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Honor the Blood

What makes Jesus so special? What sets Him apart from Mohammed or Buddha? When you get done reading this book I believe you will have a new understanding of the significance of the Lord Jesus Christ. I believe you will have a new revelation concerning the honor that God has bestowed upon Christ Jesus and the honor that God has bestowed upon us through Christ Jesus.

You may be wondering, “What correlation could possibly exist between the subject of honor and the blood of Jesus?” The correlation is a bit obscure because of the manner in which the Bible was written, as it does not make the connection abundantly clear without a certain amount of study. One reason the correlation is not abundantly clear is because the Bible is an eastern book. The Bible was not written by the modern western culture but was written by an eastern culture. The Bible was actually written over the span of 1,500 years and the last book was penned nearly 2,000 years ago. So in order to unlock the understanding

of the blood we need to take a closer look at the culture at the time the Bible was written.

If you are a student of the Bible or if you have ever read the book of Genesis then you have probably noticed that there are several sections in the book of Genesis that do not seem to make much sense to the average modern reader. For instance, in the book of Genesis chapter fifteen, Abram (later Abraham) asked God a direct question after the Lord had appeared to him following a battle referred to as the slaughter of the kings. Yet it looks as though God did not give Abram a straight answer. Or did He? Let us take a close look at this passage. Pay particular attention to the underlined segments.

GENESIS 15:1-21

1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, saying, "Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your [abundant compensation] exceedingly great reward."

2 But Abram said, "Lord GOD, what will You give me, seeing I go childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

3 Then Abram said, "Look, You have given me no offspring; indeed one born in my house is my heir!"

4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, saying, "This one shall not be your heir, but one who will come from your own body shall be your heir."

5 Then He brought him outside and said, "Look now toward heaven, and count the stars if you are able to number them." And He said to him, "So shall your descendants be."

6 And he believed in the LORD, and He accounted it to him for righteousness.

7 Then He said to him, "I am the LORD, who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to inherit it."

8 And he [Abram] said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"

9 So He [God] said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

11 And when the vultures came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

12 Now when the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and behold, horror and great darkness fell upon him.

13 Then He [God] said to Abram: "Know certainly that your descendants will be strangers in a land that is not theirs, and will serve them, and they will afflict them four hundred years.

14 "And also the nation whom they serve I will judge; afterward they shall come out with great possessions.

15 "Now as for you, you shall go to your fathers in peace; you shall be buried at a good old age.

16 "But in the fourth generation they shall return here, for the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet complete."

17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch [the Spirit of God] that passed between those pieces.

18 On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates--

19 "the Kenites, the Kenezzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 "the Hittites, the Perizzites, and the Rephaim,

21 "the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

Did you pay close attention to the underlined segments? If you did, then you probably now understand what I was talking about when I said some of the book of Genesis is a little strange at first glance. For instance, When Abram asked God in verse eight, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?" Abram was talking about the promises that God was making to him. I think Abram asked a legitimate question. Yet all God did was answer Abram with instructions about bringing him some animals. After all, if God came and spoke to us promising that our descendants would be as numerous as the stars of heaven, wouldn't we like to know how we would inherit it? But what I find most interesting is God's reply to Abram. Read it again below.

GENESIS 15:8-10

8 And he [Abram] said, "Lord GOD, how shall I know that I will inherit it?"

9 So He [God] said to him, "Bring Me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old female goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon."

10 Then he brought all these to Him and cut them in two, down the middle, and placed each piece opposite the other; but he did not cut the birds in two.

We have to admit that from the average person's perspective in today's western culture the answer the Lord gave to Abram seemed a bit strange. However, when we take the answer the Lord gave to Abram in light of the eastern culture of Abram's day we realize that the Lord was saying something very significant to Abram.

The Way of Blood

In Abram's day there was a ritual called blood covenant. This ritual was also known as strong friendship and blood-friendship. People would take animals and cut them into two pieces right down the middle of the spine. Then as stated in Genesis, they would lay the pieces "opposite the other." This would create a pool of blood between the pieces of the animals, through which the two representatives of the parties making the covenant would walk. This was called the way of blood. Blood covenants were made between individuals and between tribes of peoples, so either the two people themselves would walk the way of blood or chosen representatives from the tribes.

