

COMMUNION

**Take, Eat; This is My Body
Drink from It; All of You**

I **Ark of the Covenant.**



The efficacy of the Lord's blood was not in the fact that it was human blood, but that it represented something more than simple life, but the spiritual life being given for all mankind. **Remember life of animal is in blood, life of humans is in soul.** This is what made His sacrifice efficacious. It was the only sacrifice that would be put on the **Mercy Seat** of the heavenly **Holy of Holies**. Failure to understand *BLOOD OF CHRIST* has caused the heresy that JESUS CHRIST actually carried His blood into heaven and poured it on the heavenly **Mercy Seat**.

He (JESUS CHRIST) **entered the holy place once for all**, (this is in contrast with the earthly priest who entered the Holy of Holies **annually**—over and over. But JESUS CHRIST entered **once and for all**... having paid the final debt of sin.. The Old Testament sacrifices are over.

having obtained eternal redemption. Something the animal sacrifices could never provide but merely foreshadowed. The Greek word for **having obtained** means to find that which is sought!! Here sought by God the Father and obtained by the Son!

Redemption we studied the Doctrine of Redemption—*to release on receipt of ransom, to redeem or liberate by payment of a ransom* and that ransom price was not blood of animals but the Spiritual Death of the Lamb of God...

Sinners are slaves of sin, of Satan, of the Law, and of the flesh, but the Messiah by His work on Cross paid for their liberation.

The ransom price – spiritual death, for the wages of sin is death. And this spiritual death is seen in the outpouring of blood of animals... teaching of the Spiritual Death of JESUS CHRIST.

Eternal redemption

Do not blaspheme the work of JESUS CHRIST on cross and say someone can lose their Redemption, their Salvation.

Never!!

It is Eternal.

Ok, here is where some **heresy** sets in
...that JESUS CHRIST actually **took His literal blood to
heaven** to pour on the altar in **Holy of Holies**—

No, He entered into heaven having paid the price for sins, and presented Himself, Alive, Physically and Spiritually, far greater, far superior to offering His physical blood.

Verse 13 speaks of Levitical CEREMONIAL CLEANLINESS.

Verse 12 speaks of ETERNAL REDEMPTION.

but

Verse 13 deals with EXPERIENTIAL CLEANLINESS

Recovery from sin.

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,**

1 Again, this is *ritual cleansing*, not actual.

2 This is representative analogy for teaching purposes

3 Blood of goats and bulls does not cleans nor sanctify— only Faith in JESUS CHRIST sanctifies the unbeliever and Faith in the Holy Spirit sanctifies the believer.

4 **Defiled** here refers to sins in life---foot washing Principle. JESUS CHRIST's "blood" cleanses in reality, not ritually.

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?"**
Blood of the animal cleanses ceremonially.
Blood of Christ—cleanses from the actual sin.

A fact that few are aware of is the role of the Holy Spirit in JESUS CHRIST going to cross—

No animal sacrifice was ever filled with the Holy Spirit or led by the Holy Spirit.

But humanity of JESUS CHRIST
through the Holy Spirit offered Himself to God.

This is the Greek Genitive of Agency
who through or by the agency of the Eternal Spirit

What is interesting here is why the description **Eternal Spirit?**

Because what we are dealing with here will last for all eternity!
Mark 3:29 but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit

This means to refuse to believe in JESUS CHRIST as Savior.
never has forgiveness, (not referring to his personal sins, these were taken care of on the cross) **but is guilty of an eternal sin"**—
(Note the singular)—sin of refusing to believe in JESUS CHRIST and that refusal has eternal repercussions.

Whereas the work of JESUS CHRIST or the blood of Christ also has eternal repercussions because He went to the cross, through the agency of the Holy Spirit.

Galatians 6:8

8 **For the one who sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit shall from the Spirit reap eternal life.**

The one who tries to work for his Salvation shall reap corruption. But the one who responds to the Holy Spirit shall reap Eternal Life and why, because the Holy Spirit is the Eternal Spirit.

Hebrews 9:14

14 **How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself** (while the animal had no choice in offering himself, JESUS CHRIST voluntarily gave of Himself – this is the cost of our redemption...Himself) **without blemish to God,** (minus any sins; the animals were without blemish and so JESUS CHRIST without sin) **cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**

One of the biggest problems of Christians today is that they have a conscience from dead works. They are constantly performing works because of their conscience. This comes from a multitude of preachers who do not know the truth. People think they are Filled with the Holy Spirit by producing from their conscience - and their conscience is dead works.

