

# One Man's Blood

**Leviticus 17:11** [New King James] *“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.”*

Flesh and bone cannot live without the life supporting flow of blood around the body.

**Acts 17:26** [New King James] *“And He [God] has made from one blood every nation of men who dwell on the earth ...”*

**Regardless of race or nationality, we are all “blood brothers”.**

All humanity has sprung forth from the first man Adam and his wife Eve was the mother of all living human beings, [**Genesis 3:20**].

In the physical sense, we are all offspring of the Creator God, [**Acts 17:28**].

**Our common blood bond is not humanity's only shared similarity.**

**All humanity everywhere are afflicted by a terminal spiritual disease, commonly termed “sin,”** [**Ecclesiastes 7:20; Romans 3:23**].

**2 Timothy 3:1-5** [New King James] *“But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power. And from such people turn away!”*

**God inspired the apostle Paul to forecast the spiritual poverty that would characterise this present age, with an uncannily accurate description.**

Rampant sin is once again filling the earth just as it did before Noah's flood.

In spite of unprecedented materialistic knowledge, evil has grown worse, [**2 Timothy 3:13**].

**Matthew 5:21-22** [New King James] *“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder, and whoever murders will be in danger of the judgment.’ But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire.”*

True, most have not committed murder in the literal physical sense, but we have all harboured the “spirit of murder,” [**1 John 3:15**].

King David, after he had indirectly slain Uriah with the swords of the Ammonites in order to cover up his adultery with Bathsheba, cried out to the Creator God to deliver him from “blood-guiltiness.”

**In a similar manner, we all, each of us, are indirectly guilty of shedding the blood of Jesus Christ.**

**The apostle Peter in his powerful sermon on the Day of Pentecost, reminded the crowd of Jews of this sin.**

**Acts 2:36** [New King James] *“Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made this Jesus, whom you crucified, both Lord and Christ.”*

The Roman soldiers did the dirty work but all were responsible because all had sinned, [**Romans 3:23**].

**Acts 3:14-15** [New King James] *“But you denied the Holy One and the Just, and asked for a murderer to be granted to you, and killed the Prince of life, whom God raised from the dead, of which we are witnesses.”*

The Prince of Life is Jesus Christ, and because we have sinned we have earned a horrible death in the lake of fire, from which there is no resurrection, [**Romans 6:23**].

**Our sins, and our sins alone, made the shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ an absolute necessary. Since He died in our place we indirectly murdered Him.**

**Isaiah 53:12** [New King James] *“Therefore I will divide Him a portion with the great, and He shall divide the spoil with the strong, because He poured out His soul unto death, and He was numbered with the transgressors, and He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.”*

Jesus Christ of Nazareth allowed His life’s blood to be poured out in order *“to bare the sins of many and make intercession for the transgressors,”* [**Isaiah 53:12**].

By His death, Jesus Christ paid the highest price in all of history.

Jesus Christ as a member of the Godhead who created all things, included Adam, [**John 1:1-3, 14**], willingly and voluntarily gave up His life that was worth more than the sum of all physical and spiritual creation, including every human being who has or will ever live.

**Jesus Christ died a horrible death for each of us individually, as well as collectively for all humanity.**

If we have really repented of our sins, been baptised as an outward expression of a new life to be lived and received the gift of the Holy Spirit, [**Acts 2:38**] we have been purchased and paid for by Jesus Christ, we belong to Him.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20** [New King James] *“Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God’s.”*

**This makes us a bond slave of Jesus Christ and our response should be the same surrender of our life to Jesus Christ who has saved us from eternal death, [Romans 12:1].**

**1 Peter 1:18-19** [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.”*

The apostle Peter preached the same good news of our salvation from eternal death by the sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ.

**Isaiah 59:1-3** [New King James] *“Behold, the LORD’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity.”*

**All humanity has been estranged from God the Father by sin.**

Sin erects an impenetrable stone wall between God and His human children whom He has created and sustained.

**Isaiah 1:2** [New King James] *“Hear, O heavens, and give ear, O earth! For the LORD has spoken: ‘I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against Me;’”*

Only the price of blood could pay for this human rebellion against the Creator.