Blood covenant was a very important practice in Abram's day and the practice itself had many very significant meanings for all those who entered into it. Today, the closest practice in our society that compares to this practice would be marriage or adoption. We can also see evidence of the blood covenant in the idea of blood brothers. There are many inner city gangs that practice this concept.

Covenant was not something that a person would enter into lightly as it was an agreement of promises, blessings and curses made in blood. Blood covenant was the most solemn way to make a pledge and the person making the covenant would back it with his own life and honor.

Breaking a blood covenant would have been considered one of the most dishonorable things a person could do. It should also be noted that breaking a blood covenant could bring about a very quick death to the party that broke it.

There are several things the two parties would do during a covenant ceremony. First, the two parties would agree on the terms of the covenant. Then two representatives picked by the parties would exchange their coats, their names and even their weapons. All this signified an exchange of their authority, as well as, an exchange of the weaknesses and strengths of each party. Here is an example of this covenant exchange found in the Bible.

1 SAMUEL 18:1-4

1 Now when he [David] had finished speaking to Saul, the soul of Jonathan was knit to the

soul of David, and Jonathan loved him as his own soul.

2 Saul took him that day, and would not let him go home to his father's house anymore.

3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved him as his own soul.

4 And Jonathan took off the robe that was on him and gave it to David, with his armor, even to his sword and his bow and his belt.

Here we see an example of two individual parties making a covenant. David who later became the King of Israel was making a covenant with Jonathan the son of King Saul. Although we are not told in this passage that they killed a covenant sacrifice we do see them performing the covenant exchange. Keep in mind that I am giving you an overall outline of covenant ceremony but there were many variations of this practice.

Now I would like to share an example of how two tribes might have entered into a covenant. Say the men in one tribe are warriors and those in the other tribe are farmers. The warrior tribe is a very strong tribe of people – well able to protect themselves – but they are not very good farmers. Their crops look like dried raisins in the field and they are half starved. The farmer tribe, on the other hand, is

great at growing things. They seem to have a “green thumb” but they are pathetically weak and unable to protect themselves and their food supplies. By making covenant these two parties would exchange their weaknesses and strengths, both becoming a new and unique single tribe of people. Where the tribe of farmers was weak in defending themselves the other tribe makes up the difference. Likewise, with the crops. Where the warriors were deficient, the farmers are able to make up the difference. This was the significance of the covenant exchange. They were telling each other: “Everything I have, all my enemies, allies, strengths, weaknesses, assets, liability’s and talents and abilities are now yours.” This is why it was always best to make covenant with a stronger party than yourself.

Whether the covenant was between two individuals or between two tribes, in most cases, after the covenant exchange the two parties would slay the covenant sacrifices creating the way of blood. Then the representatives for the parties would walk through the way of blood pronouncing the blessings for keeping the covenant and then they would usually say something like, “May what happened to these animals happen to me if I break this covenant.” Usually, at the same time, they

would swear by their god making him a party to the covenant. Promises made in a blood covenant could **NEVER** be broken. A blood covenant was not some kind of contract that could be broken if one of the parties changed their mind. Rather, a blood covenant was always kept until the terms were met or until the death of one of the parties. Sometimes covenants even lasted beyond death as it was passed on to successive generations. Such is the case with the covenant that God made with Abraham; it passed down to his posterity.

Next the representatives would, in most cases, cut their wrists and then tie them together mingling their blood. This was the actual cutting of the covenant, symbolic of intermingling their lives. This also left a permanent scar that became a token of the covenant and represented the permanence of the covenant. One reason the covenants were made in blood is because the blood represented the very life of the covenant parties. Therefore, when they commingled their blood they believed they were commingling their lives, the two becoming one, sharing the same life.

When God made covenant with Abram He instructed Abram to cut himself by way of circumcision. God cut the covenant this way

because God is a Spirit and had no blood with which to commingle with Abram.

GENESIS 17:10-11

10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

11 And ye shall circumcise [cut around] the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you. (KJV)

By virtue of God telling Abram to cut his flesh in the foreskin it was though God wanted the covenant cut in the very place from which would come the life of the promised seed.

