



Life Principles Notes

Practical Lessons for Understanding the Word of God

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS

KEY PASSAGE: 1 Peter 1:17-21 | **SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:** Leviticus 17:11 | Ezekiel 18:20 | John 1:29
Romans 3:23; 5:8-10, 17; 6:23 | 2 Corinthians 5:18-21 | Ephesians 1:7-8 | Colossians 1:19-22
Hebrews 9:24-28; 10:19; 13:12 | 1 John 1:7, 9; 2:1-2

SUMMARY:

What word of the Bible does Satan hate and fear more than any other?

The word “blood.” The Old Testament mentions it 427 times, and the New Testament uses it 84 times. Any time a word appears that frequently in Scripture, it must be important. The truth is, apart from the blood of Christ, you and I could not have a relationship with our heavenly Father. Jesus’ sacrificial death made it possible for sinful man to approach holy God. Because of His blood, believers are redeemed, forgiven, justified, sanctified, and have access to their Creator. No wonder we call it the precious blood of Jesus.

SCRIPTURAL PRINCIPLES:

The blood of Jesus is precious because of who He is.

Christ was not merely a man from Bethlehem. He was the Son of God, born of a virgin. Many people today—including some pastors—shy away from defending this fact. But it is actually quite important. Because Jesus was conceived of the Holy Spirit, there was no sin transferred to Him through an earthly father. In the Old Testament, any animal offered as a sacrifice had to be perfect, without spot or defect. That perfection represented holiness. Scripture tells us that the sacrifices described in the Old Testament foreshadowed Christ’s death. In order for Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of the world, He had to

be morally perfect. That’s why it’s so important that He did not have a sin nature.

The blood of Jesus is precious because of why He came.

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible has one main theme—the story of the Father’s redeeming love for mankind. Christ came as the Son of God with the purpose of dying for the sins of humanity. He was the sacrificial Lamb offered in our place. The blood of Jesus Christ is absolutely essential to our relationship with God. Those who refuse it will spend eternity separated from the Father.

The blood of Jesus is precious because of what it provides.

Through it we receive:

■ **Redemption.** To redeem means *to buy back*. First Peter 1:18-19 says, “You were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.”

No matter how moral we are before accepting the gift of salvation, our nature is sinful (Ezekiel 18:20). None of us can say we are without sin (Rom. 3:23). Christ came as a substitute so that you and I would not have to die in our wrongdoing or live in bondage to it. Jesus went to the cross for the primary purpose of purchasing us from a life of slavery to sin.

■ **Forgiveness.** Ephesians 1:7 says, “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace.” You and I can be forgiven, not simply because God is merciful, but because Christ went to the cross and shed His blood for you. His death is payment for your sin. Salvation is not something you earn through good deeds or bargain for in exchange for promising to do better “next time.”

■ **Justification.** God is holy and must punish sin. Because Christ shed His blood in our place, the Father can not only forgive our sin, but also declare us righteous. We call this process “justification.” Romans 5:9 says, “Having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.” When you trust the Lord Jesus Christ as your Savior, justification not only takes care of the sin debt, God makes you a righteous person as well (Rom. 5:17). We are declared holy in God’s eyes even though you and I may not always act like it. The gift of righteousness should motivate us to live a godly life.

■ **Reconciliation.** The simplest way for me to illustrate reconciliation is to use an example from marriage. Imagine a couple that has a terrible fight—one that ends in a separation. After a period of time, one of them wonders if they made a mistake. So that person takes the initiative, the couple begins talking, and soon, they are absolutely in love with each other again. That husband and wife were reconciled—separated for a time and then reunited.

At salvation, a person is reconciled to the Lord. Scripture says, “It was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Christ, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross” (Col. 1:19-20). This happens only in response to God’s call—no one is saved by his or her own initiative.

■ **Sanctification.** *The process of being set apart for God’s purposes and being made holy* is only possible because of the blood of Christ (Heb. 13:12). It is a one-time event that happens at salvation and is also a life-long process. God continues to prune us so that we become more and more fruitful for His kingdom. You and I should never stop growing in holiness and purity.

■ **Access to God.** Under the law given to Moses, God resided in the Holy of Holies. This section of the temple was so sacred that only one priest was allowed in—once per year. He also had to perform sacred rituals, including being sprinkled with the blood of a sacrificed animal. Today, the only reason Christians can approach God is because, spiritually speaking, we are covered in the blood of Jesus (Heb. 10:19). In other words, the Father listens to and answers our prayers because we are allowed to draw near to Him through the righteousness of Christ.

■ **Daily forgiveness.** After salvation, believers continue to do things that are unacceptable to God. First John 1:7 says, “The blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.” In Greek, the tense of the verb *cleanses* indicates that this word means “continues to cleanse.” This means if we confess our sins to God with a sincere heart, He faithfully forgives us over and over (1 John 1:9). The basis for that forgiveness is the blood Christ shed when He died in our place (1 John 2:1-2).

CONCLUSION:

Why is the blood of Jesus precious? Through it, we have redemption, justification, reconciliation, sanctification, access to God, and forgiveness. Nothing else in life has the power to do these day by day things. Apart from the blood of Christ, you and I would be destined to an eternity separated from almighty God.

Hebrews 9:27 says, “It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.” Are you ready to meet the Lord? My friend, if you haven’t trusted Jesus as Savior, I pray that you will do so. Ask Him to forgive your sins, and surrender your life to His control. The blood of Christ has made a way for you to be cleansed of wrongdoing and freed from guilt. Begin a new life in Him today. ✨



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