

# WORLD VIDEO BIBLE SCHOOL

## Fundamentals of the Faith

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### **LESSON #37 — HIS BLOOD**

But in loving us enough to die for us, Jesus shed His precious blood, again, demonstrating to us that He is the best friend that we could ever have. We have seen earlier in this lesson, Hebrews chapter 9, verse 22, where God says that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins. And he clearly wasn't talking about the blood of animals, but the blood of Jesus. So we know that that was necessary, it was necessary for Jesus to shed His blood, that we might have the forgiveness of our sins. And that's exactly what happened.

John recorded it in his account of the gospel, in the 19th chapter, and verse 34. That's the particular verse that we would like to look at now. John 19, verse 34. "But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately, blood and water came out." We see there the death of Jesus on the cross, keeping in mind that His blood had been shed in His scourging, in the nailing of those nails into His hands, and into His feet, in the weaving of that crown of thorns that was placed upon His head, ridiculing and making fun of Him. And here, the soldier taking that spear and piercing His side that blood and water might come out. That blood that was shed for the forgiveness of our sins is an ever present remainder of the love of Christ and His friendship for us.

We see that in Hebrews, the ninth chapter, also. Hebrews chapter 9, verse 12, and then we'll look at verse 14. Hebrews 9, verse 12 and verse 14. "Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption...how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" Jesus didn't offer the blood of goats and calves as was done under the Old Testament, as we've studied. But instead, He entered the Most Holy Place, heaven itself, with His own blood, and He obtained eternal redemption for all who will obey Him. And the power of that blood is seen so beautifully in the 14th verse of Hebrews 9, when he talks about that blood of Christ can cleanse our consciences, our souls, our minds. That blood is the only thing that has the power to remove sins. And Jesus offered Himself, gave Himself, to God on behalf of each one of us. Offered Himself without spot.

And notice what the Hebrew writer says that gift should do for you and me: "that we should no longer serve dead works, but serve the living God." We ought to keep in our mind that that blood can cleanse our conscience, free our conscience from the guilt and stain of sin, as we willingly and lovingly submit to the commands of God.

In Matthew, the 26th chapter, verse 28, we have Jesus's words on the subject and the power of His blood. Matthew chapter 26, verse 28. "For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." There we see Jesus' blood associated with His new covenant, His New Testament, His new will. And, we see that Jesus said that He shed His blood (and we know he did it voluntarily) for the remission of our sins, for the forgiveness

of our sins, for the cleansing of our sins. What powerful blood, what a wonderful gift. What a tremendous friend, who would be willing to do that for you, and for me.

Then in the book of Revelation. Revelation, chapter 1, verse 5. Revelation 1, verse 5. “And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.” The last part of that verse is what we want to focus in on for our study here. Jesus, he said, loved us. How much did he love us, John? He loved us enough to shed His blood, that we might be washed from our sins, cleansed of our sins, in His own blood, not the blood of some animal. What love Jesus showed in His willingness to shed that blood. And what love the Father shows to us in His willingness to wash our sins in that blood. As we do those things that please Him, as Christians as we walk in the light, and repent and confess our sins to Him.

Then in the book of Ephesians, Ephesians, chapter 1, verse 7. Ephesians 1, verse 7. “In Him [that is in Christ] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.” We've seen that there's only one way to be placed in Christ and that is to obey the gospel: to hear it, believe the gospel, repent of our sins, confess the Lord with our mouth, and be immersed with Christ, buried with Him in baptism, in the waters of baptism, to have our sins cleansed away. But he says, “In Him, we have redemption.” We have been bought back from our slavery to sin. In Him, we have forgiveness of sins. And how is that possible, Paul? Paul says: through His blood. Through the blood of Jesus we have redemption, and we have forgiveness of sins. And the rich part of the last section of that verse, he says, “According to the riches of God's grace.” God's abundant, overflowing grace. His graciousness makes it possible for us to have that redemption and forgiveness of sins, through the blood of Jesus.