Finally, after cutting the covenant, the parties would eat the covenant meal. They would drink wine and eat bread. The wine represented their blood and the bread their flesh. This covenant meal represented the two parties' commitment to each other and their willingness to protect one another even to the death.

In our society today the marriage ceremony is based on the practice of blood covenant. You can see this when the new couple walks down the aisle

together, which is a type of the way of blood. They exchange rings and vows plus the wife takes the name of her husband. After the ceremony they go to the wedding feast and reception which is a type of the covenant meal. All of these practices are a type of the covenant exchange and ceremony.

So when God answered Abram in Genesis 15 telling him to take certain animals, God was really saying to Abram: “Abram you will know that the things I promised you will come to pass because I will promise it to you in blood. I will make a covenant with you.” In fact, take a second look at the end of Genesis 15:

GENESIS 15:17-21

17 And it came to pass, when the sun went down and it was dark, that behold, there appeared a smoking oven and a burning torch [the Spirit of God] that passed between those pieces.

18 On the same day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I have given this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the River Euphrates--

19 "the Kenites, the Kenezzites, and the Kadmonites,

20 "the Hittites, the Perizzites, and the Rephaim,

21 "the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Girgashites, and the Jebusites."

In Genesis 15:17 the fiery event described was the Spirit of God passing between the pieces of the animals. God came down and walked right in the middle of that blood. In verse eighteen the Bible says, "On the same day the Lord made a covenant with Abram." Remember that Abram had asked God, "How shall I know that I will inherit it?" speaking of the promise God had made to him. God answered Abram by making a blood covenant with him. It is also worthy to note that God later changed Abram's name to Abraham. Now look what the book of Romans has to say about the affect this covenant had on Abraham's faith.

ROMANS 4:17-22

17 (as it is written, "I have made you a father of many nations") in the presence of Him whom he believed-- God, who gives life to the dead and calls those things which do not exist as though they did;

18 who, contrary to hope, in hope believed, so that he became the father of many nations,

according to what was spoken, "So shall your descendants be."

19 And not being weak in faith, he did not consider his own body, already dead (since he was about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah's womb.

20 He did not waver at the promise of God through unbelief, but was strengthened in faith, giving glory to God,

21 and being fully convinced that what He had promised He was also able to perform.

22 And therefore "it was accounted to him for righteousness."

As you can see the covenant that God made with Abraham had a great impact on his ability to receive by faith what God had promised him. So it will be with us. When we fully understand the blood covenant we have with our God, through Jesus Christ, then our faith will be strengthened to receive the promises made to us by God.

However, at this point you may still be questioning, "What exactly does honor have to do with blood covenant and the blood of Jesus?" Or, "How can this be practical to my everyday walk with the Lord?" Without this background information about blood covenant it would pose

great difficulty to fully understanding what I am about to show you.

The Two Covenants

When you open a Bible today you quickly notice that it is divided into two sections – one called the Old Testament and the other called the New Testament. Unfortunately, the use of the word testament causes today's average reader to completely misunderstand why there are two sections in the Bible. A more accurate rendering for the two divisions would have been Old Covenant and New Covenant. When we understand this fact then we can understand what the Bible is really all about. The Bible is a book of covenant. More specifically, the Bible is about two covenants that God made with two different parties.

The blood covenant, to which the Old Covenant is primarily referring, was made at Mount Sinai after Moses led the children of Israel out of Egypt.

EXODUS 24:1-8

1 Now He said to Moses, "Come up to the LORD, you and Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, and

seventy of the elders of Israel, and worship from afar.

2 "And Moses alone shall come near the LORD, but they shall not come near; nor shall the people go up with him."

3 So Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD and all the judgments. And all the people answered with one voice and said, "All the words which the LORD has said we will do."

4 And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD. And he rose early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mountain, and twelve pillars according to the twelve tribes of Israel.

5 Then he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt offerings and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen to the LORD.

6 And Moses took half the blood and put it in basins, and half the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

7 Then he took the book of the Covenant and read in the hearing of the people. And they said, "All that the LORD has said we will do, and be obedient."

