

Series: You Asked For It!

Title: Why the Blood?

Text: (Heb 9:22) *w/o shedding of blood is no remission*

4 Great Questions in Life!

Who am I (and what am I worth?)

Where did I come from?

Why am I here?

Where am I going when I die?

Who you listen to gives vastly different answers.

With all questions in Life, What does the Bible Say?

*Who am I? **I Am A Created Being:***

I Am Made in His Image, thus I have Value! *Valuable*

I Am Dependent upon God for Everything: *Thankful*

I Am Physically Fragile. *Mindful*

I Am Spiritually Vulnerable to Satan's attacks: *Faithful*

I Am Morally Accountable to God for my choices: *Fruitful*

*Who am I? **I Am IN Christ:** I am not abandoned.*

Adam as Our Representative: at BIRTH

Christ as Our Representative: at the NEW BIRTH

I am United with Christ in a Living Union:

I am not part of an association, affiliation, or club.

I in Him, He In Me! A Living Union with Christ.

*Who am I? **I Am Justified:***

I am free from all charges against me.

I was under the Curse of the Law: *BUT!!!*

(2 Cor 5:21)

But Is That All I AM? NO!

I Am an Adopted Son of God: (Jn 1:12-13)

Adoption should lead to a family resemblance: *Holiness*

(2 Cor 7:1) Are We Maturing in Holiness?

(2 Cor 6:17) Are We separated from the world we inhabit?

(Phil 2:15)

Are We in stark contrast to the lost people around us?

Can they see our family resemblance?

(1 John 3:2-3)

Is there a Family Resemblance in you to God your Father?

We are **Who** God says we are.

We are **What** God says we are.

With all questions in Life, What does the Bible Say?

The *Essential* Truth in the Life: (Jn 3:16)

The *Essential* Reason for our life: (Col 1:16-18)

The *Essential* of our Faith in Christ: (Heb 9:22)

The question this week from “You Asked For It”

“Why would a loving God (with a righteous Law) require a blood sacrifice to pay for my sins?”

The following question seems to come up often when introducing Christianity to folks:

Interestingly, some of these folks that ask me this question come from cultures where historically, animal and human sacrifices were offered to appease 'gods'.

Almost all ancient cultures seemed to unquestioningly connect importance to the shedding of blood with sin atonement or heavenly appeals.

Why Does It it Require Blood?

What does the bible say?

Skeptics say: **Ours is a “Bloody” Faith:**

Religion brings bloodshed.

No Sin Brings Bloodshed: (Rom 5:12)

Why Does It it Require Blood?

Because Blood is Life: (Lev 17:11)

Redeeming a life, With a Life.

The Blood is Essential to Salvation:

Can't redeem a life with Money: (1 Pet 1:18)

Christ purchased our pardon from sin with His Blood.

(Acts 20:28) (Heb 9:12) (Heb 13:12) (Rev 1:5)

Animal's Blood symbolized Christ's Blood: (Heb 10:1-3)

The OT pictured this in all it's teachings.

John's Statement Changed the Paradigm:

(Jn 1:29) Behold the Lamb of God that taketh away sin

(1 Cor 5:7) “Christ our Passover”;

(Ex 12:3-14) - Passover

(Vs 5) Choose a Perfect, Spotless, Lamb.

(Vs 6a) Scrutinize it 14 days.

(Vs 6b) Kill the Lamb.

(Vs 7) Apply the Blood to the door posts.

(Vs 8) Each Individual will partake of the lamb.

(Vs 11) Eat it in Anticipation of Deliverance.

(Vs 13) When I see the Blood, you will be spared wrath.

Not the “Death” of the Lamb! – They ate the Lamb!

The Angel was looking for the Blood, not the Lamb.

The Lamb was for them, the Blood was for God!

The Necessity of the Blood:

(Lev 17:11)

(Gen 3:21) 1st Blood Sacrifice

Death of the animal was not enough.

God didn't kill these animals for food, but for the blood.

Illus: At that time McDonald's served Veggie Burgers

(Gen 4:1) 2nd Blood Sacrifice

Eve expected that Cain would be the Messiah

(Gen 4:3)

Cain was a farmer; nothing wrong w/ being a farmer.

He was a tiller of the Cursed ground,

(Gen 3:17-19) “Cursed is the ground.”

Not only was the ground cursed, but Cain was cursed as a sinner because he was a son of Adam.

