

The Power of the Blood of Jesus Lesson 1 Key

Why Jesus' Blood is So Powerful

Word of Life Video Bible School

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I. Text: (1 Pet. 1:18,19 NKJV) *¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹but with **the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

II. Why is Jesus' blood so powerful? How is it that in His blood alone there is power that nothing else possesses?

A. The answer to this question is found in (Lev. 17:11)

1. (NKJV) *¹¹'For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'*

2. In the Bible, the word atonement refers to the substitutionary sacrifice for sin which covers over sin. It is similar in meaning to the word propitiation which refers to the sacrifice that satisfies the demands of justice against the sinner and absorbs and removes the wrath of God against the sinner.

3. (Lev. 17:11 BBE) *For the life of the flesh is in its blood; and I have given it to you on the altar to take away your sin: for it is the blood which makes free from sin because of the life in it.*

4. (Lev. 17:11 GNB) *The life of every living thing is in the blood, and that is why the LORD has commanded that all blood be poured out on the altar to take away the people's sins. Blood, which is life, takes away sins.*

5. (Lev. 17:11 GW) *because blood contains life. I have given this blood to you to make peace with me on the altar. Blood is needed to make peace with me.*

B. **The first reason the blood of Jesus is so powerful is because of the life that it bears.**

1. The life or soul of the flesh is in the blood. (Life here is the same Hebrew word translated soul in the same verse.)

2. Therefore the value of the blood corresponds to the value of the life that is in it.

a. In the Old Testament the life of a sheep or a goat is of less value than the life of an ox, and so the blood of a sheep or a goat in an offering is of less value than the blood of an ox.

b. The life of a man is more valuable than that of many sheep or oxen, so the blood of a man is more valuable than the blood of many sheep or oxen.

c. But in the blood that was shed on Calvary dwelt the life or soul of the Holy Son of God, making this blood the most valuable and powerful substance ever known to man or ever known in the world.

- d. The eternal life of the Godhead was carried in that blood
- e. (Acts 20:28 NKJV) ²⁸ *Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.*
- f. Here the blood of Jesus is called the blood of God.
- g. The power of that blood in its various effects is nothing less than the eternal power of God Himself.
- h. That is why (1 Pet. 1:19) refers to it as "*the precious blood of Christ*". The Greek word translated precious means rare (there is none other blood like it), costly (there is no other substance as valuable), and note also that it is incorruptible. The blood of Jesus, being the blood of God, is an incorruptible substance carrying the eternal life and power of God Himself.
- i. In addition to this, the blood of Jesus carried the life of One who never sinned. His blood was not tainted with sin.
- j. Jesus' blood was like the blood of a sacrificial *lamb without blemish and without spot*. His blood was perfect blood. Because He had no human father His blood was not tainted with Adam's sin.
- k. Therefore, for these reasons, His blood is more costly and valuable than all the silver and gold in the world. ¹⁸ *knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, ¹⁹but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*

l. What a great thing it is to appreciate the value and power of the blood of Jesus.

C. The second reason the blood of Jesus is so powerful lies in the fact that it was shed. It was shed in order to be offered to God on the altar for the atonement of our souls...for our redemption.

1. (Lev. 17:11 NKJV) ¹¹ *For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'*
2. When we think of blood as being shed, we think of death.
3. Death follows when the blood or the life is poured out.
4. Death makes us think of sin, for death is the penalty for sin. (Rom. 6:23a NKJV) *For the wages of sin is death...*
5. God gave Israel the blood on the altar, as the atonement or covering for sin.
6. That means that the sins of the transgressor were laid on the sacrifice, and the death of the sacrifice was reckoned as the death or punishment for the sins laid upon it.
7. The blood of the sacrifice was the life given up to death for the satisfaction of the demands of justice against the sinner for violating the law of God.
8. Sin was so entirely covered and atoned for by the blood of the sacrifice that it was no longer reckoned as that of the transgressor. He was forgiven.
9. This is the pattern God gave Israel for the atonement of sin.
10. God required that the death of the sacrifice be accomplished by the pouring out of the soul of the sacrifice through the shedding of blood. (Heb. 9:22 NKJV) ²² *And according*

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

11. But all these sacrifices and offerings served only as types and shadows until the Lord Jesus came. His blood was the reality to which these types pointed.

12. His blood was in itself of infinite value because it carried His soul or life...the life of God Himself.

13. But the atoning power of His blood was only made effective by the shedding of that blood.

14. You see, as long as this precious substance circulated in His veins sin could not be atoned for. This precious substance had to be shed and brought to the altar of God in order for its powerful effects to be enacted.

15. Jesus offered His blood on the cross as the atonement for sin.

16. In obedience to the Father's will He subjected Himself to the penalty of the broken law by pouring out His soul unto death. He poured out His soul by the pouring out of His blood.

17. By that death and pouring out of His blood, not only was the penalty of sin borne, but the law was satisfied, and the Father glorified.

18. His blood atoned for sin, and thus made sin powerless. His blood has a marvelous power for removing sin, and opening heaven for the sinner whom it cleanses and sanctifies, and makes qualified for heaven.

19. The power of the blood of Jesus lies in the life of the Wonderful Person that was carried in that blood, and the pouring out of that life through the shedding of that blood.

20. It is the blood of Atonement, and thus it has the power to redeem; accomplishing everything for and in the sinner that is necessary to salvation.

III. Think about how much God loves and values you.

A. (John 3:16 NKJV) ¹⁶*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.*

B. God loves you so much that He gave the life of His only begotten Son on the cross so that you could be saved and have everlasting life.

C. He valued your life worth the life of His only begotten Son.

D. He valued your life worth the blood of His only begotten Son.

E. Your life is more valuable to God than all the silver and gold in the world.

F. When God set out to redeem us, He gave His highest and best.

G. If He gave you His best, then He will give you the rest. (Rom. 8:32 NKJV) ³²*He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him up for us all, how shall He not with Him also freely give us all things?*