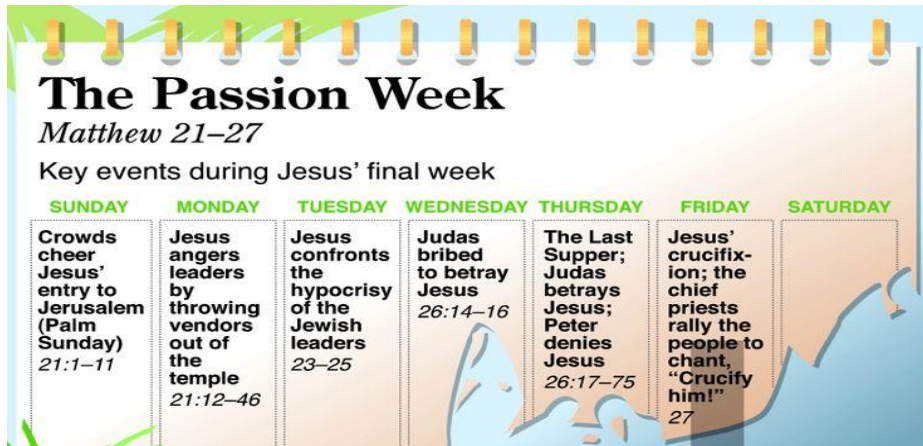


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**The Precious Blood of Jesus**

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**1 Peter 1:17-21...**<sup>17</sup> *And if you address as Father the One who judges impartially based on each one's work, you are to conduct yourselves in reverence during this time of temporary residence.*

<sup>18</sup> *For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from the fathers, not with perishable things, like silver or gold,* <sup>19</sup> *but with the PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.* <sup>20</sup> *He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the times for you* <sup>21</sup> *who through Him are believers in God, who raised Him from the dead and gave Him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.*

Apart from the blood of Jesus Christ, you and I could not have a relationship with our heavenly Father. Jesus' sacrificial death made it possible for sinful man to approach holy God. Because of His blood, believers are redeemed, forgiven, justified, and sanctified, and they have access to their Creator. No wonder we call it the *precious* blood of Jesus.

**I. The Blood Of Jesus Is Precious Because Of Who He Is.**

Christ was not just a man, but the Son of God, born of a virgin. Because Jesus was conceived by the Holy Spirit, there was no sin transferred to Him through an earthly father. In the Old Testament, any animal offered as a sacrifice had to be perfect, without spot or defect. That perfection represented holiness. Scripture tells us that the sacrifices described in the Old Testament were a foreshadowing of Christ's death. In order for Jesus to take the punishment for the sins of the world, He had to be morally perfect—without a sin nature.

**II. The Blood Of Jesus Is Precious Because Of Why He Came.**

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible has one main theme—the Father's redeeming love for mankind. Christ came as the Son of God with the purpose of dying for the sins of humanity. The blood of Jesus Christ is absolutely essential to our relationship with God. Those who refuse it will spend eternity in the lake of fire, forever separated from the Father (**Rev. 20:15**... *And anyone not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.*

**III. The Blood Of Jesus Is Precious Because Of What It Provides.**

**A. Redemption**

To redeem means to buy back (**1 Peter 1:18-19...**)<sup>18</sup> *For you know that you were redeemed from your empty way of life inherited from the fathers, not with perishable things, like silver or gold,* <sup>19</sup> *but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.*

No matter how moral we are before accepting the gift of salvation, our nature is sinful (**Rom. 3:23**... *For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.* Jesus went to the cross for the primary purpose of purchasing us from a life of slavery to sin.

**B. Forgiveness**

You and I can be forgiven, not simply because God is merciful, but because Christ went to the cross and shed His blood for me and for you (Eph. 1:7). Salvation is not something we earn through good deeds or bargain for in exchange for promising to improve.

After salvation, believers will still do some things that are unacceptable to God. But if we confess our sins to the Lord with a sincere heart, He faithfully forgives us over and over (1 **John 1:9**...*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

The basis for that forgiveness is the blood Christ shed when He died in our place (1 **John 2:1-2**... <sup>1</sup> *My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the righteous One.* <sup>2</sup> *He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.*

### C. Justification

God is holy and must punish sin. Because Christ shed His blood in our place, the Father not only forgives our sin but also declares us righteous...that is justification.

Justification is the declaring of a person to be just or righteous. It is a legal term signifying acquittal (Baker Bible Dictionary).

This legal act means Christ's righteousness is imputed, or credited to believers:

**Acts 13:39**...*Through Christ everyone who believes is justified from everything you could not be justified from by the law of Moses.*

Even though you and I may not always act like it, we are declared holy in God's eyes.

**Romans 5:1**...*Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.*

This segues into our next point...

### D. Reconciliation

It implies the idea of restoration of a broken relationship; Peace, Atonement (at-one-ment), a state of change from adversarial to community/friendship; to return to a state of favor. The OT concept of *Shalom*, *Echad*, wholeness, oneness, and peace are underlying concepts, it is a product of salvation, where our sin, which separates us from a Holy God, is paid for and thus a right relationship with God and man is made possible again.

**Colossians 1:19-20**... *"It was the Father's good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Christ, and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross".*

### E. Sanctification

Sanctification, the process of being set apart for God's purposes and being made holy, is possible only because of the blood of Christ

**Heb. 13:12**...*Therefore Jesus also suffered outside the gate, so that He might sanctify the people by His own blood.*

It is both a one-time event that happens at salvation and a life-long process. God continues to prune us so that we become more and more fruitful for His kingdom. You and I should never stop growing in holiness and purity.

### F. Access to God

**Ephesians 2:13,18**...<sup>13</sup> *But now in Christ Jesus, you who were far away have been brought near by the blood of the Messiah.*

<sup>18</sup> *For through Christ we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.*

**Hebrews 10:19-22**...<sup>19</sup> *Therefore, brothers, since we have boldness to enter the sanctuary through the blood of Jesus,* <sup>20</sup> *by a new and living way He has opened for us through the curtain (that is, His flesh),* <sup>21</sup> *and since we have a great high priest over the house of God,* <sup>22</sup> *let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water*

The Father listens to and answers our prayers because we are allowed to draw near to Him through the righteousness of Christ. Why is the blood of Jesus precious? Through it, we have redemption, justification, reconciliation, sanctification and access to God. Nothing else in life has the power to do these things. Apart from the blood of Christ, you and I would be destined to an eternity separated from almighty God.