

Just Present the Blood

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INTRODUCTION

“For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in him” (2 Corinthians 5:21).

For every Old Testament chapter, a chapter or verse in the New Testament reveals its fullness under the new covenant. Jesus Christ shed His Blood and became sin for us, according to this New Testament verse. It is a commentary on Leviticus 4.

Leviticus 4 is not dealing with sins. It is important that you remember this throughout this message. The chapter does not deal with what we have done or what we do. Instead, it deals with what we are. The difference between what we have done and what we are is found in the analogy of the root and the fruit.

Let's say that my life is not manufacturing any particular sins. The fact would still remain that I have a sin nature. “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not

in us (1 John 1:8). This doesn't say, "if we say we have no *sins*," because, by the grace of God, we should not be sinning. But it does say, "if we say we have no *sin*" (sin nature), which produces sins, then we are lying. There will never be a time on earth when we will be without our sin nature. Until we get our new, glorified bodies in heaven, the sin nature will never be eradicated.

If you have had an honest experience with God, you will notice that it did not eradicate your sin nature. That experience, however, can give you power through the Finished Work and through the Cross so that you can go on to enjoy the revelation of all the spiritual blessings God has given (Ephesians 1:3). And, when anything interrupts your communion with God, there is one thing powerful enough to overcome the accusations from hell: *Just present the Blood.*

Chapter One

THE KEY TO VICTORY

The blood offering of Leviticus 4 was to take care of any sin that was committed through ignorance. Many people always worry about whether or not they are doing okay. "Have I done enough good?" "Have I witnessed enough?" "Have I prayed enough?" "Have I given enough?" They are always worrying about these things.

When Jesus Christ died on the Cross, His Blood took care of all the sins that God has not revealed to us yet. You never have to ask God if there is anything wrong in your life. He will be faithful to tell you. First Corinthians 1:9 says, "God is faithful, by whom you were called unto the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord." The Holy Spirit's job is to "reprove the world of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment" (John 16:8).

Whatever is wrong in me, the Holy Spirit

will do the convicting. I don't have to go through an hour or a moment or a day worrying. He will do the convicting. If He doesn't convict and I'm walking in the light that's been revealed to me, then I can be sure that the Blood of Christ has taken care of my sins of ignorance. Furthermore, He has taken care of all the sins that I have already confessed.

The Blood of Jesus Christ is the key to the believer's victory. Therefore, we must understand more and more about the Blood. Consider the different phases of the application of the Blood.

First, there is the Blood of the new covenant (Matthew 26:28). The importance of the Blood of the new covenant is explained in Hebrews 9 and 10. Second, we have the Blood of new life (John 6:53-54). Third, there is the Blood of redemption (Hebrews 9:12, 14). And last, we read of the Blood of atonement (Hebrews 10:10,14).

The Blood of the New Covenant

When Jesus Christ died and shed His Blood, He took care of our sin with that Blood. We are talking about sin, in the singular, meaning the old sin nature. His Blood completely blotted out our sin nature and covered our sins by casting

them into the sea of God's forgetfulness (Micah 7:19).

"Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin" (Romans 4:7-8). What happens when the Blood takes care of the sin nature? We still have the nature, but we are blessed.

Put some of these thoughts together. He who knew no sin became sin that we might be made the righteousness of God in Him. If we say we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and truth is not in us. But, blessed be the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

Jesus Christ has forever taken care of the sin nature of man by becoming sin and paying the penalty for it with His death on the Cross. Jesus the man became sin so that we don't need to have our sin nature imputed to us, though we still have it.

This is where dear people misunderstand and speak of the eradication of the sin nature. They have no concept of the difference between positional truth and experiential truth. He that is born of God cannot commit sin (1 John 3:9; 5:9). This sounds contradictory. First we say we have a sin nature, then we say he that is born of

God does not commit sin. What does it all mean? It means that in God's eyes, believers cannot commit sin because God the Father never sees the sin that they commit. Why is this true? Because of the Blood of the new covenant.

