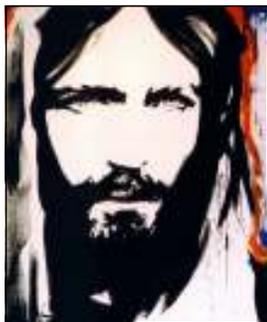


Power in the Blood—Part 1



Someone Died For You

The death was a sacrificial death. From the beginning of the history of mankind—sacrificial death was central to redemption. From the garden of Eden to the Cross of Christ and beyond, a 'scarlet thread' weaves a path through God's Word. It is the blood of the Lamb of God.

The Sacrifice and Blood of the Lamb

A. Old Covenant

1. **Creation** [Adam] [*Gen 3:21*] "Also for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them."
2. **Passover—The Promised Land** [*Exo 12:7*] "And they shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and on the lintel of the houses where they eat it."
3. **Atonement—Substitutionary Death** [*Lev 17:11*] "For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul."
4. **Sanctification-Set Apart** [*Exo 24:8*] "And Moses took the blood, sprinkled it on the people, and said, "This is the blood of the covenant which the LORD has made with you according to all these words."

B. New Covenant

1. **New Creation** [Second/Last Adam] [*2Co 5:17*] "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new."
[*Gal 6:15*] "For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision avails anything, but a new creation."
2. **Lord's Supper—The Kingdom of God** [*1Co 10:16*] The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? [*Joh 3:3*] "Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."
3. **Atonement—Christ's Sacrificial Substitutionary Death** [*Heb 9:11-15*] "For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, how much more shall the blood of Christ..."
4. **Sanctification—Set Apart** [*Heb 10:19*] "Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus..." [*Heb 13:12*] "Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate." [*1Jn 1:7*] "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."

1 Cor 11:23-25 (NKJV)

:25 In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

What Happened To Adam?

Rom 5:12-14; 18-21; Isaiah 53:6

"*Cor incurvatus ad se!*"

Why did Adam's sin have such dire consequences for all of mankind?

1. **The Sin** His sin was not the violation of a moral code like that of the Law. Adam's disobedience was a change in the personal relationship of the 'creature' to His 'Maker.'

2. **Broken Communion** Adam and Eve were the **crowning glory** of the creation—made in the image and likeness of God. God had lovingly given individual existence and a universe to enjoy—and incomparable communion.

3. **A Matter of Choice** But their choice changed their relationship from God-centered and other-oriented to self-centered. Luther called this "a heart curved in on itself" (*cor incurvatus ad se*).

4. **A New Center** Man and woman chose to center themselves in themselves, to make 'self' the point of reference. One scholar describes it this way, "Adam and Eve became their own 'ultimate concern.'"

5. **God's Provision** They attempt to cover themselves with fig leaves [*Gen 3:7*]. But it was the Lord who made garments of skin [the shedding of blood] for them [*Gen 3:21*].

6. **Restored Communion** When Christ [*the last Adam*] died for us [*the shedding of blood*] He made it possible for us to have communion with God again. The Lord's Table is a reminder that our life is truly 'hidden with Christ in God.' Col 3:3