

The Precious Blood of Jesus

1 Peter 1:17-21

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¹⁷ “If you address as Father the One who impartially judges according to each one’s work, conduct yourselves in fear during the time of your stay *on earth*;
¹⁸ knowing that you were not redeemed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers,
¹⁹ but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, *the blood* of Christ.
²⁰ For He was foreknown before the foundation of the world, but has appeared in these last times for the sake of you
²¹ 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.”

Many churches today have erased all mention of the blood of Jesus Christ from their worship services. But the shedding of blood is essential to the Christian faith—without a sacrifice, no one can have a relationship with the heavenly Father. For that reason, the Lord wove the story of death, renewal, and reconciliation like a red thread through the Bible, from [Genesis](#) to [Revelation](#).

What do you have if you remove the blood from a body? You’re left with a lifeless corpse, right? The same is true of the Bible. Scripture would be no more than historical literature if we edited all the “**unpleasant**” parts regarding animal sacrifice, Jesus dying on the cross, or the power of His blood.

God designed the redemption system in such a way that anyone could understand the connection between shed blood and freedom from sin. The Lord gave detailed instructions for offering a perfect animal sacrifice so that His holiness would be satisfied. God also wanted His followers to understand that sin brought terrible consequences and resulted in death. The first fatality in Scripture was the animal whose skin was used to cover Adam and Eve’s nakedness ([Genesis 3:21](#)).

Genesis 3:21 (NASB)

²¹ “The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.”

Every time an Israelite brought a lamb or a pair of doves to the priest, he recognized that “**the wages of sin is death**” ([Romans 6:23](#)).

Romans 6:23 (NASB)

²³ “For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

God chose a graphic solution to the world’s sin problem. Therefore, believers cannot be squeamish about explaining what truly happened at Golgotha. The words that we choose influence listeners. “**Jesus shed His blood for you**” is a powerful statement, which is also the message God repeats throughout His Word.