

SUBJECT: FIVE BIG WORDS - WORD #2: BLOOD (HIS BLOOD)

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 1:7. In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace.

INTRODUCTION

In this verse there are five words that are foundational, central and key to the Bible and to the Christian faith.

The five words are *(in the order they are being taught)*:

1. Sin
2. Blood (His Blood)
3. Redemption
4. Forgiveness
5. Grace

We have already seen in the study of our first word, "sin," that if it had not been for sin, there would have been no need for redemption; His blood; forgiveness or grace.

God, who is eternally holy, righteous and just cannot have fellowship with sinners. But, He, through grace, has made a way for sinful man to be reconciled to Himself and that way is by the blood of His Son, Jesus Christ.

This study will focus on "HIS BLOOD" – The blood of Jesus Christ. We will see that if it were not for the blood of Jesus there would be no redemption and no forgiveness of sins; and, therefore, no reconciliation and fellowship with God.

When the phrase, "His blood" is stated in Ephesians 1:7, it is another way of speaking of the death of Jesus Christ on Calvary's cross. The death of Jesus was no ordinary death. His death, for sin, was by His blood being shed, poured out and sprinkled as a sacrifice, an offering and payment for sin.

His blood is the price for our redemption and is the basis for the forgiveness of our sins.

- Ephesians 2:13. "But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ."
- Colossians 1:14. "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."
- Revelation 1:5. "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood."

In 1 Peter 1:18 – 20, it is revealed that from the foundation of the world, it was ordained that the blood of Jesus would be the price of redemption. But, in “time,” the actual sacrificial death of Christ occurred on a certain date and moment. However, it is a mistake to think of His blood as only an event that happened in the past. The blood of Jesus is incorruptible and without decay or variance. Therefore, the blood of Christ that was shed on Calvary, over 2,000 years ago, was powerful in its work of the Old Testament saints, as well as its work in the New Testament saints.

His blood was offered through the work and ministry of the Spirit of God. This is stated in Hebrews 9:14. “How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”

Therefore, His blood was able to reach “backwards” and purge the sins of those who lived before His death on Calvary. And, His blood was able to reach “forward” and purge those who were to live after His death on Calvary.

And, then, even for eternal ages, we will be ascribing worth to the power of the blood of the Lamb.

- Revelation 5:6 says it like this, “And I beheld, and, lo, in the midst of the throne and of the four beasts, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as it had been slain, having seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent forth into all the earth.”
- Revelation 5:12, 13. “Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honor, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever.”

HIS BLOOD and ITS EFFECT on:

GOD, THE FATHER – The Blood of Jesus Satisfied the Father

- Isaiah 53:10. “Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand.”
- Hebrews 10:4 – 7. “For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: In burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hast had no pleasure. Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God.”

GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT – The Blood of Jesus Made a Way for the Spirit to Come

- John 7:37 – 39. “In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the

scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on him should receive; for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)”

- John 19:34. “But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.” (*The “water” is a symbol of the Spirit. John 7:37 - 39.*)

JESUS, HIMSELF – His Shed Blood Caused Him to be Exalted Far Above All

- Philippians 2:7 – 11. “And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”

SIN – The Blood of Jesus “Puts Away Sin.”

- **Hebrews 9:25, 26.** “Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others. For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.”
- Hebrews 10:12. “But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God.”

THE DEVIL – The Blood of Jesus “Destroyed the Devil.”

- Hebrews 2:14. “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, He also Himself likewise took part of the same; that through death He might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil.”
- Genesis 3:15. “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.”

MANKIND - Through His Blood, Jesus Tasted Death for Every Man

- Hebrews 2:9. “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honor; that He by the grace of God should taste death for every man.”
- Romans 3:22 – 26. “Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference: For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; 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; To declare, I say, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.”

HIS BLOOD – A SEVENFOLD SHEDDING

The shedding of the precious blood of Jesus culminated on Calvary's cross. However, the shedding, sprinkling and pouring out of His blood began in the garden of Gethsemane. The following list shows the seven separate and distinct sheddings of His blood.

1. The garden of Gethsemane (Luke 22:44)
2. The stripes and scourging that He endured (Matthew 27:26; Isaiah 50:6; 53:5)
3. His beard plucked out (Isaiah 50:6)
4. The crown of thorns placed upon His head (Matthew 27:29)
5. The piercing of the hands (Psalm 22:16; Matthew 27:35)
6. The piercing of the feet (Psalm 22:16; Matthew 27:35)
7. The sword pierced in His side (John 19:34)

**Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power,
and riches,
and wisdom,
and strength,
and honor,
and glory,
and blessing.
(Revelation 5:12)**

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