What happens if any one sins in his experience? If any man enters into his sin nature and sins experientially, he has an advocate with God the Father, and it is Jesus Christ the righteous, the propitiation for our sins (1 John 2:1-2). Now, if a man knows that God will not impute sin to him and he chooses to practice sin and does not go to the Advocate, there are consequences. First, he grieves the Spirit and breaks his fellowship with God. Second, he leaves himself open to chastisement and to the problems the sins themselves bring back. But, God the Father does not impute those sins to him. Notice I said "God the Father," because Jesus Christ the Son satisfied God the Father.

The sin grieves the Holy Spirit, who is God within him (Acts 5:3-4), but God the Father, who is above him, doesn't see the sin. The sin breaks fellowship, but it doesn't change the believer's relationship to the Father. Chastisement is done in love to correct him, but because of the new covenant between God the Father and God the

Son, the Father never sees it.

Seated Above

God cannot look upon sin (Habakkuk 1:13), and because that is true, there would be no way for us to be accepted in heaven unless God the Father could see us as completely perfect. When Jesus Christ went to heaven, He took us with Him, and positionally we were seated there with Him as born-again believers (Ephesians 2:6). From that point on, the Father could never again see us in sin.

We are seated (perfect tense) with Christ in heavenly places. It is a finished work, and we are hid with Christ in God in heaven. Never again will He impute sin to us, because we are washed in the Blood and saved. If we sin on earth, and we confess it, we are immediately restored in our experience. If we don't confess it, then we reap what the sin produces, judicially, and what the Holy Spirit of God in us must do to chastise us.

When the precious Blood of Jesus Christ brings us into the new covenant, we receive His new life (John 6:53). We are redeemed by the Blood (Titus 2:14; Mark 10:45); we were bought back from the world, from the devil, and from

the flesh. We were bought back through the Cross, empowered by the Resurrection, and totally purchased—paid in full—by the One who created us.

There's more. Not only are we bought back, but we have also entered into atonement with the One who bought us back, both in heaven and on earth.

Follow this carefully. The Holy Spirit is grieved if we sin. He sees us, convicts us, and chastises us. The Father doesn't see our sin because He is the Planner, and according to His plan, He has to accept us through the new covenant of the Son. Furthermore, the Son does not see our sin either, because He has made us one with Him for eternity by His Blood. The only Person of the Trinity dealing with us in time is the Holy Spirit, whose dispensation pertains to the Church.

The Son has redeemed us forever; and the Father has accepted forever whoever the Son has redeemed. The Father only sees the Son, and every believer is *in* the Son (Colossians 3:3). And the Son of God is one with us, so He sees us as nothing less than His own body, flesh, and bones (Ephesians 5:30). He sees no spot in us (Song of Solomon 4:7). We are without a wrinkle

in the eyes of Christ (Ephesians 5:27). Jesus has accepted us in His organism, His body, as one.

Only the Holy Spirit sees the sins we commit. This is why the Bible says, "And grieve not the holy Spirit of God" (Ephesians 4:30). The Word of God doesn't speak of grieving the Father or the Son. It speaks of grieving the Holy Spirit. But it is also the Spirit who bears witness in my heart that I am seen as perfect in heaven and on earth. It is true that the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit are one, but the One God operates in redemption, according to His plan.

Chapter Two
AS HE IS, SO ARE WE

“Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world” (1 John 4:17).

Does this give me a license to sin? Absolutely not. I want to be able to fellowship with the Father, and I want to be able to operate in the victory of the Son in my experience. But if I am grieving the Holy Spirit, there is no way I can enjoy fellowship in the plan of God. There is no way I can enter into the implementation of the Son’s execution of the plan. Therefore, I don’t want to sin. God forbid!

Usually, in this type of revelation, when we get to the first point, people will say we are teaching that anyone can sin and get away with it. I am not teaching that at all. What I *am* teaching is this: Thanks be to God, we are in atonement with the Son. We are one with the Son. We

are redeemed, purchased completely, never again to be resold into the slavery of sin.