8 And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

You can read for yourself in Deuteronomy, Chapter 28 all the blessings and the curses associated with this covenant. It is also worthy to note that the curses of this covenant far outweighed the blessings of this covenant. Though it must be said the blessings were very great.

Here are a few facts that you should understand about the Old Covenant. First, it was ratified using the blood of animals. In fact, God instituted using the blood of animals for sacrifices after man had first sinned against Him. An innocent animal's blood, which represented the life of the animal, was substituted for man's blood which was corrupted by sin and, therefore, not worthy to be used for a sacrifice to God. The Scriptures tell us that without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sin.

HEBREWS 9:18-22

18 Therefore not even the first [old] covenant was dedicated without blood.

19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,

20 saying, "**This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.**"

21 Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.

22 **And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.**

The Second fact that you should understand about the Old Covenant is that it was made between God and the nation of Israel as a whole. Moses acted as the mediator between God and Israel.

Thirdly, Israel accepted the terms and laws of the covenant and, therefore, the people were subject to the blessings for keeping them and the curses for breaking them. Unfortunately, no one was able to keep the terms and laws of the covenant (a.k.a. the Law of Moses). Thus the people were continually subject to the curse every time they broke a law. Therefore, the people continually had to bring a new animal sacrifice and shed its innocent blood to cover their sin.

Now the second section of the Bible known as the New Testament would have been more accurately rendered the New Covenant. By virtue of the fact it

is called the New Covenant it must mean there was a problem with the Old Covenant – else why would you need a New Covenant? The Old Covenant was not really done away with, rather, it was fulfilled and superceded by a new and better covenant based on better promises.

As for how and when the New Covenant was made, it all began to unfold the day Jesus was conceived. If you remember, the Angel Gabriel had come and spoken to the Virgin Mary telling her that she was highly favored and that she would conceive a child. What was said after that was very important.

LUKE 1:34-35

34 Then Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I do not know a man?"

35 And the angel answered and said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Highest will overshadow you; therefore, also, that Holy One who is to be born will be called the Son of God."

What needs to be understood from these Scriptures is that Jesus, the Son of God, was born of a virgin. Jesus was not born of a virgin just so that He could

have some kind of grand entrance onto the scene of humanity. Rather, Jesus was the last Adam.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:45

45 And so it is written, "The first man Adam became a living being." The last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

Why was Jesus called the Last Adam? The reason lies in the fact that the first Adam got his life and blood directly from God and so did the last Adam – Jesus. Both of them were Sons of God and they both had the pure blood of God flowing in their veins. If you have any doubt that Adam was a Son of God made in God's own image and likeness you only have to look at the genealogy in Luke 3:38.

LUKE 3:38

38 the son of Enos, the son of Seth, the son of Adam, the Son of God.

The first Adam sinned and subsequently corrupted his blood and the blood of all his offspring, which were yet in his loins. The Last Adam was born of a virgin, so as to bypass the cursed blood of Adam's posterity. This was possible because a woman never shares her blood with the baby in her womb. In fact, a mother can have a completely different

blood type than her child. If Joseph had been Jesus' biological father, then Jesus would have inherited the same corrupt blood that the first Adam had passed down through the generations. But because Jesus had the pure blood of God flowing through His veins, it allowed Him to fulfill the symbolic type of the Passover lamb.

God instituted the feast of Passover for the purpose of allowing the Angel of Death to pass over the children of Israel when God judged the nation of Egypt. The children of Israel were told by Moses to keep the Passover every year as a reminder of God's deliverance. The Passover Lamb was required to be without spot or blemish in order to be an acceptable sacrifice. Its blood was then taken and applied to the doorposts of the house so the Angel of Death would pass by.

Jesus lived a pure and holy life, without sin. Jesus perfectly fulfilled the symbolic type of the Passover Lamb, which had to be without spot or blemish. When we accept Jesus as our Lord and Savior, we are saved from the judgment of sin and death, which allows death to pass us by.

The blood of Jesus had to be pure, otherwise, His blood would not have been an acceptable sacrifice

for the penalty of our sins. No other man that has ever lived since the fall of man in the Garden has had the capacity to fulfill the symbolic type of the Passover Lamb, not Mohammed or Buddha or any other great religious leader that has ever lived.