(1 Cor 15:22) “In Adam all die.”

So here is a Cursed Sinner, with Wicked Hands, offering to the Lord the fruit of the Cursed Ground.

You cannot buy Gold with Garbage.

You cannot satisfy Holiness with Sinfulness.

I'm Certain Cain's Offering was very beautiful.

It probably looked like a County Fair/Farmers Market

All of the luscious Fruit, Vegetables, & Flowers!

The Object of Cain's Faith was his own Righteousness through Good Works.

He was being very religious & very sincere!

(Is 64:6) *But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags;*

What was wrong with Cain's Offering?

God said what He wanted.

God Said He Would Accept! (Heb 9:22)

“Without shedding of blood is no remission.”

This is why God had no respect for Cain's offering.

It did not Picture Christ.

This is why the Bible rejects the religion of Cain

Cain brought a bloodless sacrifice;

Cain brought vegetables:

You can't get blood out of a turnip.

Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission.

Where did Cain get this idea?

What motivated Cain to bring Vegetables?

What motivated Cain to bring Fruit & Flowers?

What motivated him to do it?

He got the idea in his own Pride!

He did not get it by Divine Revelation.

He got it by Human Reasoning!

His Faith was in his own efforts!

He Knew What God Wanted: (Gen 4:6-7)

It was the religion of his own Industry/Effort!

The Lord will not accept it b/c it is the religion of works.

Many people have that kind of religion.

Many believe they're going to get to God by effort.

Many believe they're going to get to God by works.

Many believe in Culture, but not in Calvary.

Many believe in Tradition, but not in Truth.

The Difference between True Faith & False Faith is the Object of a person's FAITH.

"Well, I'm looking for a religion that suits me."

You'd better off to find the ONE that pleases God.

Not of Human Philosophy, but of Divine Revelation.

NOT OF WORKS= (Eph 2:8-9; Titus 3:5)

God had respect unto Abel's Offering: (Gen 4:4)

The Lamb Pictured Christ:

(Is 53:7)

(Is 53:10)

If Death was all that was needed, then Cain's Offering would have been good enough.

Cain's Offering took life, Plants are alive.

Cain's Offering was also substitutionary.

Of the 2 sacrifices, which one was respected?

Which one was the most like Jesus?

It was not just Death, or the taking of life that God required,

But the blood! (Heb 9:22) (1 Pet 1:18-19)

(Heb 11:4) *“More excellent”*

Prettier? NO! - Smelled Better? NO! - **It was the Blood!**

(Lev 17:11)

“What can wash away my sin? Nothing but ...

They could have strangled the lamb, or Clubbed it.

(1 Cor 5:7) Jesus is our Passover, the blood had to be applied
They could have strangled, clubbed, or stoned Jesus, but
instead his blood had to be shed.

On the day of Atonement, the blood had to be sprinkled on
the Mercy Seat in the Holiest of Holies Which was an earthly
picture of a Heavenly Fact!

There is a mercy seat in heaven's Holy of Holies and there is
where the blood of Christ was applied!

1st Blood Sacrifice was the animals in the garden.
2nd Blood Sacrifice was Abel's Offering

(Gen 7:1-3) *"I have seen thee righteous"*

Was Noah righteous? – NO!
God *"SAW"* him righteous because of the blood sacrifices he
offered in faith waiting for the coming messiah promised to
his forefather Adam in (Gen 6:8-9)

God seeing him righteous is how we define *"Justification"*
Noah was no more righteous than you or I.
God looks down through the blood of Jesus and sees us
righteous.

The righteousness of Christ is imputed, or credited to our
Account! (Rom 3:22)

Not because you are covered by the skins of dead animals.
God's Chekina glory was not on the carcass on the altar
outside the veil.

God's Chekina glory was in the Holy of Holies on the Mercy
Seat where the Blood was sprinkled.

(Gen 7:2) *"Of every clean beast..take thou by sevens"*

The difference between the clean and the unclean animals was
that the unclean were not fit to sacrifice.
Lamb, Bullock, Ram, Dove.

Pigs are Unclean!

*Illus: Why would God want more Clean than Unclean when
He is a God of Balance?*

For Sacrifice! (Gen 8:20)

The Unclean animals were on the ark to preserve the species
The EXTRA Clean animals were there to preserve Noah's
fellowship with the Lord while the earth was being
replenished!