Satan cannot take back what God has redeemed. We have entered into eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:12). "For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified" (Hebrews 10:14). By the grace of God, we are redeemed. We have entered into atonement. We are part of a new covenant. Glory to God, we have new life.

Anyone who gets this straight won't need to have a nervous breakdown. And to top that off, the Blood covers every single sin of ignorance, because it has made us perfect in the sight of God. The reason those sins are ever revealed to us is so that they won't hinder our fellowship with the Father.

Present the Offering

"Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin through ignorance against any of the commandments of the LORD concerning things which ought not to be done, and shall do against any of them:

"If the priest that is anointed do sin according to the sin of the people; then let him bring for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bul-

lock without blemish unto the LORD for a sin offering" (Leviticus 4:2-3).

If a priest of Israel sinned, he did not start seeking something. He did not say, "Now, wait a minute, I am not sanctified. I need to do more." He did not look back, he didn't look within, he didn't look forward—he didn't do a thing. He just brought the bullock.

When a man sins—and God forbid that he does—he only needs to bring the offering. And that offering is Jesus Christ: "By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all" (Hebrews 10:10). There is no need for rationalization. This man doesn't have to worry or fret. He just brings the offering, and brings it fast, to appropriate the application of the offering by faith through the Holy Spirit's power. Immediately, he can go on in the victory of the Blood and the atonement.

You don't go on in the aspect of the Blood of redemption. You have already been purchased forever. Rather, you go on in the Blood of the atonement, because you are nothing less than one with Jesus Christ.

The children of Israel just brought the offerings. What happens when a person gets weary and tired and does not bring the offering, even

though it is available? He is always defeated and unhappy. But the moment the Blood is presented to God, it's over; and once again this person is totally perfect in his experience.

It takes less than a second. It is simply a response of His faith through the promise of His Word. It doesn't even take *my* faith. It takes a response to His Word. And when I believe His Word, His Word produces His faith in me. I just agree with it and all I have to say is, "Yes, Lord. I am in agreement with You that I only have to present the Blood. Thank you! Amen!"

The Blood Is Everything

I will tell you why people have so many problems: It is because we trample the Blood under our feet and we walk by sight. We have to trample the Blood under our feet in order to be miserable. We have to trample the Blood under our feet to be discouraged. Christ's Blood has more than just redeeming value. It has made us one, complete, accepted, perfect, cleansed, and purged. It is a peace offering, a burnt offering, a meal offering, and a sin offering. It is *everything*.

The Blood was put on the horns of the altar by our High Priest, Jesus Christ, the One who is ever living to make intercession for us (Hebrews

7:25). The horns speak of power. Believers are to put on the power of the altar. The Holy Spirit is the power of the altar. His eternal Spirit reveals the Blood of the Cross.

When we go to the Cross by faith, we automatically have the horns and the Blood that is upon them. The Cross is where I died with Him. His Blood is what covers my sins and buries them, and the Holy Spirit is the power that takes over my life.

Now, put it all together. The Cross took care of me and my sin nature, forever, in the eyes of God. The Blood took care of what I have done. Now, the horns speak of the power of the Holy Spirit in me, with the Blood applied, which takes care of my present life.

I do have a sin nature, but God will not impute it to me. I don't have to experience the old sin nature's terrible effects, because I have the Holy Spirit and the Blood on the horns of the altar. I have the Cross, the Spirit, the Blood, and I am free.

Chapter Three

COME BEFORE THE LORD

Leviticus 4 doesn't tell the one who has sinned that he must do penance and be miserable for twenty-five days to get over it. He is not told to be depressed for three weeks in order to pay his debt. He is not told to take his head and rap it against the wall and go into a fast to pay for what he did. No, the sinner is simply told to bring the "bullock without blemish."

Is he told to bring the bullock before the congregation? No, he is told to bring it before the Lord. The Lord isn't interested in a penance program; He is interested in Christ. No matter who you are, what you are, or what you have done, you just simply bring Christ back to the Father, and that restores your fellowship through the Holy Spirit.