This is important to understand, not only for the purpose of honoring Jesus, but so that we may better understand why we have need of salvation in Jesus Christ. This also accounts for why there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved (Acts 4:12). You and I are the posterity of the first Adam. We were all born with his corrupt blood and his dead spiritual nature, which in turn had cut us off from the presence of God. It took the pure life giving blood sacrifice of Jesus to reverse and make possible the restoration of our spiritual nature back to the original state that God had intended it to be – as if we had never sinned.

The Covenant of Honor

Now we are going to examine some of the reasons that God instituted the New Covenant.

One of the most important things to understand is that the Old Covenant was ratified with the blood of animals but the New Covenant was ratified with the innocent, honorable life giving blood of Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God. Look at the words Jesus spoke to His disciples during the Last Supper as recorded in Matthew 26.

MATTHEW 26:26-28

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

27 Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."

28 "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Jesus, our Lord, was an innocent, honorable man, yet He allowed His blood to be shed, as a sacrifice,

taking our place and bearing the judgement of God for the sins of mankind. The blood of Jesus is the foundation on which the New Covenant was laid.

You may not realize that when we partake of communion in church we are really taking time to reflect on the New Covenant. The next time you receive communion try not to forget that it is not a time to reflect on your weaknesses and how ugly you might have behaved since the last time you received communion. Rather, communion is a time to honor the blood and body of Jesus and remember the New Covenant we have with God through Him. It is a time to reflect and remember the honorable, selfless act of sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf. This is the way to receive communion in a worthy manner, according to the Scriptures, that honors the blood and body of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Since God established the New Covenant through the sacrifice of the body and blood of Jesus, the spotless Lamb, we are now able to become partakers of God's divine nature, something that the Old Covenant never had the power or ability to accomplish.

HEBREWS 8:6-13

6 But now He [Jesus] has obtained a more excellent ministry, insomuch as He is also Mediator of a better covenant, which was established on better promises.

7 For if that first covenant had been faultless, then no place would have been sought for a second.

8 Because finding fault with them, He says: "Behold, the days are coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah--

9 "not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day when I took them by the hand to lead them out of the land of Egypt; because they did not continue in My covenant, and I disregarded them, says the Lord.

10 "For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws in their mind and write them on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be My people.

11 "None of them shall teach his neighbor, and none his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for all shall know Me, from the least of them to the greatest of them.

12 "For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more."

13 In that He says, "A new covenant," He has made the first obsolete. Now what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

The Old Testament, also known as The Law was instituted to expose sin and our knowledge of sin but it was never able to change the heart of man where sin was lodged with a death grip.

ROMANS 3:20

20 Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh [human being] will be justified [made honorable] in His sight, for by the law [Old Covenant] is the knowledge of sin.

We see that God declared that no human being will be made honorable in his sight by keeping the Law. Why? Because God knew that no man could perfectly keep the laws of the Old Covenant.

ROMANS 8:3

3 For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son...

The Scripture tells us that the Law was weak in the flesh. What that means is this: God knew that man's spirit was dead and poisoned with sin. This caused man to be ruled by the passions and lust of his flesh. Consequently, this made it impossible for man to keep all the laws of the Old Covenant. Man needed to be changed in his spirit in order to have the power over sin and be made honorable in the eyes of God. Jesus called it being born again. Yet Jesus was the only man that ever kept and fulfilled the Law. Therefore, because Jesus kept and fulfilled the Law, never breaking it, he never came under the curse of the Law. Yet the Scripture teaches us that Jesus became a curse for us, not because of anything that He had done. Rather, Jesus allowed the curse that was on us to come upon Him so that by His blood we could be set free from the clutches of sin. At the same time He made us honorable in the eyes of God.

ROMANS 3:21-26

21 But now the righteousness [honor] of God apart from the law is revealed, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets,

22 even the righteousness [honor] of God, through faith in Jesus Christ, to all and on all who believe. For there is no difference;

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory [honor] of God,
24 being justified [made honorable] freely by His grace [favor] through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,
25 whom God set forth as a propitiation [a substitute to make amends] by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness [honor], because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,
26 to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness [honor], that He might be just [honored] and the justifier of [make honorable] the one who has faith in Jesus.

