

## *Eleutheros Newsletter*

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### *Announcing the Eleutheros Books Global Fund*

*Only they would that we should remember the poor; the same which I also was forward to do ([Galatians 2:10](#)).*

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### **The Blood of Christ**

*And almost all things are by the Law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission ([Hebrews 9:22](#)).*

God has been revealing the importance of blood sacrifices since the time of Adam and Eve. After they fell into sin, God realized they had a need for clothing and some hope for forgiveness.

*Unto Adam and to his wife did the Lord make coats of skins, and clothed them ([Genesis 3:21](#)).*

The word "blood" does not appear here, but the implication is that God killed an animal, and therefore its blood was shed. The Lamb of God died thousands of years later, providing a way for mankind to be saved, allowing righteousness to be imputed from Him to those who believe. The coats of skin are pictures of "putting on the new man" ([Colossians 3:9-10](#)). Thus we see that this act in Genesis was a picture of what Jesus did for Christians.

Did Adam and Eve understand that Jesus was their Savior? Of course, the answer is "no," but they did understand that God was both holy and loving and that blood was shed so that they would not be ashamed.

There is a steady revelation about the blood throughout the Old Testament. The same can be said for grace and faith. These three bedrock truths have been an important part of God's revelation to man since the very beginning.

Below is a partial listing of the Old Testament's teaching about the blood:

***1. Abel's sacrifice was acceptable to God because an animal was offered, and therefore blood was shed. And in the process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the***

*ground an offering unto the Lord. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering; but unto Cain and his offering He had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell ([Genesis 4:3-5](#)).*

The rest of this story is revealed in verses 6-16 of this chapter. We can see what happens when somebody tries to change God's standard into something else, even though there was some effort made to make an offering to God.

Cain undoubtedly worked hard to produce "the fruit of the ground" which he offered to God. He probably felt that his offering was just as good as Abel's, but when Cain made the decision to ignore God's directions regarding sacrifices, to become rebellious in not making the adjustment to offer what God insisted on, and to kill his brother Abel, he fell very deep into sin and paid a heavy price as a result:

*And Cain said unto the Lord, My punishment is greater than I can bear ([Genesis 4:13](#)).*

**2. God revealed even more about the blood when He gave instructions to Moses about the Passover.** *Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month... ([Exodus 12:6a](#)).*

*And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two sideposts and on the upper door of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread: and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you ([Exodus 12:7-8, 13a](#)).*

These verses instruct that the lamb be "without spot," just as Jesus was sinless; and the blood was to be smeared clearly on the entrance to the house, just as believers are to have the blood of Christ applied to their hearts.

The results? When the Father sees the blood applied, deliverance is immediate, but the consequence of ignoring or disobeying God's command is death ([Exodus 12:29](#)).

**3. Blood was a part of many of the offerings prescribed by God soon after the first Passover.** The following offerings required blood: the sin offerings ([Leviticus 4:5-17](#)), burnt offerings ([Exodus 29:16](#)), atonement ([Leviticus 16:14-18](#)), trespass ([Leviticus 7:2](#)), peace ([Leviticus 3:2-13](#)), and the blood of the covenant ([Exodus 24:5-8](#)).

**4. God revealed clearly that both life and atonement for sin are 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 atonement for the soul ([Leviticus 17:11](#)).*

The "trail of blood" continues throughout the Old Testament. Surely Isaiah understood the importance of the blood when he wrote [Isaiah 53](#); and so did David when he wrote [Psalm 22](#).

Below is a partial list of the New Testament's teaching on the blood of Christ:

**1. At the last supper, the Lord instructed that the cup was representative of His shed blood. And He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for the remission of sins ([Matthew 26:28](#)).**

**2. The crown of thorns upon His head, the nails in His hands and feet, the scourging before the crucifixion, and the piercing of His side with a spear produced the precious blood which redeems us! Read [John 19](#).**

**3. The church universal was purchased by Christ's blood.** In his farewell meeting with the Ephesian elders, Paul said, *Take heed, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood ([Acts 20:28](#)).*

In addition, Christ's blood is the basis of justification ([Romans 5:9](#)), propitiation ([Romans 3:25a](#)), reconciliation ([Ephesians 2:16](#)), forgiveness (both for salvation and fellowship with God--[Ephesians 1:7-8](#); [I John 1:7](#)). His blood is vastly superior to the blood of bulls and goats ([Hebrews 9:11-12](#)), has great sanctifying power ([Hebrews 13:12](#)), is the basis for the everlasting covenant ([Hebrews 13:20](#)), and is the means to overcome Satan ([Revelation 12:9-11](#)).

Surely the blood of Christ is the most valuable commodity in all the history of the universe!

### **When I See the Blood**

John Foote

*Christ our Redeemer died on the cross,  
Died for the sinner,  
Paid all his due:  
Sprinkle you soul in the blood of the Lamb,  
And I will pass, will pass over you!*

*O great compassion! O boundless love!  
O loving kindness,  
Faithful and true!  
Find peace and shelter under the blood,  
And I will pass, will pass over you!*