

*Victory Is Ours
through the Blood*

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INTRODUCTION

We have so much to learn about the blood of Christ. First of all, the Word of God calls it “precious” (1 Peter 1:19). Secondly, according to Leviticus 17:11, the life of a man is in the blood, and atonement for his soul is by the blood. If a man loses blood, he loses his life too. Because it is so sacred, God commanded the children of Israel neither to drink blood nor to eat meat unless it was properly prepared so that no blood remained.

The Blood that was poured out at Calvary is the basis for the transfer of eternal life. Jesus’ blood satisfied the justice of God and made it possible for sins to be removed once and for all. As you will see in this booklet, this is the substance of our victory. It stands for all time as a reminder that Satan can no longer overcome us. Our victory comes through the Blood.

Chapter One

THE SCAPEGOAT PRINCIPLE

Since the beginning of human history when Adam and Eve fell, men and women have needed a way to deal with the guilt of sin. God's remedy for sin has always been the same: a blood sacrifice. In the Bible, the Books of Moses, specifically Exodus and Leviticus, provided detailed instructions to Israel, regarding how and where offerings should be made.

First, the high priest offered a bullock for himself and for his family on the altar of sacrifice, located in the outer court of the tabernacle. Then he would take incense and coals from the altar into the holy of holies. There he sprinkled the blood of the bullock on the mercy seat.

Every time the high priest went in to the holy of holies and put blood on the mercy seat, the blood from the past years would be there, too. He would take his finger and sprinkle the fresh blood on the mercy seat eastward and be-

fore the mercy seat seven times (Leviticus 16:14-15)—that stands for resurrection, and it stands for life. The blood always reveals resurrection life to the believer.

The people of Israel could not go within the veil where the mercy seat was, so the high priest would go in once a year to give them a fresh start. In Leviticus 16:7, two goats were presented before the Lord on the day of atonement. The first goat represented God; the second goat, called the scapegoat, represented Satan (Leviticus 16:8, 21).

When the high priest came out from behind the veil, the people knew they had a representative who had offered blood on their behalf. That representative was for them, and his offering had been accepted.

The Substitute's Identification with Us

When offering the goats, the high priest would kill the first one. Then he would put his hands upon the head of the second goat (the one that would live), leaning into it—representing the integration of the sinner with the substitute. This goat, the scapegoat, would go to a place that the Word of God says is “uninhabited.” In other words, the scapegoat would have to go to

a place that had been abandoned by God.

Before the second goat went out alive, the high priest would lean into it with his hands upon its head and name all the sins of the people—their personal sins and iniquities, emotional rebellions, the times when they knew better and still transgressed (Leviticus 16:21). Then the goat would take off with a “fit man” who would take it to a place lower down, over a ledge and into a valley. There he cut the rope, and the goat ran away into the uninhabited place.

A Message to Hell

The second goat was called the scapegoat, which refers to the devil. Why were the sins placed on that goat? Simply, it was to send a message to the demons that all of our sins have been taken away to a place uninhabited. The sin of lying, the sin of adultery, the sin of cheating—every sin had been placed on the scapegoat. And that goat was sent away to a place so remote that it could not be found.

The first goat’s death and its blood, which was carried by basins into the holy of holies by the high priest once a year, was for God. The blood was for God. It was shed for God in expiation to satisfy God’s holiness, righteousness,

and justice. We can overcome Satan and his accusations by following God's way, through the blood of Christ that was shed for us on Calvary. Because that Blood is for God, Satan now can never accuse a believer for any sin the believer is committing. That Blood satisfied God's justice, which demanded a payment.

The blood of animals satisfied God's justice temporarily through the death of a substitute, pointing to Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who would take away the sins of the world (John 1:29). All the sins that were paid for by the first goat's death would be mentioned and placed upon the second goat, which was to be led away by a "fit man." The "fit man" is a type of the only truly fit man who lived—Jesus Christ.

Chapter Two

OVERCOMERS,
HID WITH CHRIST IN GOD

In Zechariah 3:1-5, the devil attacked Joshua, the high priest, saying he was guilty of many, many sins. But Jesus stood up and refused to listen to a single word Satan had to say against Joshua. Instead, He clothed Joshua in clean new garments. Is that what you do when someone brings up another person's failures? If you listen to anyone bringing up someone else's sin, then it means that you are putting yourself above Jesus. Jesus would not listen to a single sentence about the high priest's sins.

That second goat sent a message to all of the demons that the sins had been abandoned by God. Those sins can no longer be used to accuse the brethren. This is why Revelation 12:10-11 says this: "...Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our

brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. And they overcame by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”

How did they overcome? By works? By striving? No, they overcame by the blood of Jesus. God will not let Satan attack you, because when you were saved you were placed inside of Jesus Christ. You were hid inside of God with Christ (Colossians 3:3). When we were placed inside of Christ, we became new creatures (2 Corinthians 5:17). What happened to the old things? They passed away. What happens to everything else? They become new.

Wrestle Not with the Past

This means we are not to discuss someone's past and say, “What happened to you when you were five? Let's go through everything that has happened in your life.” Old things are what? They are passed away. Therefore, we don't counsel people about what they “did.” We counsel with divine counsel (Psalm 33:11). We counsel with the Word of Life through the Holy Spirit.

Furthermore, it is not our place to present the Blood to the devil. God does this. We do not

have to do any more about it. The Blood has already been shed. The moment we believed upon Jesus Christ and received Him as our Savior, the Blood became precious to us.

“Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

“Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

“Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness;

“And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace;

“Above all, taking the shield of faith, whereby ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

“And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God” (Ephesians 6:11-17).

