

THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD FOR OUR REDEMPTION

It is interesting to note that there were five critical things that happened to Adam because of sin entering the world. There were 5 areas of man's life that were affected by the sin nature:

1. Man's mental wellbeing—man had lost his peace (and his peace with God) and became tormented in his mind and soul because of sin, separation from God and now a struggle against the will of the flesh vs the will of God.
2. Man's material wellbeing – man now had to labor to make ends meet—to make the earth yield for him. Previously, he could simply glean what he desired, when and where he desired from God's abundance, but sin put a stop to that. He would now have to sweat and labor to see harvest and to have his personal needs met.
3. Man's physical wellbeing – man for the first time began to experience sickness and disease, instead of perfect health and wholeness. Sickness entered into man's domain, and as a result, physical death.
4. Man's social wellbeing – man was brought into bondage. In the world today, man thinks that he's 'free' or lives in a 'free society' and can do what he pleases—but he is not and cannot. Man and the governments of man are still bound by sin and subject to the sin nature that dictates every aspect of man's existence and day to day activity. He is a slave to sin and is ruled and governed by it. He may think that he is free, with the ability to move and act as he pleases, but is in actually controlled and completely enslaved by sin.
5. Man's spiritual wellbeing –man had been alienated from God and as a result, was broken! His heart had been broken, torn apart at the seams, lost in a sea of separation, depression, loneliness and pain. He was condemned to live life separated from His Father and Creator. He had lost his relationship with God and entered into a place of deep despair in that separation from Him. He was alienated and cut off from the life of God and needed to be restored back to relationship, and his heart mended by the Father's love.

In order to redeem and buy back for mankind, what he had lost in the fall and what rightfully belonged to him, a sacrifice was necessary and the shedding of blood. The Word of God says that without the 'shedding of blood' there is no remission of sin, according to Hebrews 9:22, "Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin." Verse 26 goes on to say that "... But as it is, He appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." We know and understand from the Word, that Jesus put away sin and bought our redemption from sin and all of its effects by His own blood, His own sacrifice, once.

It is important to understand that the blood of Jesus was not 'spilt' ... it was 'shed' intentionally and there is a difference. The blood of Jesus was shed purposefully, not spilt accidentally. Jesus had to 'shed his blood' to remit and make right each of these 5 arenas, purposefully to set us free, and He did so at the cross. He could have just

gone to the cross and simply died, but instead, He strategically shed His blood for each of these arenas so that we could be redeemed and experience the fullness of deliverance from sin and its affect.

1. JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR MAN'S MENTAL WELLBEING

Luke 22: 41-46 – “And He was withdrawn from them about a stone’s throw, and He knelt down and prayed, ⁴² saying, “Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done.” ⁴³ Then an angel appeared to Him from heaven, strengthening Him. ⁴⁴ And being in agony, He prayed more earnestly. **Then His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.** ⁴⁵ When He rose up from prayer, and had come to His disciples, He found them sleeping from sorrow. ⁴⁶ Then He said to them, “Why do you sleep? Rise and pray, lest you enter into temptation.”

It says here in verse 44, that Jesus looked at the will of the Father, and examined His own will, and determined that no matter the cost, it was not HIS OWN will that was to be accomplished but the will of His Father. Here Jesus was about to UNDO what another man did in ANOTHER garden, Eden. Instead of yielding to the will of God in the garden called Eden, Adam yielded to his own will and put man under sin. And man’s mind became subject to sin. Here the ‘second Adam’, Jesus, is faced with the same dilemma, and opportunity to choose between his own will and the will of God.

And the Bible says that because of the agony of this decision—Jesus in verse 44, shed drops of blood. Blood literally began to seep out of His very pores, because of the anguish and agony within His mind and soul. Here we see the very first shedding of blood, where Jesus purposefully gave His blood to undo what Adam had done in the arena of the soul—the seat of his decision processes and reasoning. Adam in the Garden subjugated us to the will of the flesh through the gateway of the soul (the mind, will and emotion of man)—but Jesus here purchases us back so that man would no longer have to have anguish of mind any longer because of sin and a desire to disobey the will of God. When you shed blood you redeem or win something back. Jesus won the battle of ‘the will of the flesh VS the will of God’ FOR US, a battle that took place in the soul of man, the mind. And because of this victory, we today, no longer have to be ruled anguish, but can walk free in the liberty that Christ won for us in a soundness of mind!

2 Timothy 1:7 says, “For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”

Jesus shed His blood so that we would no longer have to endure fear, worry, stress, anxiety or anguish over anything—and has given to us a spirit of power and love and of a sound mind! We can now ‘cast all of our cares upon Him, because He cares FOR YOU!’ (1 Peter 5:7). He, Jesus, took all of our care and anguish upon Himself that He might give us peace. Philippians 4: 6,7- “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; ⁷ and the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.”

You don’t have to worry or be anxious anymore. God has given to you, in Christ, a sound and stable mind. Jesus shed His blood for our peace and for our stability. ‘Give no thought for tomorrow’ the bible says. Just know that He is looking after all. You don’t have to be tormented in your mind.

