

Matthew 26:26-29: Now as they were eating, Jesus took bread, & after blessing it broke it & gave it to the disciples, & said, "Take, eat; this is my body." ²⁷ And he took a cup, & when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you, ²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹ I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

Intro: Three weeks ago, we saw the fulfillment of the Passover meal in Jesus' institution of the Lord's Supper. Focus: Remember Jesus' body, broken for you, trust in Him, delight in Him, & live for Him.

Today, we continue that focus as we consider Jesus Christ's blood of the covenant poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Remember Jesus' blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of all your sins, so that you may enjoy God forever!

Have you ever thought how strange it is that we Christians sing about blood so much? It's THE blood!

1) The blood of Jesus is enough to wash away every stain

2) There is power, power, wonder working power, in the blood, in the blood; There is power, power, wonder working power in the precious blood of the Lamb!

3) There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins, and sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains! The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day, and there may I though vile as he wash all my sins away!

4) Redeemed, how I love to proclaim it! Redeemed by the blood of the Lamb; Redeemed through His infinite mercy, His child and forever I am.

5) He breaks the power of canceled sin; He sets the prisoner free; His blood can make the foulest clean; His blood availed for me!

6) What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!; What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

- Oh! precious is the flow; That makes me white as snow; No other fount I know, Nothing but the blood of Jesus!
- For my cleansing this I see – nothing but the blood of Jesus! For my pardon this my plea – nothing but the blood of Jesus! Nothing can my sin erase; Nothing but the blood of Jesus! Naught of works, 'tis all of grace – nothing but the blood of Jesus!

- This is all my hope and peace – nothing but the blood of Jesus! This is all my righteousness – nothing but the blood of Jesus!

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1. The Significance Of Blood

a. Shedding innocent blood is very bad: Genesis 4:10-11: the LORD said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to me from the ground. & now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother's blood from your hand."

Genesis 9:5-6: for your lifeblood I will require a reckoning: from every beast I will require it & from man. From his fellow man I will require a reckoning for the life of man. Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.

b. Blood was not to be consumed – don't drink it: Gen 9:4: you shall not eat flesh with its life, that is, its blood

Lev 17:14: For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life. Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, You shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.

c. Only blood makes atonement & cleanses: Genesis 3:21: the LORD God made for Adam & for his wife garments of skins & clothed them.

- **Leviticus 16:18-19:** Then he shall go out to the altar that is before the LORD & make atonement for it, & shall take some of the blood of the bull & some of the blood of the goat, & put it on the horns of the altar all around. & he shall sprinkle some of the blood on it with his finger seven times, & cleanse it & consecrate it from the uncleannesses of the people of Israel.

- **Hebrews 9:22:** Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, & without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

- **Genesis 15:** God's covenant with Abram

- **Exodus 12:13 [The Passover]:** The blood shall be a sign for you, on the houses where you are. & when I see the blood, I will pass over you, & no plague will befall you to destroy you, when I strike the land of Egypt.

Exodus 24:6-8 [Old Covenant]: Moses took half of the blood & put it in basins, & half of the blood he threw against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant & read it in the hearing of the people. & they said, "All that the LORD has spoken we will do, & we will be obedient." & Moses took the blood & threw it on the people & said, "Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words."

- **O. Palmer Robertson:** A covenant is a bond-in-blood sovereignly administered.

2. The Blood Of The Covenant

Matthew 26:27-28: And he took a cup, & when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, "Drink of it, all of you,²⁸ for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins."

a. Jesus gives thanks: "eucharistias" The Eucharist

b. Don't drink the blood! Don't drink the blood! Jesus: "Drink My blood!": John 6:56: Whoever feeds on my flesh & drinks my blood abides in me, & I in him. [These words are spirit; The cup represents Christ's blood]

- **John 6:60:** When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This is a hard saying; who can listen to it?"

- **John 6:66-69:** After this many of his disciples turned back and no longer walked with him.⁶⁷ So Jesus said to the Twelve, "Do you want to go away as well?"⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life,⁶⁹ and we have believed, and have come to know, that you are the Holy One of God."

We need more than animal blood: Heb 10:4: For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins

b. Jesus ushers in the New Covenant: Hebrews 8:6-7; 10:15-25; 12:22, 24: But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second . . .^{10:15-25} And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, & write them on their minds," then he adds, "I will remember their sins & their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, by the new & living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, & since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience & our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, & all the more as you see the Day drawing near. . .^{12:22, 24} But you have come . . . to Jesus, the mediator of a

new covenant, & to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

c. Jesus is the suffering Servant in Isaiah: D. A. Carson: 1) “My blood of the covenant” calls to mind that the servant is twice presented as “a covenant for the people (Isa 42:6; 49:8) – he will reestablish the covenant; 2) “poured out” may well reflect Isa 53:12: he poured out his soul to death; 3) “for many” again recalls the work of the Servant in Isa 52 & 53: Isa 52:15: so shall he sprinkle many nations; Isa 53:11-12: by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, & he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, & he shall divide the spoil with the strong, because he poured out his soul to death & was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many

3. The Precious Blood Of Jesus For The Forgiveness Of Sins

a. The precious blood of Jesus: Acts 20:28: Pay careful attention to yourselves & to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

- **Romans 3:25:** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.
- **Romans 5:9:** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.
- **Ephesians 1:7-8:** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight
- **Ephesians 2:13:** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ
- **Colossians 1:19-20:** For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, & through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
- **1 Peter 1:18-19:** knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot
- **1 John 1:7:** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, & the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
- **Revelation 1:5:** from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, & the ruler of kings on earth. To him who loves us & has freed us from our sins by his blood
- **Revelation 5:9:** they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll & to open its seals, for you were slain, & by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe & language & people & nation
- **Revelation 12:11:** they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb & by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

b. Jesus' precious blood is poured out for the forgiveness of sins: Psalm 130:3-4: If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