So their conscience is filled with a number of dead works. This is how human good is developed, which is just as repugnant to God as sin and often leads to moral cowardice. If you're involved in dead works, you can't serve God.

And why not?

Because God is a **living God**

Dead works to serve a living God

To serve a living God you must have works from the living Eternal Spirit of God.

Also, **Hebrews 9:18**

18 **Therefore even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood.**

The New Covenant to the Church is in effect because of the Blood of JESUS CHRIST, His spiritual death on the cross. The old covenant, the Mosaic Law, was put into effect with animal blood since Christ had not yet died. The animal blood was a prophecy, looking forward to the spiritual death of JESUS CHRIST on cross... providing redemption, reconciliation, and propitiation.

Hebrews 9:20

20 **This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded you**

Hebrews 9:23

23 **Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens (earthly tabernacle) to be cleansed with these, (rituals of the tabernacle, and Mercy Seat, etc.) but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.**
THE CROSS

1 First Question:

Why does the heavenly tabernacle need to be cleansed, due to the very presence of God Himself?

- 1st God was present in the earthly tabernacle but its presence was marred by the sins of man.
- 2nd Man was to reside and enter the heavenly tabernacle and, therefore, had to be cleansed for man to enter.
- 2 The work of Christ is called "better sacrifices," because in receiving the judgment of our sins on cross, our Lord accomplished everything mentioned in the various categories of offerings, whether it is the red heifer offering for Spiritual Recovery from sins or the burnt offering for propitiation. All the sacrifices had a purpose... and our Lord accomplished them all. **BLOOD OF CHRIST**
- 3 Note that the **BLOOD OF CHRIST** is a better sacrifice than the blood of animals. Therefore, Hebrews 9:23 says that we have a representative analogy between the blood of animals and the blood of Jesus. There is no analogy between the physical death of the animal and the physical death of Christ. His physical death has nothing to do with His sacrifice. When the animals shed their blood on the altar... it was called a sacrifice.

The blood of Jesus **represents** the sacrifice of Christ in bearing our sins. His physical death is never called a sacrifice.

- 4 **Spiritual death** looks backward to the judgment of our sins and forward to the calling of many sons into glory. **Physical death** looks forward to resurrection. He had to die physically or there could be no resurrection.

His physical death was not a sacrifice.

The sacrifice was in His spiritual death. It is missing the whole point to say that Christ died physically for our sins.

- 5 The Literal Blood of our Lord's Physical Death on the Cross.

5.1 The literal blood is associated with our Lord's somatic or physical death.

John 19:30

30 **When Jesus therefore had received the sour wine, He *tetelestai* "It is finished!" And He bowed His head, and gave up His spirit. or exhaled His breath**

1. The perfect tense of ***tetelestai*** is a dramatic perfect; it happened in the past and the results go on forever.
2. He exhaled and simply never inhaled again.
3. He bowed His head for two reasons:

1st He had to push His head forward in order to push His body into position, leaning forward. This was so that the blood in His body could pool in the ventricles of the heart. and

2nd He was bowing in submission to God the Father that His work was completed. Redemption had been paid and propitiation met.

4. This was very significant. Generally when people died by crucifixion, they either slumped to the right or left. Or just sagged down, depending on how they were nailed. But Christ actually pushed His body forward and held that position in physical death.

Why:

Verse 33

but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs;

The Romans guards always had 24 hours off after a crucifixion, and so they were anxious to start their leave. So they would find those hanging who were still alive, and would take the butt of their spear and strike the thigh muscles of the victim, and break the femur bone. As a result, the victim's death would be hastened so that the soldiers could go home. When they went by to look at Jesus, He was already dead.

Thank God for this Roman soldier! He did us the greatest favor in clarifying once and for all the issue of the blood of Christ. That JESUS CHRIST did not bleed to death.

Verse 34

but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.

Plasma or serum looks like water, but it's not.

So John called it as he saw it: **water**.

John was not a medical doctor.

So what happened?

By pushing His head forward at physical death, our Lord prepared His body for the thrust of the Roman spear.

He knew this spear was coming, and it was very important;

For it revealed the true humanity of Christ.

It proved **He** was flesh and blood (as denied by contragnosticism).

There was another reason:

This demonstrated the fact that JESUS CHRIST did not die physically by bleeding to death - that's a false doctrine!

The arrangement of the aorta, the pulmonary artery, the diaphragm, and the veins were such that, because our Lord pushed His head forward, a large amount of the blood in His body settled in the left and right ventricles of the heart.