(Gen 9:2-4) we can eat flesh, just No Blood!

Man had to drain the blood!

The blood belongs to God!

Lev 17:10-11 It is for an atonement for our souls!

If the blood was not necessary, there would have been no
need for the Holy of Holies.

Why Christ's Blood?

Precious & Perfect Blood- Only Jesus' blood could do.

Without Sin: (1 Pet 1:18-19)

(Gen 3:15) *Seed of a woman.* (Human)

(Gal 4:4-5) *Made of a woman.*

Without spot: (Heb 9:12,14, 22)

This displays His *Divinity*

The Babies Blood & its Type are developed from the Sperm not ovum. (Rom 5:12)

At conception, life begins!

Illus: Catholic Church Doctrine teaches that Mary was Sinless, so as to not pass sin to Christ.

“The Immaculate Conception means that Mary, whose conception was brought about the normal way, was conceived without original sin or its stain—that’s what “immaculate” means: without stain.”

*They refer to her as the Ark of the New Testament.
This was their attempt to explain the Diety of Christ.*

*Illus: A scientific example that confirms a spiritual fact.
There is no blood in the Ovum until fertilization.*

The male part at conception is where the blood of the child is derived from, thus proving scripture is correct!

We all have an earthly father! (Rom 5:12)

Jesus had no earthly Father, thus had No Sin

*Of all human births, who was born w/o an earthly Father?
Jesus, & what was unique about Him apart from other Men?
He is Sinless!*

(1 Pet 3:18)

(1 Pet 2:24)

“I don’t believe a loving God would send anyone to hell.”

He doesn’t!

You choose to go to hell:

When you go to Hell, you will have stepped over his dead body & walked through His shed blood.

He sent His Son to die for our sins.

(Rom 5:6-8, 10)

(1 Jn 3:16)

Blood, NOT Works: (Heb 10:1-3)

Sacrifices and the OT Law.

The only blood that this world has ever seen that is sinless was Jesus’. ***We call it precious because it is scarce!***

There is only approximately 5 quarts or 10 pints of it in the entire universe!

We are cleansed by His blood from all sin. (Rev 7:9, 13-14)
(Rom 3:24-25; Eph 1:7; 2:13; Col 1:14, 20; Heb 13:12)

The Blood is a holy thing, and it’s our hope!

That is why groups, who call themselves churches, that discount the blood; feel they need to add works or baptism to salvation, & always need new versions of the bible.

(Heb 10:29)

The Tabernacle pictures salvation, every Piece had to be sprinkled with blood! (Heb 9:21)

The Table of Shew bread, which symbolizes the bible!

This is a Bloody Book! This is a blood washed book!

The Candlestick! Pictures Soul Winning!

When we go out, we need to take the blood with us!

If we go out with a sales pitch and no blood, we are not carrying the Light!

People need to understand the sacrifice that was made.
It Exalts the Love of God, and satisfies His Holiness.

Ever ask yourself why @ resurrection, He told Mary
Madeline not to touch Him, then in the upper room He is
telling Thomas to stick His hands in His hands/ feet/side.

He hadn't sprinkled the blood on the mercy seat in heaven
yet! (Heb 9:12-15)

No one could touch the high Priest between the Altar and the
Mercy seat on the Day of Atonement.
Not his family or anyone!

The Altar Of Incense, Symbolized our prayers.
(Rev 8:3-4) We cannot have access to God without coming
through the blood. (Heb 10:19-20, 29)

Why the Blood?
The Blood is Life! (Lev 17:11)
The Blood of Christ is Sinless Blood:
The Blood makes us Eternally Secure: (Heb 10:11-14)

Once offering for sins, forever!
(Heb 7:24-25) Saved to the uttermost!
(Jn 5:24) Shall Not come into condemnation
(Rom 8:1) No Condemnation

The blood of Christ still covers our sin today!

The blood of Christ makes us Blood Kin to Christ & Joint
Heirs with Him! (Rom 8:16-17)

We do not worship the blood, but we sing songs in celebration
of the gift of it. *Saved by.. Are you washed..What*

The Lord's Supper: Body is broken 1st, then the Blood.

The Tri-pod of our faith is the Blood, the Book, and the
Blessed Hope.

It is a Bloody Faith we have, but only through the Blood are
we made whole. (Rev 1:5-6)

Never be ashamed of the blood, "By it I am made whole"