With our conscience cleansed from the issue of our sins, we are free to serve the living God.

Heb 9:24-26

24 For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 nor was it that He would offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood that is not his own. 26 Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages **He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.**

/When reading this next passage (Heb 10), the key is to understand that the blood of the animal sacrifices from the Old Testament is contrasted in every particular with the blood of Christ.\ Inferior to superior....shadow to substance

Heb 10:1-25

1 For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.

/But Christ's blood can and did!\

Heb 10:2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?

Worshipers of Christ have been cleansed once and for all by the blood of Christ, and therefore ought not to have consciousness of sins any longer, in the sense of thinking they are held over them, unpropitiated, not forgiven.

Heb 10:3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. 4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

/But the blood of Christ takes away the sins, and therefore there is no reminder of sins here.\

Heb 10:5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY YOU HAVE PREPARED FOR ME;

6 IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE TAKEN NO PLEASURE.

7 "THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE SCROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO YOUR WILL, O GOD.'"

8 After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN YOU HAVE NOT DESIRED, NOR HAVE YOU TAKEN PLEASURE in them" (which are offered according to the Law), 9 then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO YOUR WILL." He takes away the first in order to establish the second.

**10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.**

<REPEAT THIS a few times!!>

11 Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; 12 but **He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD,** 13 waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET.

Heb 10:14 **For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.** 15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us; for after saying,

16 "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND ON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM,"

He then says,

17 **"AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE."**

Heb 10:18 Now where there is **forgiveness** of these things, **there is no longer any offering for sin.**

A New and Living Way

Heb 10:19 Therefore, brethren, since we have **confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus,**

/We have confidence to enter THE HOLY PLACE because we have been made holy, perfectly sanctified, by the blood of Jesus!!\

Heb 10:20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 **let us draw near** with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, **having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.**

Heb 10:23 Let us **hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,** for He who promised is faithful; 24 and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

God is crying out in His word for you to DRAW NEAR to Him!

/Heaven is now open to you 24 hours a day and 7 days a week because of the wondrous blood of Jesus Christ.\

There are no barriers to believers enjoying the blessings purchased by the blood of Christ.

The blessing of knowing you are completely forgiven

The blessing of a cleansed conscience

The blessing of having boldness and confident access to God through faith in Christ

The blessing of the confidence to enter THE HOLY PLACE by the blood of Jesus...an OPEN HEAVEN!

1 Peter 1:18-19

knowing that you were not **redeemed** with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but **with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.**

Rev 1:4-7

4 **John** to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, Rev 1:5 and from **Jesus Christ**, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and **released us from our sins by His blood** — 6 and He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father — to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

/Jesus Christ loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood. Rev 1:5\

Rev 5:8-10

When He had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before **the Lamb**, each one holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sang a new song, saying,

" Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for **You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.**

10 "You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth."

/So we need to understand the reference to the blood of Jesus in 1 John 1:7 in light of the clear, powerful testimony of the rest of the New Testament epistles concerning the blood of Christ.\

1 John 1:7

7 but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

The clear testimony of the book of Romans is that the blood of Jesus has cleansed us - believers - from all sin.

The clear testimony of the book of Ephesians, and the book of Colossians, is that the blood of Jesus has cleansed us – believers - from all sin.

The clear testimony of the book of Hebrews, and 1 Peter, and the book of Revelation (written by the apostle John), is that the blood of Jesus has cleansed us – believers - from all sin.

And the clear testimony of the New Testament is that believers have been forgiven of all their sins and cleansed from all unrighteousness.