That was the reason why he did it.

This made our Lord's blood vulnerable to the spear thrust after physical death. But blood did not come out of his body until **after** He was dead and the Roman soldier thrust the spear into His side.

So when the spear thrust came, the platelets and serum especially looked like water, to John. So the translation "blood and water" referred actually to blood clots and serum.

5. All this indicated that Christ's blood was still in His body! He did not bleed to death. For most of His blood was still in His body and was not released until after His physical death.
Again, not being a medical doctor, John called it as he saw it, "blood and water .."
So Jesus did not bleed to death or even bleed excessively.
6. Therefore, the **literal, real** blood in our Lord's body has no direct relationship to His provision of our salvation. He did not bleed to death when He experienced somatic death.

So the literal blood of Christ refers to His physical death on the cross once His work was finished.

The figurative blood of Christ on the cross refers to His saving work.

Ephesians 1:7

In Him we have redemption through His blood, forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,

The Figurative Blood of Christ.

1. **The figurative blood of Christ** refers to His spiritual death on the cross, which is the saving work of our Lord JESUS CHRIST during the first advent.

2. **The literal blood of Christ** refers to His physical or somatic death on the cross, because the work of the first advent was finished.
3. Christ **died** twice on the cross, so that we might be **born** twice.
The **first birth** is the imputation of human life to the soul at physical birth.
The **second birth** is the imputation of Eternal Life to the human spirit at Regeneration.
In Regeneration, the Holy Spirit creates a human spirit for the imputation of Eternal Life.
4. **The spiritual death** of Christ relates to salvation, while the physical or somatic death of Christ relates to resurrection.
5. **The Spiritual death** of Christ looks backward to sin and forward to calling many sons into glory, Hebrews 2:10.
6. **The physical or somatic death** of Christ looks backward to His finished work on the cross and forward to His (RAS) Resurrection, Ascension and Session.

7. **The figurative blood** of JESUS CHRIST is associated with several categories of His saving work on the cross.
- 7a. **Redemption** is toward sin. Redemption means someone paid a ransom for your freedom. You were freed from the slave market of sin through the ransom called the blood of Christ.

Ephesians 1:7 correctly understood clears a lot of this up for us.

- 1 **In Him (JESUS CHRIST) we have redemption through His blood,** (figurative of something even greater. His Spiritual death) **the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace,**
The verb has a double accusative: **redemption** and **forgiveness.**
So the phrase "**the forgiveness of sins**" is in apposition to "**redemption through His blood.**" This means the BLOOD OF CHRIST is figurative, referring to His redemptive work.

1 Peter 1:18

- 18 **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.**

This is the figurative use of His blood, referring to His Spiritual death, as per I Peter 2:24,
He carried our sins in His own body on the cross.

A lamb without spot and without blemish

Emphasizes the representative analogy between the literal blood of the sacrificial animal on the altar and the figurative blood of Christ in being judged for our sins.

- 7b. **Reconciliation** is toward mankind. Man is reconciled to God because JESUS CHRIST in being judged for our sins, removed all the barriers between us and God.

Ephesians 2:13

- 13 **But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off** before Salvation when we were far removed from God's Righteousness—not *fall short of the Holiness of God but excluded* **have been brought near** (reconciliation) **by the blood of Christ.**

Colossians 1:20

- 20 **and through Him (JESUS CHRIST) 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.**

- 7c. **Propitiation** is toward God. God the Father is satisfied or propitiated with the death of our Lord.

Romans 3:24-26

- 24 **being justified as a gift** (freely, without payment) **by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;**

25 **whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation (Mercy Seat) in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance (clemency) of God He passed over the sins previously committed;**

26 **for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.**

In the Old Testament the sprinkling of the blood over the **Mercy Seat** indicated that God was holding back judgment of sins until the cross. For JESUS CHRIST is called the Mercy Seat, and God publicly displayed Him. The **Mercy Seat** in the *Holy of Holies* was the demonstration of God's propitiation or the saving work of Christ on the cross, related to the blood of Christ.

Propitiation is sometimes called Expiation.

Expiation means to make complete satisfaction, to purify, and is synonymous with propitiation.

7d. **Justification** is directed toward the Perfect Righteousness of God.

Romans 5:9

9 **Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.**

7e. **Sanctification** is related to the blood of Christ.

