

Christ's Blood Cancels the Devil's Grip on Us!

Scripture: Hebrews 2:11-18 (vv.14-15)

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I. Historical Background & Biblical Context

Because of the first Adam disobedience in the Garden of Eden, God killed an animal to cover their nakedness (Gen.3:7-21). This is seen as the first shedding of innocent blood. It wasn't recorded to let us know about where the first clothing came about, but to give us a picture of God's Grace and salvation. This is a picture of two people naked and ashamed, who stands before a Holy God. Romans 3:10-18 describes humanity's nakedness and Ezra 9:6 describes the shame that sin brings. Adam and Eve tried to sew fig leaves to cover their nakedness, which is a picture of salvation by **Good works** which is the Devil's religion. Good works is a result of salvation Ehp.2:8-10. In Exodus 12:6-13, the blood of an unblemished lamb was placed on the doorpost as a sign to show that God's people lived there during what came to be known as Passover. In the Book of Leviticus, God gave the Priests instructions on how to atone for the sins themselves and the people. God's system shows that we can't forgive ourselves and shows a life must be given. This was done by using measures which were temporary, until Christ came to pay the penalty for all (Heb.10:4).

In the previous lessons, the writer continues to remind us of the benefit of remembering the lessons we have been taught about what we have gained because of what Jesus has done for us. As it has been taught in the other lessons, Jesus has fulfilled the God's requirements under the Old Testament and he has ushered in the New Testament.

II. Christ's Blood Cancels the Devil's Grip on Us!

1. vv.11-13.

Jesus did not come to suffer for his own salvation, because he was God in human form. He came to fulfill the Law (Matt.5:17). Through suffering he completed the work necessary for our salvation. Because of Christ who was fully man, He can identify with us, and he calls those who accepts him, family. We have the same Father because God has adopted all believers as his children because of

our faith in Jesus. We can see the kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God...1John 3:1. That love was when we were sinners Christ die for us (Rom.5:8).

2. **vv.14-15.**

By dying Jesus destroyed the devil's grip on Death and freed those who were slaves to it, because fear. The Old Testament system had in place sacrifices (atonement) through the death of an innocent animal (Ex.24:8; Lev.5:9). This showed that sin was taken very seriously by God and that it carried a penalty. The O.T. prophets pointed to a day when God would send a Messiah Is.9:6; as a sacrifice Is.53:5. In these verses God is offering his peace, but his holiness demanded sin to be judged. Jesus is the answer to the dilemma of our separation from God:

- a) **Col.1:21-22:** Once you were alienated from God and were enemies But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation... He has taken away Satan's power to hold sinners to their sin debt and trespasses. Satan is the father of lies and accusations and only death flows through him. Before the Fall, he was an angel of beauty and light (Ezk.28:12-17). He wanted to be like God, but failed and was banished from heaven with his cohorts. He is called the ruler of this world (Jn,14:30) and will be judged (Jn.16:11; Jn.12:31). He attempted to undermine God's righteousness verdict over Job (Job 1:9-10); he stood ready to accuse Joshua, the High Priest (Zech.3:1); he accuses all believers before God, day and night (Rev.12:10). But thank God for His Son who is our Mediator and intercede on our behalf (1 Tim.2:5); (Heb.9:15). The power of sin is the law (1Cor.15:56). Satan attempted to use the demands of the law to destroy God's people. But Christ in taking the Law's curse on himself (Gal.3:13) and has taken this weapon from the enemy. Jesus reconciled the demands of the law (Eph.1:4). The blood that was shed on Calvary Cross canceled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; he has taken it away by nailing it to the cross. Not only did He do all that for us, but he disarmed the powers and the authorities, and made a public

spectacle of them, triumphing over them with the cross. The very thing that was to humiliate Him, gave Him the victory (Col.13-15).

- b) We have peace with God, which become a reality for people when they recognize they are separated from God because of the sin in their lives (Rom.3:9); when they repent of sin in their life (Acts2:37-39); and receive this new relationship by faith (Rom.5:1).

The point is, it was necessary for the Son of God to become the Son of Man because only a man could die for the sins of the world (Gal.4:45). God's grace toward human kind was more excellent than what he had towards the angels. To deliver mankind required that Christ become his people High Priest to represent them by offering himself as a substitute to appease God's wrath. If we think of Jesus' blood, it wasn't like ours, it was divine blood born of a woman that knew no man. God's nature came down to dwell in Mary's womb and went back to heaven after the Resurrection.

Genesis 3:15 shows us that God had a plan in the works from the beginning when the first Adam listened to the devil, disguise as the serpent: "he shall bruise your head...." Jesus has dominance over Satan. Satan is very active in this world and is a defeated foe and is doomed for sure (Rev.20:10). As the writer has reminded us that "we must pay most careful attention, to what we have heard, so we don't drift away" (v.2:1).

At the Last Supper with his disciples, Christ demonstrated the importance of his blood (Matt.26:28) ... for this is my blood which seals the covenant between God and his people. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many".

We no longer have to be a slave to fear of death because we are a child of God. His love has called our name and he chose us to be in his family. We are joint heirs because Jesus calls us his brothers and sisters (Rom.8:14-17).

3. **vv. 16-18.**

Jesus came from the very heart of God (Jn.1:18) and is the only one to have seen the Father. He is the Truth oppose to Satan the liar. God delivered Jesus from the grave. The fact is the resurrection and the cross gave Jesus the victory. He was God stepping into humanity (Heb.3:1-6). The Word became flesh (Jn.1:14).The Word did not just appear to be human but was flesh. The glory of

God once restricted to the Tabernacle (Ex.40:34). Is now visible in Christ (Jn.1:14b).

III. Conclusion

God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ. God sent Himself in Christ achieved his goals of repairing the consequences of sin and bringing humanity back into a relationship with Himself. This demonstrated the unity with the Father and the Son. On the cross Jesus took the penalty for our sins and gave us his righteousness. **Therefore, Satan has no power over the eternal destiny of believers in Christ.** It isn't that he can't tempt a Christian to sin—and sometimes succeed—it's that Jesus' death bore all the wrath of God against sin and God doesn't hold it against us because of the permanent sacrifice (Rom.8:1). **Christ's Blood Cancels the Devil's Grip on us!** Jesus is now sitting at the right hand with His Father interceding on our behalf (Heb.7:25); Rom.8:34).

The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil (1Jn.3:8).

Whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that overcomes the world, our faith.

The blood that Jesus shed for me will never lose its power.

That is why Christ's Blood cancels the devil's grip on the believer!