Then in 1 Peter chapter 1, verse 18 and 19. We studied that at the beginning of our lesson, I'd like to make reference to it again by saying that Peter said there, “That we're not redeemed with corruptible things like silver and gold, from our aimless, or vain manner, of life received from our fathers in the past. But we are redeemed with the precious blood of Jesus, as of a lamb without blemish, and without spot.” There we see that Old Testament symbolism again, the perfect, spotless Lamb, who has no blemish, has no sin. Jesus lived the perfect life, as the Lamb of God, shedding His blood, that we might be redeemed. And we ought to rejoice in the fact that your redemption and my redemption does not depend upon how much money we have. How much land or houses or cars or jobs or any of the corruptible things of this world like silver and gold. No, our redemption doesn't depend upon that. If we have none of those things, and we obey the Lord, we have redemption. And it's just as sure as the blood of Jesus which was shed for us as a perfect sign of His friendship for us.

And then in the book of Hebrews, again, this time in the 10th chapter. Hebrews 10, verse 19 and 20. Hebrews 10, verse 19 and 20. “Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh.” The Hebrew writer talks about the fact that we have boldness, confidence, to enter the holiest. And we talked about in an earlier class, the holiest, or the most holy place, represented heaven. So God says that we have boldness to enter heaven. How do we have that boldness? It's through the blood of Jesus, that you and I can have confidence to enter into heaven.

And then he goes on to say, "By a new and living way," by a path that was made for you and me. Then he said, "A new and living way that was consecrated for us," that was set apart for us. How was that new and living way made possible? He said, "Through the veil," that is, His flesh. Again, he refers back to the Old Testament, to the tabernacle, and the veil separated the holy place from the most holy place. And God's symbolic dwelling place at that time was in the most holy place. So the veil served as a separation between God and man. And only the high priest could go through that veil, and only once a year. And he had to take the blood of animals and sprinkle it on the altar or the ark, and the things inside of the most holy place, so that he could have access to that.

See the picture, that God is saying. He removed the veil of separation between Him and mankind. And He did it through the flesh, the body, that Jesus offered, and the blood which He offered, as the once-for-all sacrifice for sin. We have boldness, confidence, to enter into heaven through the blood of Jesus. We couldn't have that kind of blessing, if we had all of the money in the world, we couldn't purchase a blessing, that even compared in richness, to the boldness that we have through the blood of Jesus.

Then in the last chapter of the book of Hebrews. Hebrews 13, verse 20. Hebrews 13, verse 20. "Now may the God of peace who brought up our Lord Jesus from the dead, that great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant." Here we see the connection between the blood of Jesus and His everlasting covenant. Just as Jesus said in Matthew 26, verse 28, "This is the blood of my covenant." You see the connection between His testament, His will, and His blood. And that, again, is to show the superiority of New Testament Christianity over the old. It is that the Old Testament was sprinkled with the blood of animals, the New Testament is set apart, is sanctified, by the blood of Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, the once for all sacrifice for sins. And that is an everlasting covenant. And if you and I want to receive the benefits of that blood, then we need to live in accordance with and obey that everlasting covenant, connected with the blood of Jesus.

Another thought about the blood of Christ and the richness of that blood is seen in the book of Acts, in the 20th chapter, and verse 28. Acts 20, verse 28. Here we read, "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." Here, the apostle Paul was talking to those elders at Ephesus, whom he had called together to meet with him in Miletus. And he said that they needed to take heed to themselves, and to the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. And then he begins to talk about that flock, as the church of God. How important is that church? We learn in this verse, that that church was purchased with the blood of Jesus. So there we see the connection between the blood of Christ and the church of Christ, the church of Our Lord, portrayed in the pages of the New Testament. We can see the beauty then of the Lord's church. She is tremendously important, so important, that Jesus was willing to die to purchase that church with His own blood. How can people say the church is not important when Jesus thought it was so important that He was willing to pay the highest price possible, His own blood, for that church? That ought to give us joy to know that we can be a part of that spiritual body, through our faithful and loving obedience to His commands.