Hebrews 13:12

Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, (remember—*His own*, not animal and it is unique in that it speaks of His Spiritual death) **suffered outside the gate.**

Through the judgment of His blood we are set apart to God. Sanctification means relationship with the Holiness of God. God judged our sins on the cross and we receive +R (Perfect Righteousness) from God forever.

In **Hebrews 9:13-14** is a picture of the representative analogy in the blood.

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?**

8 In the Old Testament, under the ritual teaching by God, the sprinkling of blood was the means whereby the person who had sinned was ceremoniously unclean and he was cleansed by a ceremony, which was the shedding of the blood demonstrating a continual trust in work of Blood of Christ

8a What the literal blood of the animal sacrifice accomplished under the ritual plan in the Old Testament is now accomplished by the figurative work of Christ or His saving work on the cross in the grace Plan of God.

9 The figurative blood of Christ = Redemption + Justification + Reconciliation + Propitiation, or the total saving work of Christ.

II Now we deal with the Representative analogy of the BLOOD OF Christ; Last Week we looked at the physical death of JESUS CHRIST on Cross.

1. He had to die physically before He could have a resurrection body. He had to have a resurrection body before He could ascend. He had to have a resurrection, ascension and session at the right hand of the Father before He could become the head of the church.

So the uniqueness of the Church Age is directly related to the literal blood on the cross.

1 John 5:6-8

6 **This is the one (JESUS CHRIST, Son of God) who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ; not with the water only, but with the water and with the blood.**

7 **And it is the Spirit who bears witness, because the Spirit is the truth.**

8 **For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement.**

This explains John 19:32-35

32 **the soldiers therefore came, and broke the legs of the first man, and of the other man who was crucified with Him;**

33 **but coming to Jesus, when they saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs;**

34 **but one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately there came out blood and water.**

35 **and he who has seen has borne witness, and his witness is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you also may believe.**

2. The Holy Spirit is the first Testimony, the water and the blood are the 2nd and 3rd.

[Now look back at 1 John 5:6-8](#)

[Now back to the Gospel of John 19:35](#)

After John saw the blood clots and serum gush out of our Lord's chest cavity, he said, **and he who has seen** (*And what did John see? The water and the blood*) **and has borne witness and his witness is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth so that you also may believe.**

- 2a. In other words, what John described in John 19:30-34 is completely accurate and becomes a testimony to the importance of Christ's physical death, followed by His resurrection;
The importance of His true humanity;
The importance that just as Christ had that resurrection body with remarkable mobility, so we too will one day have the same resurrection body as He has.
- 2b. By comparing John 19:35 with the text of 1 John 5:7, we have a perfect picture of plenary verbal inspiration of the Scripture. II Timothy 3:16.
- 2c. This is pertinent to John's use of the words "**blood and water**" – the Holy Spirit did not make him write "**blood clots and serum.**" He did not waive John's human intelligence, nor - His individuality, nor - did He tamper with His literary style. The Holy Spirit - did not dictate to John.

John was permitted to record with perfect accuracy, what he observed as recorded in the Greek of John 19:30-35. "**blood and water**" - was all John had to see; it was perfectly accurate and God the Holy Spirit let it stand that way!

We understand that this was a sign that our Lord did not bleed to death; anyone would've known that even

if they didn't understand it was blood clots and serum. And all that blood couldn't have gushed out if He had bled to death.

2d. So the testimony of the Holy Spirit in 1 John 5:7 verifies what John recorded in John 19:30-35. In other words, 1 John 5:7 verifies what John recorded in John 19:35 of what John saw.

3. The third testimony in 1 John 5:8, the testimony of the blood of Christ.

8 **For there are three that bear witness, the Spirit the Holy Spirit and the water (water of the Word of God) and the blood; and the three are in agreement.**

3a **:Water:** is a reference to the Word of God, as in Ephesians 5:26. **being sanctified by the water of the Word.** Titus 3:5; James 1:18; 1 Peter 1:23

3b **:Water:** is used in several ways. We've already seen it used for :serum:. It's also used many times in the Bible *for- literal water.*

3c **:Water:** Is also used in figurative ways:
(1) For the Holy Spirit In 7:37-39, **"Out of His innermost being shall flow rivers of living water." This spake He of the Spirit, but the Spirit was not yet given because Christ was not yet glorified."** In His Resurrection Body.

3d **:Water:** Is used for the concept of salvation.
Isaiah 55:1 **"Ho, everyone that thirsteth. Come to the water and drink."**

Also Revelation 22:7.

Drinking is a picture of faith, because both drinking and Faith are non-meritorious functions of which practically everyone in human race is capable.