“Wrestle not” in this passage refers to standing our ground in the battle, knowing we have

the victory—standing as those who have been justified by faith.* We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. We have access to the Father by this grace wherein we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God (see Romans 5:1-2). This is what we are supposed to do. We are to learn how to stand in the grace of God.

Imagine going into the boxing ring and beating up your opponent. When the referee declares you the winner, the fight is over. If you continue to wrestle, you are just fighting a fight that has already been won.

We have already won. We are overcomers by the blood of the Lamb and the testimony of how grace works in our lives.

**Read Stand Your Ground, by Pastor Carl H. Stevens, Grace Publications, 2000.*

Chapter Three

STAND IN HIS VICTORY, LIVE IN HIS AUTHORITY

“Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God” (Romans 3:24-25).

According to the Mosaic Law, the high priest had to be from the tribe of the Levites. A man was not required to be “good” in order to be a high priest—he just had to be a member of the Levites. Therefore, they would first offer blood for themselves and their families, and then for the nation.

Now, as believers, we can stand in the grace of God every single day because of what was done by the Man from the tribe of Judah. Jesus

did not become our High Priest because of His family. He is our High Priest because of His sinless life. He didn't come from the Levites; He came from Judah. Jesus was a perfect Man from Judah.

Jesus then came out of the grave, resurrected by the Holy Spirit (Romans 1:4). In 1 Peter 3:19, the Greek word for "preach" (*kerusso*) means "to proclaim." After His crucifixion, Jesus walked into hell where the spirits were and said, "Here I am, just as I told you. I said it would be this way. Now I'm taking back the keys to death and hell. And, by the way, it is finished!"

Jesus didn't preach the Good News to the spirits in hell. He just announced His victory.

Don't Disobey Truth

Sin separates us from fellowship with God. He has to discipline us in love if we continue to sin, and He surely will. But sin is not the issue. Disobedience to the Way, the Truth, and the Life is the issue. Disobedience to a victory that has been won is the only issue now.

Your sin is not the real issue. The issue is that you did not stand in the victory that was won for you. Jesus Christ won the victory, He ascended and we ascended with Him (Ephesians 2:6). Since

we are seated above with Him and are hid with Him, don't you think we are inside of His victory, too? Yes, we are—forever.

According to 1 John 5:18*b*, the wicked one cannot touch us. What would he touch us with? Sin? He can't mention our sins. Our sins were placed on the second goat so that Satan could see them carried to a place uninhabited.

This was God's message to Satan: "The first goat died to pay for sins. With the second goat, we sent a message into your demon world, just so you will know that those sins were paid for, and you *cannot* have that child of God."

God loves to exalt the victory of the Blood over Satan.

Authority Brings Power

In John 20:22, Jesus breathed upon the disciples. His meaning was this: "I now give you My life as an authority." Acts 1 brought them power, but the authority came in John 20. The authority had to come before the power could come.

"You now have authority because My blood satisfied God the Father," Jesus was saying. "The devil has been defeated. Now as you are hid with Me—Christ—in God, you are a brand-new creature. You have authority over sin and the

devil.”

The believer now has authority over sin, and he has authority in the will of God through the grace of God to remove mountains (Zechariah 4:7). This authority doesn't come by saying, “The blood of Jesus be against thee!” and Satan knows it. The Blood has nothing to do with him—it was presented to God for the atonement of our sins.

Romans 8:37 says that we are more than conquerors. God always causes us to triumph in Christ and make manifest the savor of His knowledge by us in every place (2 Corinthians 2:14-16). To those who are saved, we have a savor of life; to those perishing, it is a savor of death. The blood is the reason we are free. Right now, we are seated above with Christ, able to experience God's condition. The Kingdom of God and His Word is in us. We have the victory because of the Blood.

CONCLUSION

God always causes us to triumph. We are winners; He keeps us from falling. The battle is over, and the victory was won by His Blood. Satan is defeated (Isaiah 14:19). Oh, how the devil hates this kind of message!

Every time the high priest entered the Holy of Holies, he probably said to himself, "I will keep doing this until Someone finishes this. The Messiah will come. But, one of us will keep coming in here until He comes." "He" was Jesus Christ.

The blood brought by the high priest was placed in a basin (Exodus 12:22; Exodus 24:6), and later, it was buried. Why wasn't Christ's blood just cast on the ground and scattered all over? Because His blood was sacred. That is why Israel was commanded not to drink blood. This is why it is so sad that many Christians do not believe the Blood is necessary for salvation. But it is, and it had to be carried in a basin into

the Holy of Holies.

Jesus Christ took His blood into the Holy of Holies of heaven when He ascended, before He came back to visit His disciples (see John 20:17). Now the work is finished, once and for all time. "It is finished" means that sin is paid for, the devil is defeated, and we now have authority. Let's use the authority we have, because He completed the work for us and as us. We have the victory.

God Really Cares For You

Jesus loves you deeply. However, the fact that all have sinned separates us from God (*Romans 3:23; 6:23*). Still, God cares for you and He provides a way to share His love with you.

Jesus Christ's love for man was so great that He came and died on the cross for all the sins of mankind. He shed His blood for you so you can be forgiven and have eternal life.

The only thing He requires of you is to come to Him in simple faith trusting His character and love for you, and accepting Him as your Savior. "Whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved" (*Acts 2:21*) .

Simply pray, "*Dear Jesus, I know I am a sinner. I receive you as my personal Savior. Thank you for loving me so much that you died for me so I can have eternal life with you. Amen.*"

He promises that He will never stop loving you and that He will never leave nor forsake you (*Hebrews 13:5*). Develop your relationship with Him by reading the Bible, praying, and attending a good Bible-believing church.

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