

# The Blood and Life of Jesus Christ

**To understand the need for the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ the Son of God, we have to go to the first chapters of Genesis in God's Word, the Christian Bible.**

**The Creator God at the very beginning of His creation of human beings had a productive and close relationship with them, [Genesis 1:26-31; Genesis 2:8-25].**

**Genesis 3:1-6** [New King James] *“Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, ‘Has God indeed said, “You shall not eat of every tree of the garden”?’ And the woman said to the serpent, ‘We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, “You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.”’ Then the serpent said to the woman, ‘You will not surely die. For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil.’ So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.”*

**In direct disobedience to God's command Adam and Eve sinned. No longer could a righteous and Holy Creator God have an intimate relationship with the sinning Adam and Eve, so they were driven out of the presence of the Creator God.**

**Genesis 3:22-24** [New King James] *“Then the LORD God said, ‘Behold, the man has become like one of Us, to know good and evil. And now, lest he put out his hand and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live forever,’ therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life.”*

**Only by blocking access to the tree of life could the Creator God stop Adam and Eve and all who were born through them as human beings, living for eternity in a state of rebellion against their Creator.**

**In anticipation of such a sinful action, the Creator God had prepared a blood offering as an act of atonement, [Genesis 3:21; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 1:2].**

**1 Peter 1:18-20** [New King James] *“knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot. He indeed was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you”*

**Note the word “precious,” Greek means “costly.” Just how costly this was for Jesus Christ to know what He was going to have to endure for us before the universe was created.**

**The Creator God set up a system of animal sacrifices for His people so humans would be constantly aware of the price of sin.**

The Passover was a very personal symbol of this sacrifice that every family experienced every year, [Exodus 12:1-30].

The blood is for atonement and has to do with our standing with our Creator God.

We need forgiveness for the sins we have committed, lest we come under judgement, they are forgiven, **not** because God the Father overlooks what we have done, but because He sees the blood of His Son Jesus Christ.

**The blood of Jesus Christ is primarily for God the Father, for it allows us access to Him without compromising His Holiness.**

**The description of the Day of Atonement explains the question of the dealing with the sins of humanity that are all towards and before God the Father.**

**King David understood this about his sins.**

**Psalms 51:4** [New King James] *“Against You, You only, have I sinned, and done this evil in Your sight, that You may be found just when You speak, and blameless when You judge.”*

**When we understand this fact it becomes a powerful prompt to act, seeking the atoning blood of Jesus Christ to be applied to our sins.**

We can read in **Leviticus chapter 16** the details of blood sacrifice.

The blood was taken from the sin offering and brought into the most holy place and there sprinkled before God on the altar seven times, depicting perfection.

On the Day of Atonement the sin offering was offered publicly in the Court of the Tabernacle in full view of the people.

But **only** the high priest could enter the Tabernacle itself and it was he alone who took the blood into the most holy place.

Why?

**Because the high priest was a type of Jesus Christ in his redemptive work, none but He as our high priest could enter into God the Father’s presence.**

**Hebrews 9:11-15** [New King James] *“But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation. 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. For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”*

Moreover, connected with his going into the Holy of Holies, God the Father’s throne in heaven, there was one act, namely, the presenting of the blood to God the Father as something he had accepted and found satisfaction.

**It was a transaction between the high priest and God the Father in the sanctuary away from the eyes of humans who would benefit from it, [John 20:17].**

**God the Father required this, so the blood of Jesus Christ is therefore in the first place for God the Father, not human beings.**

**It is God who is satisfied when He sees the blood, [Exodus 12:23-24].**

**Note the first Passover took place while the people were still in Egypt, a type of sin.**

**Romans 5:8-9** [New King James] *“But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.”*

We are reconciled to God the Father through the blood of Jesus Christ but salvation is by the resurrected life of Jesus Christ.

**God the Father, in His Word, the Christian Bible, makes it very clear that He has only one answer to every human need; His Son Jesus Christ.**

**It will help us greatly and save us much confusion if we keep constantly before us this fact, that God the Father will answer our questions in one way only, namely by revealing to us more of His Son's character and words, [John 14:7-11].**

In all His dealings with us as human beings, God the Father works by taking us out of the way and substituting His Son, Jesus Christ, in our place.

Jesus Christ died on the cross we should have been on because of our sins, as a sinless person [2 **Corinthians 5:21**] instead of us that we may receive forgiveness for our sins, [**John 3:16-17; Hebrews 9:22; John 19:34; Genesis 9:4**].

Jesus Christ was resurrected to life for our deliverance, by living His life again in us.

**Romans 5:6-10** [New King James] *“For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 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.”*

**How are we “saved by His life”?**

**John 14:15-18** [New King James] *“If you love Me, keep My commandments. And I will pray the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may abide with you forever, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees Him nor knows Him; but you know Him, for He dwells with you and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; **I will come to you.**”*

Note the last words in this scripture, **“I will come to you,”** remember it was Jesus Christ speaking.

**Romans 8:7-11** [New King James] *“Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His. And if Christ is in you, the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. But if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies through His Spirit who dwells in you.”*

Every true Christian has, after confession, repentance and baptism, has asked for [**Luke 11:13**] and received the Holy Spirit, first to be with them, then if we let Him, actively dwell in us, [**John 14:17**].

**Galatians 2:20** [New King James] *“I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”*

**Paul is repeating the teaching he gave to the Church in Rome, [Romans 6:1-13], our baptism by complete immersion is symbolic of the old life and nature being crucified and buried to allow a new life to take its place, that of Jesus Christ living His life again in us.**

This Jesus Christ does, as we have seen, through the active dwelling of the Holy Spirit.

**Galatians 5:22-25** [New King James] *“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those*

*who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit."*

These "*fruits*" of this intimate relationship with God, the Holy Spirit, are the characteristics of the whole Triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

This is how the second part of God the Father's plan for all humanity is accomplished.

**Genesis 1:26-27** [New King James] *"Then God said, 'Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, over the birds of the air, and over the cattle, over all the earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth.' So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them."*

The Hebrew word translated "*image*" is "*tselem*" meaning resemblance, shadow, outward form, material representation.

But the Hebrew word translated "*likeness*" is "*demûwth*" meaning manner, attributes or character.

As we know, character is **only** developed as a result of spending time with the One whose character we wish to reflect, this is the reason why human beings are given a period of time, we call life, in which to take on these "*fruits*" of the Holy Spirit.

This is the **only** way that any human being can be saved from eternal death and receive the gift of eternal life, [**Romans 6:23**] in which to continue to live in the very presence of the Holy Creator God.

**John 17:3** [New King James] *"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent."*

That we can continually become more like the Triune God, and continue to assist in the expansion of His Kingdom, [**Isaiah 9:6-7**], a hint of what this may eventually involve after this earth is subject to Jesus Christ can be found in the words "*plant the heavens*" [**Isaiah 51:16**] and "*all things subject to Him*" [**Hebrews 2:7-8**].

Is this talking about what true Christians will eventually inherit with the Creator God, Jesus Christ, who will continue to be a Creator, [**Romans 8:16-17; Revelation 21:7**].