^{3e} **:Water:** Is used to represent the gospel. In John 3:5

4. In 1 John 5:9 we have the testimony of God the Father.

9 **If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for the witness of God is this, that He has borne witness concerning His Son.**

In Closing

APPLICATION OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

- 1 The blood of Christ applies at **Salvation** according to **Revelation 1:5 and from JESUS CHRIST, the Faithful witness, the first-born 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,** Referring to His Spiritual Death.

So the application is believe on the Lord JESUS CHRIST and thou shalt be saved. Every animal sacrifice of the Old Testament was fulfilled at the cross when Jesus Christ received the imputation of our sins and was judged for every one of them.

2 The blood of Christ has application in **Spiritual Recovery also by Faith alone** 1 John 1:7 **but if we walk in the light** (by faith in the Holy Spirit) **as He Himself is in the light,** (In the Holy Spirit) **we have fellowship with One Another,** (One Another is so important to JESUS CHRIST) **and the blood of Jesus His Son** (His Spiritual death) **keeps on cleanses us from all sin.**

3 The blood of Christ has application in the Eucharist, the Lord's table.

Read Matthew 26:26-28

26 and while they were eating, (Passover) **Jesus took some bread, and after a blessing, He broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."**

(This represents my body;

Eating of the Bread—picture of Faith in JESUS CHRIST)

27 and when He had taken a cup (Passover is over) **and given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you;**

28 for this is the represents My blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.

Drinking of the cup—picture of Faith

- ^A The bread was used in place of the lamb, now representing the body or humanity of Christ, being impeccable. **Salvation 1.**
- ^B The cup represented the New Covenant.
- Spirit Filled Life
- ^C Eating and drinking are both non-meritorious functions in life which all kinds of people can do.
- ^D The New Covenant to the Church is in effect because of the blood of Christ—because of His Spiritual Death on Cross.
Hebrews 9:20
This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded you
- ^E This is explained in greater detail, including the purpose of the Eucharist, in **1 Corinthians 11:22ff**
- ^F The application of the Eucharist is to remember Christ, to focus your attention on Him, to concentrate on His Person.
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Amen

Now, for further comfort:

*While the heavens and the earth will be destroyed
the Bible is unchangeable,
His Word abideth forever.*

*You have more comfort, more stability in the Word of God
than you do in the universe.*

*You can rest in His Faithfulness
of your Eternal existence with Him.*

You have to make up your mind:

Is Christ sufficient for all your needs?

Or do you have to have other things or something else?

**This book is about the Sufficiency of JESUS CHRIST:
to God the Father;
and to you?**

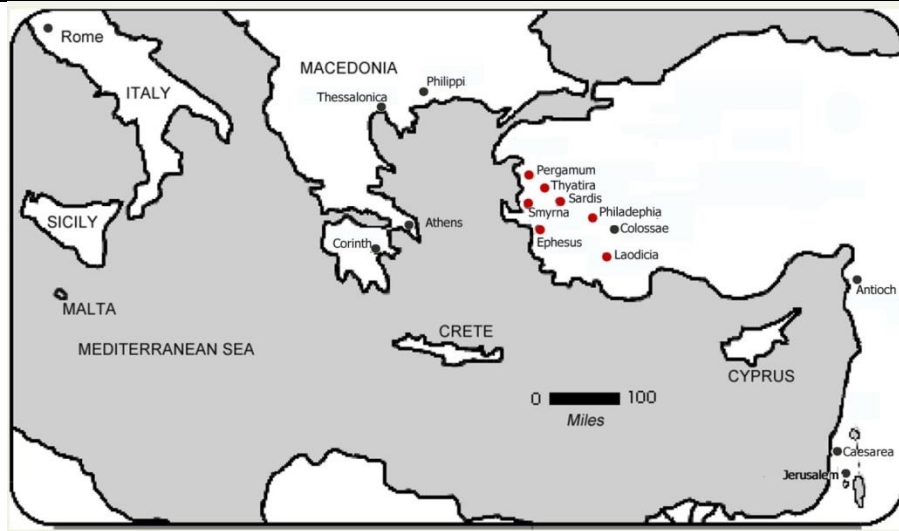
Is the Word of God sufficient for you?

Sufficient to bring you to JESUS CHRIST?

Sufficient to bring you to God the Father?

Is the Word of God sufficient for **SAD** (*Stress, Anxiety, Depression*) in
your life or do you need outside help?

So we learn so much from the true understanding of the Gospel.



*Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last*