

“WORD OF LIFE”

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49. CHRIST – HIS PERSON (29)

R. IN THE NEW COVENANT

3. The **Shedder** of the **Better Blood**

Hymns: # 112 / # 223 / # 8015

✚ “Your words were found and **I ate** them, And Your word became to me The gladness and joy of my heart,” (Jer. 15:16)
[The New Covenant - 2. The Shedder of the Better Blood]

Heb. 9:12 - ... through His own **blood**, entered once for all into the **Holy of Holies**, obtaining an eternal **redemption**.

Heb. 9:14 - ... the **blood** of **Christ**, ... **purify** our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Heb. 9:22 - ... and without **shedding of blood** there is no **forgiveness**.

Heb. 12:24 - ... and to the **blood** of sprinkling, which speaks something **better** than *that of* Abel.

Heb. 13:20 - ... the **God of peace**, He who brought up from the dead our **Lord Jesus**, ... in the **blood** of an **eternal covenant**,

✚ “Until we all arrive at the oneness of the faith and of the **full knowledge** of the Son of God, ...” (Eph. 4:13)

❖ **Christ** is the **Shedder** of the better **blood** to enact the **new covenant**.

- The new covenant **required** the shedding of the **blood** of Jesus, the Son of God (1 John 1:7).
 - The **efficacy** of this **blood** is eternal, and its application has no limit either in space or in time.
 - It is precious and better than the blood of goats and bulls (Heb. 9:12-14a).
 - It is the better **blood** by which the **new covenant** was made.
 - The shedding of the **blood** is for forgiveness of sin
 - **to fulfill** the requirement of God’s righteousness
 - **by** it (the shedding of the blood) the covenant is enacted.
 - It is called the blood of an eternal covenant
- Christ as the **Lamb of God** **took away the sin of the world** (John 1:29)
 - by offering Himself on the cross as the sacrifice for our sins once for all (Heb. 10:12),
 - His blood, has accomplished an eternal redemption for us,
 - even the redemption of the transgressions under the old covenant (Heb. 9:15),
 - we have been **redeemed** with the **precious blood** of **Christ** (1 Pet. 1:18-19).
- The **blood of Christ** **purifies** our conscience to serve the living God. It was shed:
 - For the **forgiveness** of sins (Matt. 26:28),
 - That the **new covenant** was consummated with it (Heb. 10:29; Luke 22:20).
 - To accomplished eternal **redemption** for us (Eph. 1:7)
 - To purchase the **church** for God (Acts 20:28).
 - To **washes** us from our sins (Rev. 1:5; 1 John 1:7),
 - To **purifies** our conscience, sanctifies us (Heb. 13:12),
 - In that it **speaks** better things for us (Heb. 12:24).
 - that we may **enter** the **Holy of Holies** (Heb. 10:19)
 - To **overcome** Satan the accuser (Rev. 12:10-11).

✚ “But he who **prophesies** speaks building up and encouragement and consolation to men.,” (1Cor. 14:3)

✚ The **blood** of Christ is the **blood** of the **eternal covenant**, with which the new and **better covenant** was enacted. By this **blood**, Christ cleansed the heavens and all things in the heavens. The **blood** of Christ not only **redeems**, **sanctifies**, and **purifies**; it also speaks, **better** than the **blood** of **Abel**.

- ✓ **Abel’s** blood speaks to God for accusation and vengeance, whereas
- ✓ **Christ’s** blood speaks to God for forgiveness, justification, reconciliation, and redemption.

- ✚ This precious **blood** speaks to **God** for us saying that by it, the **new covenant** has been enacted, and that in this **new covenant** **God** must give Himself and all His **blessings** to us who receive this covenant by faith.
- ✚ The **blood** of the **covenant** is not mainly for **forgiveness**; it is primarily for **God** to be our **portion**. **God** has **ordained** and predestinated us **to enjoy Him**. This enjoyment has been **covenanted** to us through the new covenant enacted by the **blood** of **Jesus Christ**, the **blood** that brings us into all the **divine blessings**.