Then in the book of Romans, chapter 5, verses 9-11. Romans 5, verses 9-11. We're going to see some other things associated with the blood of Christ in these beautiful verses. "Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation." There are many rich and beautiful points that God brings to our mind as we read and meditate upon these verses of Scripture. We had just studied earlier in Romans chapter 5, verses 6 through 8, the wonderful love of God that was shown in the willingness of His Son, Jesus, to die for us, in spite of the fact that we were powerless to save ourselves, ungodly, and sinners. And now in verse 9, he continues that thought that ought to fill our hearts with goodness and joy. He says, "Having now been justified by His blood," by the blood of Jesus, you and I can be justified. Sometimes we try to justify ourselves before others, by making excuses for what we may or may not have done. That's not the kind of justification that God is talking about. He's talking about, we can be declared innocent, we can be freed from the guilt of our sin. Not through our own merits, not by earning our salvation by living perfectly, but through the blood of Jesus Christ.

And he says that if we are justified, and continue to live that kind of life, we can be saved from wrath through Him. We need to be impressed with the fact that God is a God of love. And we need to thank Him that He is that kind of being and has that kind of nature. John says, in 1 John 4, verse 8, that God is love. But we also need to be wise enough, and students of the Bible enough, to know God's love includes His wrath. His wrath will be given to those, will be poured out to those, who choose to live lives of unrighteousness, ungodliness, hatred towards God and His things, and his people. We see that in Romans chapter one. So God's wrath is something to be feared, but not if we're justified through the blood of Jesus, and saved through Him. We can avoid experiencing that fearful wrath of God.

Verse 10, of this chapter, God tells us, through Paul, that we were enemies of God. That is talking about the time of our life before our conversion to the Lord Jesus Christ. We were living in our trespasses and sins, and had made ourselves enemies. God was not our enemy, in that He hated us. But we had made ourselves enemies of God. We had made ourselves enemies of God, through our life of disobedience. But He said, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son. We were brought together, back to God, reunited with God, because we contacted the blood of His Son, and we received the forgiveness of our sins, so that that gap between God and us could be closed, could be eliminated, could be removed.

And God says that now, since we've been reconciled, we can be saved by His life. What is it that God is saying to us there? How is it that the faithful Christian can be saved by the life of Christ? We believe that it refers to the fact that He's now in heaven. He's representing us. He's making intercession for us. He is the one mediator between God and man, Jesus Christ. And He is our advocate, our defense attorney, living forever in the halls of heaven, representing those who are faithful to Him. So since we've been reconciled by the death of his son, we shall be saved by His life. And, Paul says, that because of all of those rich blessings, that we ought

to rejoice through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have received the reconciliation, being reconciled to God through the blood of His Son.

And then a final passage concerning the blood of Jesus, another beautiful verse, this one in the book of Colossians. Colossians, chapter 1, verse 20. Colossians 1, verse 20. "And by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross." God talks again about reconciliation, and how all things can be reconciled to Him. But we only can be reconciled to God because He made it possible for us to have peace with Him. And He made that peace possible through the blood of Jesus on the cross of Calvary. So we can have peace, we can have reconciliation, through the blood that Jesus was willing to shed, in His horrible death for us upon that cross, upon that wooden tree, reserved for the death of criminals.

We hope that each one of us will very diligently think upon these Scriptures that we have studied together from God's Holy Word. And that we will allow those scriptures to fill our hearts and minds. Allow those scriptures to permeate us with the love of the Father, and His beloved Son, and impress upon our minds, we have no better friend than Jesus. No one who was willing to live such a perfect life. No one who was willing to die such a cruel death. No one who was willing to shed the blood, the only thing powerful enough to cleanse our souls to save us from sin, to allow us to be justified, reconciled, brought back together with God. Let's think about the death and blood of Jesus and His friendship. And let's show our friendship to Him by our willingness to do all that He commands us (John 15, verse 14).

We look forward, through the mercy of God, to be able to study again with you, where we'll continue our discussion of reasons we can know Jesus is the best friend we could ever have.