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Scriptures : 1 Peter 1:18 & 19

(1 Peter 1:18,19)

18 knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, 19 but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

INTRODUCTION

Blood is a very mysterious substance that only God could have created.

- While it does not produce life it does carry it.
- Without it, life no longer exists.
- It knows no gender and race, it is universal in its capacity to carry life.
- Blood does not determine the color of our skin, or our personality.
- It simply carries the life that comes from God.

The Blood of Jesus Christ has power.

THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS MUST BE UNDERSTOOD SPIRITUALLY AS THE BIBLE EXPLAINS IT

- The Blood of Jesus has made peace between sinful man and a Holy God

(Colossians 1:19-22)

19 For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, 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. 21 And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled 22 in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight.

- The Blood of Jesus has washed us from sin and made us Kings and Priests to God

(Revelation 1:5 & 6)

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, 6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- The Blood of Jesus has redeemed or purchased us from the power of Satan to belong to God

(Revelation 5:9 & 10)

9 And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, And to open its seals; For You were slain, And have redeemed us to God by Your blood Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, 10 And have made us kings and priests to our God; And we shall reign on the earth."

- We are brought near to God

(Ephesians 2:13)

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

(Hebrews 10:19)

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

- We receive the forgiveness of sin through His Blood

(Matthew 26:28)

For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

(Ephesians 1:7)

In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

- The precious blood of Jesus continues to cleanse us from sin (an on going process)
 - Christ on the cross saves us from sin
 - Christ on the throne saves us from the power of sin
 - Christ's second coming will save us from the presence of sin
- Christ's blood cleanses us from the guilt of sin when we walk in the light as He is in the light.

(1 John 1:7-9)

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

- Isaiah the Prophet tells of the power of the cleansing blood

(Isaiah 1:18)

"Come now, and let us reason together," Says the LORD, "Though your sins are like scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They shall be as wool."

- We are justified and sanctified

(Romans 5:9-11)

9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. 10 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. 11 And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.

- Justification is our standing or status.
- Sanctification is our state or condition – it is progressive.

- We are made holy and set apart for God

(Hebrews 13:12)

Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.

- "Sanctify the people" – set apart for God
- Christ, our wisdom, righteousness and sanctification through His Blood

(1 Corinthians 1:30)

But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

- We overcome the devil by His Blood

(Revelations 12:11)

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.

- We can serve God with a clean conscience

(Hebrews 9:14)

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?

- The Blood of Jesus gives us the power and the right to enter the new city and eat of the tree of life

- The Apostle describes those cleansed in Heaven

(Revelation 7: 13- 14)

13 Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, "Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?" 14 And I said to him, "Sir, you know." So he said to me, "These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

- Having been cleansed, we have the right to heaven and to eat of the tree of life

(Revelation 22:14)

Blessed are those who do His commandments that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city.

- The Tree of Life - God put an angel and a flaming sword to guard it in the Garden of Eden when man sinned and was driven out of the garden.

(Genesis 3:23-24)

23 therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 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.

CONCLUSION

We must believe and live under the Blood. It has power to protect

Illustrations:

- The Passover

(Exodus 12:21-23)

21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover lamb. 22 And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that is in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning. 23 For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike you.

- Rahab and the scarlet cord

(Joshua 2:12, 13, 17-21)

12 Now therefore, I beg you, swear to me by the LORD, since I have shown you kindness, that you also will show kindness to my father's house, and give me a true token, 13 and spare my father, my mother, my brothers, my sisters, and all that they have, and deliver our lives from death." 17 So the men said to her: "We will be blameless of this oath of yours which you have made us swear, 18 unless, when we come into the land, you bind this line of scarlet cord in the window through which you let us down, and unless you bring your father, your mother, your brothers, and all your father's household to your own home. 19 So it shall be that whoever goes outside the doors of your house into the street, his blood shall

be on his own head, and we will be guiltless. And whoever is with you in the house, his blood shall be on our head if a hand is laid on him. 20 And if you tell this business of ours, then we will be free from your oath which you made us swear.”21 Then she said, “According to your words, so be it.” And she sent them away, and they departed. And she bound the scarlet cord in the window.

(Joshua 6:22-25)

22 But Joshua had said to the two men who had spied out the country, “Go into the harlot’s house, and from there bring out the woman and all that she has, as you swore to her.” 23 And the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab, her father, her mother, her brothers, and all that she had. So they brought out all her relatives and left them outside the camp of Israel. 24 But they burned the city and all that was in it with fire. Only the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. 25 And Joshua spared Rahab the harlot, her father’s household, and all that she had. So she dwells in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.