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What is The Purpose of
THE
BLOOD STAINED
CROSS

1 Peter 2:21-25

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This suffering is all part of the work God has given you. Christ, who suffered for you, is your example. Follow in His steps: ²² He never sinned, never told a lie, ²³ never answered back when insulted; when He suffered He did not threaten to get even; He left His case in the hands of God who always judges fairly. ²⁴ He personally carried the load of our sins in His own body when he died on the cross so that we can be finished with sin and live a good life from now on. For His wounds have healed ours! ²⁵ Like sheep you wandered away from God, but now you have returned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls who keeps you safe from all attacks.

- 1 Peter 2:21-25, The Living Bible

1. Jesus Christ is our example in life. - vv. 21-23

"²¹...Christ, who suffered for you, is your example. Follow in His steps..."

2. Jesus Christ is our substitute in death. - v. 24

"²⁴ He personally carried the load of our sins in His own body when he died on the cross..."

3. Jesus Christ is our Shepherd right now. - v. 25

"²⁵...your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls who keeps you safe from all attacks."

THE BLOOD STAINED CROSS

Through Christ's death on the blood stained cross...

A. Those who 'apply the blood' are delivered from both the penalty and the power of sin.

1 Peter 2:24-25, NASB95 - ²⁴ *and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.* ²⁵ *For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.*

1. The Power of Sin caused us to stray from God.
2. The Power of Sin required an acceptable sacrifice for our deliverance.
3. The Power of Sin requires the ongoing care of the Shepherd.

B. To 'apply the blood,' means we must turn to Christ in total surrender.

Isaiah 55:7, NASB95 - ⁷ *Let the wicked forsake his way And the unrighteous man his thoughts; And let him return to the LORD, And He will have compassion on him, And [let him return] to our God, For He will abundantly pardon.*

Hebrews 9:22, NIV84 - ²² *In fact, the law requires that... everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin.* [cf., Leviticus 17:11]

FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF JESUS

Five "Sacrifices" the NT Priesthood are required to make:

1. The Sacrifice of Self (Romans 12:1)
2. The Sacrifice of Souls (Romans 15:16)
3. The Sacrifice of Stuff (Philippians 4:18)
4. The Sacrifice of Song (Hebrews 13:15)
5. The Sacrifice of Service (Hebrews 13:16)



↑ Islamic Signs located on top of Golgotha:

The left sign says, "Islamic Cemetery for the Mujahideen (or Freedom Fighters)."
 The right sign says, "The is no God but All-h and Muhammad is his Messenger."

Golgotha



↑ Golgotha Today—Christ would have been crucified in front of this hill (Place of the Scull) on the Damascus Road

Muslims have built a bus depot on the site where Christ could have been crucified.



↗ Golgotha a few years ago:

A small earthquake damaged the "face of the skull" a few years ago. Above is how it looked prior to the damage. (See the 'skull?')

↘ Golgotha (15th C):



Likely place of Christ's crucifixion

The Damascus Road