Is your past or personal failure, condemnation or guilt tormenting you? Hebrews 9:14 says, “how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” The blood of Jesus is actually strong enough to cleanse your conscience from the VERY memory of your old life and who you used to be. The blood of Jesus washes, cleanses and makes pure, your very mind and conscience. It washes clean even the remembrance of the old—‘BEHOLD, ALL THINGS HAVE BECOME NEW!’ (2 Corinthians 5:17)

No matter what you face in life, there is available for you PEACE OF MIND! Even if the whole world is come apart at the seams... YOU can have peace. Be anxious for NOTHING! ‘You will keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose mind is stayed on You*, because he trusts in You,” Isaiah 26:3 says. Peace and freedom from anxiety, fear and anguish is part of our redemption in Christ, because of His shed blood. It’s our covenant right!

2. JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR MAN’S MATERIAL WELLBEING

Matthew 27:27-31- “Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the Praetorium and gathered the whole garrison around Him. ²⁸ And they stripped Him and put a scarlet robe on Him. ²⁹ When **they had twisted a crown of thorns, they put it on His head**, and a reed in His right hand. And they bowed the knee before Him and mocked Him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” ³⁰ Then they spat on Him, **and took the reed and struck Him on the head.** ³¹ And when they had mocked Him, they took the robe off Him, put His *own* clothes on Him, and led Him away to be crucified.”

The second thing that the Bible records they did with Jesus, is they took Him and put a crown of thorns upon His head, in verse 29. Now Adam was the forefather and the fountainhead of all of creation, the king of all the earth—but here, we have Jesus, the King of the Universe, now upon the earth in human form, being given a crown of thorns, by His accusers. This ‘crown of thorns’ were molded and shaped from the very creation that Adam was given to govern and rule over, yet fell under the curse of sin because of Adam’s disobedience. Jesus was given a cursed crown of thorns to symbolize His kingship and dominion in mock fashion. Here, Jesus is TRULY King of all creation, able to calm the storm and govern the fish of the sea, the winds and even the trees of the field, listen to and obey His command. Yet we see this crown which symbolized a cursed world, placed upon His head and those very thorns beaten into it with sticks.

Back in Genesis, when Adam sinned, the original king of the earth, God declared him to be cursed now. You are going to have to work for anything that comes from the earth and what is going to be produced from it as a result of sin, are THORNS. Thorns for Adam were a constant reminder of the fall and the curse that he had brought upon the earth through his disobedience. Adam was going to be impoverished.

“Then to Adam He said, “Because you have heeded the voice of your wife, and have eaten from the tree of which I commanded you, saying, ‘You shall not eat of it’:

“Cursed *is* the ground for your sake;

In toil you shall eat *of* it

All the days of your life.

¹⁸Both thorns and thistles it shall bring forth for you,

And you shall eat the herb of the field.

¹⁹In the sweat of your brow you shall eat bread

Till you return to the ground,

For out of it you were taken;

For dust you *are*,

And to dust you shall return.” Genesis 3:17-19

Well they took the very symbol of that curse and made a crown from it, and beat it into the 'brow' of Jesus, that very place where God told Adam, sweat and toil would come from. Jesus then, shed blood, as they beat it into His brow, so that you and I don't have to be impoverished anymore! So that you and I do not have to be subjected to sweat and toil to make ends meet, to have our needs met, anymore. Are we saying that now, because of Jesus, we don't have to work? NO. Adam was commanded and given work before the fall, Genesis 2:15. All of us need to work to release our creativity and potential, but we don't work to get our needs met. God, Himself, has become our provider once again, as He always intended to be. Now, if you do not choose to put your trust in Him and the finished work of Christ, you can labor and sweat and toil just like every other person on the face of this planet who doesn't know God and be your OWN sufficiency —OR you can lean on the covenant that God has made with man, in and through Christ Jesus, and the laws of the Kingdom of God and operate accordingly and believe that blood has already been shed to break the power of the curse of poverty off of your life—knowing that the blessing is yours! Jesus said in John 10:10, that He came to give us 'LIFE, and life more abundantly!'

He came to give you an abundant life and deliver you from poverty. God does not want you as His child to suffer lack. He said in Philippians 4:19, "And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." We do not have to be poor. We can live blessed. But you can do it one of two ways... our way or God's way. If you do it God's way, 'the blessings of the Lord will make you rich, BUT ADD NO SORROW.' (Proverbs 10:22) God's desire for us is to 'prosper and be in health even as our soul prospers.' (3 John 1:2)

3. JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR MAN'S PHYSICAL WELLBEING

Matthew 27:26 (Mark 15:15) - "Then he released for the Barabbas, and **having scourged Jesus**, delivered Him to be crucified."