**Hebrews 9:22** [New King James] *“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”*

**Under the Old Covenant the shedding of animal blood atoned for, covered but not paid for the sins committed.**

**Hebrews 10:4** [New King James] *“For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins.”*

The spiritual sins, that cut us off from God, cannot be taken away by their spilt blood.

**The blood of animals, not made in the image of God, could not make the smallest dent in the stone wall that our sins build between us and God.**

**But Jesus Christ did the impossible, with His last breath He broke through that barrier forever.**

**Matthew 27:50-51** [New King James] *“And Jesus cried out again with a loud voice, and yielded up His spirit. Then, behold, the veil of the temple was torn in two from top to bottom; and the earth quaked, and the rocks were split,”*

This opened up for all humanity access to God the Father through the veil that hid the Holy of Holies, in the Temple, symbolic of the very throne of God in heaven.

**Hebrews 9:12** [New King James] *“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.”*

The same truth is expressed in scripture both Old and New Testament again and again, each expanding a little more this wonderful news.

**Romans 5:8-11** [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. 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.”*

**This sacrifice of Jesus Christ demonstrates the great love that the whole Godhead has for humanity.**

**John 12:32-33** [New King James] *“‘And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.’ This He said, signifying by what death He would die.”*

Jesus Christ came to reconcile us to God, to save us from utter destruction.

**John 3:16-18** [New King James] *“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. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. ‘He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.’”*

Do we want to avert perishing?

Do we want our sins forgiven?

Of course we all do.

**There are certain requirements for this to happen.**

The overall basic precondition is that we will have to enter into a contract with God, a binding agreement.

**Hebrews 10:16-18** [New King James] *“This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the LORD: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,’ then He adds, ‘Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.’ Now where there is remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin.”*

These laws of God will be written into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, [**John 16:13**].

As a result of entering into this new covenant with God our sins and iniquities God will forget, so there will be no longer a need for past sins to be forgiven.

**Other scriptures show that repentance, obedience, faith and water baptism by immersion, are part of this same covenant, [Acts 2:38; Acts 3:19; Romans 6:1-18].**

**God will then give us as a free gift the presence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, essential for the covenant to operate.**

**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.”*

The Holy Spirit will first work with us to fulfil His intended job, [**John 16:8**], then if we allow Him, will direct our life from within us, as we submit to His promptings.

**We must never forget that this covenant is only made possible by one man’s blood sacrifice.**

The writer of Hebrews calls the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ *“the blood of the covenant,”* [**Hebrews 10:29; Hebrews 13:20**].

**So in order to even start the salvation process we must have faith in the blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ, for this sacrifice to blot out our past sins.**

**Romans 3:24-26** [New King James] *“being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God set forth as a propitiation by His blood, through faith, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed, to demonstrate at the present time His righteousness, that He might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.”*

We must believe in Jesus Christ’s sacrifice as an historical event that applies to every sinner, now, at this present time in order to make a permanent covenant with God.

**Hebrews 10:19-22** [New King James] *“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, and having a High Priest over the house of God, let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our **bodies washed with pure water.**”*

**God earnestly desires for every human being to enter into this covenant with Him, so we can with confidence approach His throne in humble prayer.**

**The washing with pure water, is our study and meditation on the Word of God, the Christian Bible, [Ephesians 5:26].**

It will be pretty hard to have boldness and confidence that we all should have in God's promises that are made in His Word, the Christian Bible, if we are saddled with a guilt-ridden conscience. Usually such a conscience problem is caused by a sin problem.

**Hebrews 9:14** [New King James] *“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?”*

**This is how this problem of conscience can be solved.**

As we have come to see in this study that the blood of One Man is essential to any future we will have, as well as our present lives.

**Only after accepting this blood sacrifice of Jesus Christ, the Son of God and also the Son of Man, can we start on a new life with our Creator God that will lead to an eternal life with Him when we can have an ever more intimate relationship with Him.**

**John 17:1-3** [New King James] *“Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: ‘Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.’”*

**This eternal life is something that we can begin to experience now, [1 John 5:11] as through the sacrificial blood of Jesus Christ we have personal access to the Triune God.**