

God hears and answers prayers because the blood of Jesus has cleansed us of our sins and provided access to the throne of God.

THE BLOOD AND THE WORD

There is power in the Blood, but we must never forget, the Blood and the Word always work together in conjunction with the Holy Spirit. — We speak the Word (Mark 11:22,23), and apply the Blood. The Word says and the blood does. When we are washed by His blood and cleansed by the Word, the Lord puts the seal of the Holy Spirit on us. In Ephesians 1:13,14, Paul wrote — — *In Him you also trusted, after you heard the Word of truth, the gospel of your salvation; in whom also, having believed, you were sealed with the Holy Spirit of promise, who is the guarantee of our inheritance until the redemption of the purchased possession, to the praise of His glory.*

COMMUNION IN COMMUNION (I Corinthians 11:23-26; ref. I Corinthians 11:17-22; 27-34)

At our receiving the Lord's Supper we are taking communion with Him. We are having fellowship with the Lord Jesus because we are remembering His blood He shed for our redemption, as well as the stripes He took on His back for our healing (I Peter 2:24; Isaiah 53:5). Also, in verse 26, our participation in the Lord's communion supper not only affirms our belief in His death and resurrection from the grave, but also confirms our belief in His second coming. Paul reminds us to commemorate His death and resurrection ...*till He come.*

SEVENTH UNIT

FORTY SECOND STUDY

IN THE TOMB

There is not much known about Jesus during His time in the tomb, but we will now attempt to cover the following Scriptures that give us a glimpse into what we believe happened.
HE LED CAPTIVITY CAPTIVE (Ephesians 4:8-10
Hebrews 2:14,15)

This refers to the deliverance of all righteous souls from the captivity of Satan and from their prison in the lower parts of the earth. Christ ascended first into hell (Psalm 16:10; Acts 2:27), in the lower parts (or heart) of the earth (Ephesians 4:8-10; Matthew 12:40), then captured the righteous souls from Satan, leading them captive to heaven when He ascended on high. This is a fulfillment of David's prophecy in Psalm 68:18. Before this, all the righteous souls went into hades or sheol, along with the souls of the wicked, but in another compartment with a great gulf between them (Luke 16:19-31).

This is why I believe that those Old Testament saints that arose and came out of the graves at His resurrection were those saints He went down to free, to bring them out of paradise, which He then closed, and took them with Him as He ascended to sprinkle His precious blood on the mercy seat in the temple in heaven.

In John 20:17, Jesus told Mary Magdalene after His resurrection; not to touch Him, because He was going immediately to heaven ... *but go to My brethren, and say unto them, I ascend to My Father; and to My God and your God...* In essence, “I am clothing Myself with My eternal form. You go tell My brethren that I ascend to God but will be back again to see them.” That very day He did ascend to heaven and came back to appear to the disciples.

BLOOD OF JESUS/NEW COVENANT (Hebrews 9)

God promised to redeem fallen man through the seed of woman (Genesis 3:15). The wages of sin is death (Romans 6:23), so someone had to pay the penalty or judgment for man’s rebellion in the garden. For man to be redeemed, man had to pay the penalty. It couldn’t just be any man, it had to be a perfect sacrifice. Man couldn’t pay the bill, so God became like us in the flesh, that we might be redeemed. So God became man, but never ceased to be God. He did not have the fallen nature of man because He came like the first Adam. He was without sin. He is called the second Adam. He was born without sin and He lived without sin. He was the perfect, spotless sacrifice that brought us our New Covenant. He was the Lamb that *Abraham said, My God will provide* (Jehovah Jireh) *Himself a Lamb*.

His earthly name was *Jesus*. Jesus went to the cross and physically died, His Spirit and soul went into the center of the earth, until His resurrection.

Christ’s Covenant is better than the Old Coven-

ant. It is tenfold in superiority (Hebrews 8:7-13). The Old Covenant tabernacle was only typical of the New Covenant (Hebrews 9:1-5). The Old Covenant restricted personal approach to God. The New Covenant gives full access to God always (Hebrews 9:6,7; 10:19-23). The Old Covenant services could not even cleanse its ministers (Hebrews 9:8,9; 5:1-3; 7:27). The Old covenant sacrifices were carnal, temporary and powerless to cleanse from sin (Hebrews 9:9,10; 10:1-9). The New Covenant sacrifices brought eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:11,12; 7:24; 9:15; 10:10-23). The Old Covenant sacrifices could not remit one sin (Hebrews 10:4), but the blood of Christ does (Hebrews 9:13-15). The death of Christ was necessary to make the New Covenant (Hebrews 9:16,17; Matthew 26:28; I Peter 2:24).

APPLYING THE BLOOD (Exodus 12:7,12,13; 24-27)

When we apply the blood of Jesus to ourselves and daily situations that that might arise, we are celebrating this New Covenant of His blood. Surrender all to Him daily. This is not a ritual but relationship. The evil one may fight you at every turn, but whenever you apply the blood, God’s power comes alive. —The children of Israel took the blood and applied it to the doorposts of their houses (Exodus 12:7) and saw great deliverance. Even the death angel passed over their house when he saw the blood of the lamb applied. Now we have the blood of the spotless Lamb, Jesus, our sacrifice, to apply to every situation that might arise against us and others.