- **Daniel 9:9:** To the Lord our God belong mercy & forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him
- **Luke 1:76-77: [Zechariah about John]:** you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways, to give knowledge of salvation to his people in the forgiveness of their sins
- **Luke 24:46-47:** Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer & on the third day rise from the dead, & that repentance & forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.
- **Acts 2:38:** Peter said to them, "Repent & be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, & you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."
- **Acts 5:30-31 [Peter]:** The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader & Savior, to give repentance to Israel & forgiveness of sins.
- **Acts 13:38-39 [Paul]:** Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, & by him everyone who believes is justified from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.
- **Acts 26:18 [Paul's call]:** to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light & from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins & a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

- **Colossians 1:13-14:** He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

c. We need forgiveness through the blood of Christ because we need God & we want God: 1 Peter 3:18: For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God

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4. Jesus Will Feast With His Disciples Again In His Father's Kingdom

Matthew 26:29: I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

a. Jesus is God: My Father's kingdom is Jesus' kingdom: **Matthew 16:28:** Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.

b. Jesus' Words here point us to the Marriage Supper of the Lamb: D. A. Carson: The disciples will keep this celebration until Jesus comes; but Jesus will not participate in it with them until the consummation, when he will sit down with them at the messianic banquet in his Father's kingdom, which is equally Jesus' kingdom. This point is greatly strengthened if we assume that Jesus speaks after drinking the fourth cup. The four cups were meant to correspond to the fourfold promise of Exodus 6:6-7. The third cup, the "cup of blessing" used by Jesus in the words of institution, is thus associated with redemption (Ex 6:6); but the fourth cup corresponds to the promise "I will take you as my own people, & I will be your God" (Ex 6:7). Thus Jesus is simultaneously pledging that he will drink the "bitter cup" immediately ahead of him & vowing not to drink the cup of consummation, the cup that promises the divine presence, until the kingdom in all its fullness has been ushered in. Then he will drink the cup with his people. This is a veiled farewell & implies a sustained absence. The Lord's Supper, therefore, points both to the past & to the future, both to Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary & to the messianic banquet.

- **Isaiah 25:6-9:** On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wine, of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined. ⁷ And he will swallow up on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. ⁸ He will swallow up death forever; & the Lord GOD will wipe away tears from all faces, & the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. ⁹ It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him; let us be glad & rejoice in his salvation."

- **Revelation 19:7-9:** Let us rejoice & exult & give him the glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, & his Bride has made herself ready; ⁸ it was granted her to clothe herself with fine linen, bright & pure – for the fine linen is the righteous deeds of the saints. ⁹ And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb."

- **1 Cor 11:26:** For as often as you eat this bread & drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Spurgeon: Thus Jesus took the great Nazarite vow never to drink of the fruit of the vine until he should drink it new with His disciples in His Father's kingdom. O Lord, you have pledged us in this cup, & you will return before long, & then what festivals we will hold with you, what joy we shall have in you forever & ever! He will keep his [romance meeting, tryst] with all his followers, & they with him shall hold high festival forever . . . Symbols were not for him, though useful to us: we shall before long with him enjoy the reality which the emblem could but feebly typify.

c. All who trust in Jesus will live forever: V. 29: I drink it new with you

**Jesus Blood Was Out Poured; As The Covenant LORD; So We're Clean And Restored;
Through Our Christ The Reward; Who's Only And Always And Ever Adored!**

In a heated rage man's blood was shed
Cain killed his brother Abel dead

In envy-lust the ground soaked red
It cried to God, "you're cursed," God said
Sin causes death, from God we've fled
But there's a promise we have read
The Seed will crush the serpent's head
He suffered on that cross and bled
Then conquered death and left it dead!

The life is in the blood, so you shall not eat
The blood of bulls and goats that bleat
Jews could only eat the meat
Or be cut off – their hopes delete
But blood of bulls and goats won't treat
The sickness – sin has brought defeat
We need a greater hope complete
It's in the blood of Christ elite
His life and death – the greatest feat!
On that cross we did mistreat
The LORD of glory Who they beat
His blood poured out like slaughtered meat
He bore God's wrath in all its heat
Then rose to conquer all defeat
And cause the devil to retreat
Now by His blood we are complete
He gave Himself – His blood so sweet!
We shout with joy in the street!
His praise always we'll now repeat!

Jesus' blood of the New Covenant is our propitiation
He took away God's wrath so that we could have salvation
Because He died and rose for our eternal justification
He's the New Covenant LORD Who's our bloody mediation
So now we're forgiven and enjoy God's "Righteous!" declaration
Which we have by faith alone in the Christ our blood relation
Now there's no more fear of wrath – no hell-fire or damnation
Through His blood we have redemption from all sinful desolation
From every nation we're brought near by His blood of consecration
Through His blood we now have peace so there's no more agitation
The precious blood of Christ Who is our Lamb of jubilation
Cleanses us from sin so there's no more indignation
By His blood we're freed from sin to live out holy dedication
By His blood alone there will be no more condemnation
And by His blood alone we'll conquer every manifestation and representation of our enemies' perpetration
For the glory of our King Who's our joy and adoration!

Christ Jesus' Blood Was Full Out Poured
He's God And Man – Covenant LORD
He Bore God's Wrath Pierced By His Sword
He Died Alone So Cursed, Abhorred
But Then He Rose – All Life's Restored

Victory Is Won – He's Risen, Roared
By Faith Alone We're Just, The LORD
Our Righteousness Has Pleasures Stored
For Us Forever He's Adored
For Christ Is All Our Great Reward!

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