It is a shame to take Christ for granted. It's a shame to think that He is anything less than all in all (Colossians 3:11). He *is* all, and *in* all. No

matter how you feel, present Christ. When you get on your knees, do you present yourself? No. You present Christ, and then you will present yourself to the Holy Spirit. Then, as the Holy Spirit reveals Christ, you can reveal the Spirit of Christ in you. As you present Christ, you can be certain that you are absolutely in perfect fellowship with Him.

The tabernacle of the congregation is a representation of the Corporate Body. By bringing the Blood, which has cleansed you, you are restored perfectly into the Body of Christ. What does the Blood give you? God's experiential living Body, completely cleansed and purged, without spot or wrinkle. It completely cleanses and makes you new in the freshness of Christ.

The Word of God says the priest shall dip his finger in the blood and sprinkle it seven times before the Lord (Leviticus 4:6). "Seven" speaks of perfection and completion. Jesus Christ has finished the work for us. When He took our sin upon Himself, He completed the work before God the Father and before the veil of the sanctuary. This veil speaks of the flesh of His body.

Where was the Blood brought? Before the flesh of the body. Why? When the Father sees our flesh, he only sees the Blood of Christ. The

Blood is in front of the veil. We have this veil and we won't lose it until the Rapture, or until we are absent from the body and present with the Lord (2 Corinthians 5:8). Our high priest, Jesus Christ, put His Blood before the veil of our flesh by finishing the work of redemption.

The Blood at the Root of the Altar

“And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense...and shall pour all the blood of the bullock at the bottom of the altar of the burnt offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation” (Leviticus 4:7).

The reason that this blood is poured out at the bottom of the altar is because the bottom is the root of your death. The altar speaks of death, sacrifice, and offering. When we come to the altar, the Blood is at the root of it.

In other words, we present His offering and we reckon ourselves to be dead indeed to sin (Romans 6:11). Every time we present our bodies as a living sacrifice, the Blood has to be at the root of the altar. Everything about sacrifice, everything about offering, and everything about death must have the Blood at the root of the altar.

Many times people serve God without the Blood. They talk without the Blood at the altar. They preach sermons on the Cross and preach without the Blood as the foundation of their experience. The Holy Spirit wrote the book of Leviticus in a unique and significant way, because He knows that hundreds talk about the Cross and talk about the sacrifice and offering, but they do it without the Blood being at the root of the altar. The Blood must be at the root to cleanse and redeem.

The Blood must be at the root of every sacrifice, every reckoning. And every time that we present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God, it must be the Blood—completely His sacrifice, His life, His offering, His Cross, and His Holy Spirit.

When the Blood is at the root, our lives go on without spot or wrinkle, spiritually speaking. There are no spots of sin, no wrinkles, and no scars. We are complete and we know it. It is all Christ. It is all what He did. It is all in who He is. It is all in trusting in Him and in what He did at Calvary. It is all about the Blood.

CONCLUSION

Christ finished the work at Calvary. As a result, we go forward in the most glorious way as a glorious church, a glorious tabernacle of the congregation. The Blood is in front of us. The Blood is on our conscience. At the altar is the Blood. Behind our singing is the Blood.

When we fail, we just present the Blood. When we look to the past, we see the Blood. When we think of the present, we see the Blood. When we think of the future, we see the Blood.

Everything is the Blood! The Blood! *The Blood!*

“...When I see the blood, I will pass over you” (Exodus 12:13). There are no other conditions. God only sees the Blood upon us.

When you have an evil thought, present the Blood. When you haven't done something that you should have done, present the Blood. When someone offends you, present the Blood. When you don't like someone, present the Blood.

The Blood wipes out “you” with the cleansing. No matter what the accuser says to you, just believe in the Blood. And what about this: “They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb!” (Revelation 12:11*a*). Satan was overcome by the Blood of the Lamb and the word of His testimony. This is the tremendous way to victory. The Blood—it is the only way to overcome.