{(Reference: The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 49 letter R-3)
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The Elder's Training Book 8, Ch. 4, and The Administration of the Church and the Ministry of the Word, Ch. 11]}

<p style="text-align: center;">Hymn 1090 Praise the Lord His Redemption</p> <p>1 Dear Lord, how precious is Thy blood, Of the New Testament! By it God's blessings we receive, And we with Him are blent.</p> <p>2 'Tis by Thy blood we've been redeemed, And by it sanctified. Now is our conscience free from sin, From dead works purified.</p> <p>3 Better than Abel's, now Thy blood Speaks unto God for us. Perfect redemption it provides, Meeting God's righteousness.</p> <p>4 Through the eternal Spirit, Thou Offeredst Thyself to God. This sacrifice can ne'er grow old; Timeless is Thy dear blood.</p> <p>5 'Tis by Thy blood we boldly come Unto the throne of grace, Unto our God, the cov'nant new, And to the Holiest Place.</p> <p>6 Lord, by Thy blood, God is obliged His very Self to give; He must receive us to Himself, And He in us must live.</p> <p>7 Dear Lord, how precious is Thy blood Of the New Testament! By it God's blessings we receive, And we with Him are blent.</p> <p>1Pe 1:18 – 19 Knowing that <i>it was</i> not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, <i>that</i> you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, <i>the blood</i> of Christ;</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hymn 223 Praise the Lord – Remembrance of Him</p> <p>1 On the table of Thy love, With the bread, the cup is spread. By partaking of these signs, We with Thee are richly fed. How we thank Thee for this cup, For the cup of blessing, Lord, Cup of Thy Salvation full, Cup of all Thou dost afford.</p> <p>2 'Tis the blood Thou shedd'st for us, That our sins may be forgiv'n; 'Tis the cov'nant made for us, That Thy blessings may be giv'n. Thou didst drink the cup of wrath, Thou hast tasted death for us, Thus the cup of blessing bought, As the portion gained for us.</p> <p>3 In this portion we have God, Whom we lost thru Adam's fall; By the shedding of Thy blood, God becomes our all in all. In this portion all we have— Life and peace, redemption sure; All that God has planned and willed, In this portion we secure.</p> <p>4 An eternal portion, 'tis, Overflowing cup divine; Heav'nly taste do we enjoy In this cup of God's design. Here in love we drink this cup In remembrance, Lord, of Thee; Thus in spirit we partake All Thy work on Calvary.</p> <p>Mat 26:26 – 28 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed <i>it</i>, and He broke <i>it</i> and gave <i>it</i> to the disciples and said, Take, eat; this is My body. And He took a cup and gave thanks, and He gave <i>it</i> to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you, For this is My blood of the covenant, which is being poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Hymn 8015 Worship of the Father His Righteousness</p> <p>1 Forgiveness when no blood was shed— What then of righteousness? Reproof when blood's already pled, Unjustly would oppress.</p> <p>2 O God, no more can You condemn; Christ's offering has appeased; I'm fully free, as far from sin As west is far from east.</p> <p>3 All the demands of righteousness My Lord has fully paid; Now You must fully pardon us; More judgment can't be made.</p> <p>4 At first, in love He came, redeemed, Your righteousness t'appease; Then righteousness, appeased, required Sin's prisoners' release.</p> <p>5 Astounding! At the cross we find Both love and righteousness! Love, righteousness, thus intertwined, We'll ever sing and bless.</p> <p>Rom 5:8 – But God commends His own love to us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.</p> <p>Rom 5:9 – Much more then, having now been justified in His blood, we will be saved through Him from the wrath.</p> <p>Mat 8:11 - But I say to you that many will come from the east and the west and will recline <i>at table</i> with Abraham and Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of the heavens,</p>
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