God has made everyone who has received Jesus as Lord, honorable in His sight. Now we have the Spirit of Honor within us crying out to do the will of the Lord and giving us the spiritual capacity and desire to love and honor others and thus fulfill the Law. The only part we have to do in all of this is to renew own mind to what God has said in His Word, so that our mind can get into agreement with the Spirit of Honor and Love within us.

JOHN 15:13

13 "Greater love [honor] has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends.

Jesus gave us His honorable life and shed His innocent blood to set us free spiritually, mentally, and physically. Jesus found us in a place where we were unable to help ourselves, stuck in the slime pits of sin. Yet He pulled us out, cleaned us off and gave us everything He has. Now we are adopted heirs of the Most High God and we have been given the very same rights as the firstborn, Jesus.

ROMANS 8:14-18

14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God.

15 For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father."

16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

17 and if children, then heirs-- heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified [honored] together.

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared

with the glory [honor] which shall be revealed in us.

Because of the sacrifice of the blood of Jesus, we can now partake in the New Covenant exchange. God is now able to exchange our dishonor for His honor, our unrighteousness for His righteousness. He is able to exchange our sickness for His wholeness, our poverty for His riches, and every other curse that ever came upon mankind because of sin, God is able to exchange for His blessing. Without the sacrifice of the honorable, innocent blood of Jesus we would have to stand before the Lord in dishonor. But now we can stand before Him boldly and honorably.

HEBREWS 4:15-16

15 For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.

16 Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

So the next time you are counting all the blessings that God has given you, remember that it was Jesus, a type of the “way of blood,” that made the

New Covenant possible. Jesus stands as the covenant representative before God on behalf of mankind. Jesus cut the New Covenant with God in His own blood. When we acknowledge Jesus as our covenant representative we can enter into the New Covenant. Then we are able to partake of the New Covenant exchange and enter into all of its benefits. “Everything God has, all his strengths, assets, resources and abilities are now available to us and promised by the blood of Jesus” Jesus made it possible for you to exchange all the curses of spiritual death for all the blessings of spiritual life as a son of God. And above all, remember that promises made in a blood covenant can **NEVER** be broken except by death. And Jesus now lives forevermore and cannot be touched by death.

Now we know that God has done His part and made it possible for us to enter into the fullness of the blessings that the New Covenant offers. But we must not forget to do our part. All we need do to enter into the benefits of the New Covenant is to receive them by faith. We can do this knowing that all God’s promises are true and that it is impossible for God to lie. And best of all we now know that God backs up all His promises by the blood of Jesus. The next time you ask God for anything according to His will, you can have the

assurance of knowing that it has been promised to you in blood! If the devil comes to you telling you that God does not care or your not going to receive it this time you just remind him that the promise your standing on was made in blood! God will deliver to you as promised according to your faith!

Remember that Abraham was strengthened in his faith knowing that God's promise to him was backed by a covenant ratified by the blood of animals. How much more will we be strengthened in our faith, when we understand that God's promises to us are backed by a far greater covenant ratified by the precious blood of Jesus Christ. Bless the Lord Jesus and honor Him. Jesus made it possible for everyone to experience the wholeness of God in every area of life. Praise the Lord!!

Would you like to know Jesus?

Read this page carefully, then pray.

ROMANS 10:9-11

9 If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.

10 For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

11 For the Scripture says, "Whoever believes on Him will not be put to shame." (NKJ)

Understand that salvation is not just reciting a prayer but salvation is opening your heart to Jesus and making Him Lord of your life.

Now pray: Jesus forgive me for my sins. I turn from my sins and I receive you, Jesus, as my Lord and Savior. I ask you to come into my heart and take control of my life. I believe you took my place and died for me on the cross and I believe that God raised you from the dead. I thank you for saving me and revealing yourself to me in a personal and intimate way. In Jesus name, amen.

Now do yourself a favor by contacting this ministry. We want to help you get started in the right direction.

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