Jesus before He was crucified, received upon his body, stripes, that the Word of God declares were for our healing, physically. Before Pilate released Jesus to be crucified, he had him 'scourged or flogged' the scripture says. The 'scourge' used by the Romans was an implement for severe bodily punishment. It consisted of a handle, to which several cords or leather thongs were affixed, which were weighted with jagged pieces of bone or metal, to make the blow more painful and effective. Victims were tied to a post and beaten severely around the back and loins, sometimes even to the face and bowels of the victim, for cruelty. It was not uncommon for the

recipient to either faint or die in the process and such a beating was almost always followed by capital punishment, SHOULD they even survive the ordeal. You get the picture.

In 1 Peter 2:24, the scripture says, 'He Himself, bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His stripes YOU HAVE BEEN HEALED!'

With the entrance of sin into our world, so entered physical death and with it, all manner of sickness and disease (Genesis 3). The stripes that Jesus received upon His back, He received intentionally, that blood might be shed for our physical redemption! For our healing! Every drop of blood that was shed as Jesus was receiving stripe after stripe, was to buy back the health and wholeness God had intended for mankind to walk in, from the beginning.

Isaiah 53:4,5 says, "Surely He has borne our griefs (literally sicknesses and diseases) and carried our sorrows (pains and sufferings); yet we esteemed Him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions; He was bruised for our iniquities, the chastisement of our peace is upon Him and **by His stripes, we are healed.**"

Psalms 103:2,3 says, "Bless the Lord O my soul, and forget not all of His benefits; who forgives all of your iniquity, who **heals all of your diseases.**"

Notice that in both of these passages, God puts both sin and sickness into the same package and redeems BOTH simultaneously, at the Cross. There is not one redemption for sin and another redemption for sickness... no. The cross took care of them both, together, in one sweeping act of salvation. We've not simply been redeemed from sin, but we have been redeemed from sickness.

John 3:17 says that Jesus did not come into the world to condemn the world, but that the 'world through Him might be SAVED.'

This word 'saved' is an interesting word. It's the Greek word 'sozo' which means "to save, keep safe and sound, to rescue from danger or destruction, to save a suffering one from disease, to make well, to heal, and restore to health." This is what Jesus came to do for YOU! Not only did He come to rescue us from sin and destruction, He can to make us WELL, to HEAL us, to RESTORE us to HEALTH. Salvation covers all bases! It covers our salvation, deliverance, protection, preservation, healing and wholeness! That's GOOD coverage! And that is what the blood of Jesus has done for us.

4. JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR MAN'S SOCIAL WELLBEING

Matthew 27:1, 2- 'When the morning came, all the chief priests and elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put Him to death. And when they had bound Him, they led Him away and delivered Him to Pontius Pilate the governor.'

Up until this moment in time, they could not touch Jesus. Even Jesus said, 'the prince of this world is coming. He has no place in Me.' (John 14:30) In Luke 4:28-30, it says that all that were in the synagogue heard the teachings of Jesus and were filled with anger, rose up and drove Him out of town to the brow of a hill and tried to throw Him over... yet 'passing by through their midst, He went His way.' They couldn't touch Jesus. He was fully in control of His destiny. In John 8: 56-59 again, they took up stones to stone Him yet he 'went out of the temple' unharmed. Read John 18:4-8 and the account of the band of soldiers who came to arrest Jesus. Notice that He asks them 'Whom do you seek?' 'Jesus of Nazareth' they said. Jesus said to them, "I AM HE" (or I AM, the Lord God-God's eternal name). ... "When Jesus said to them, 'I AM He', they drew back and fell to the ground." In other words, the very NAME, I AM, God's eternal name, literally knocked them to the ground with such POWER. In that moment everyone KNEW that Jesus was STILL very much in charge! 'So He asked them again, 'Whom do you seek?' And they said 'Jesus of Nazareth.' And Jesus answered and said, 'I told you that I AM He. So if you seek me, then let these men go.' Jesus willingly allowed Himself to be led away by the troupes. He was going to offer His life, like a lamb led to the sacrificial table-NO MAN was going to TAKE His life. Jesus allowed Himself to be bound by those who THOUGHT they were in authority. He willingly offered Himself up as the Lamb of God, slain before the foundation of the world. But the enemy, nor anyone under his command, had ANY control over Jesus.

Jesus had moved about freely, "doing good and healing all who were oppressed of the enemy", the scripture says. He was busy 'about His Father's business' and the work of God, yet all of a sudden, Jesus ALLOWED man, to take His hands-the SAME hands that brought sight to the blind, open deaf ears and wrought countless miracles, the same hands that commanded the waves to be still, extended mercy to the sinner, and fed the five thousand-He allowed these hands to be bound and restricted. They then took His feet-the same feet that ran swiftly to crowds who needed Him, the same feet that walked on water and defied nature's laws, the same

feet that came to trample on and crush the work of Satan in the earth—He allowed these same feet to be bound and nailed to a cross. He allowed these hands to be nailed to the same cross. He allowed Himself to be BOUND, pierced with nails in His hands and feet, allowed His innocent blood to be SHED, that we might experience what it is to be TRULY FREE. Not bound by sin, or this world’s system, but free from its control, governed by God alone and His Kingdom! This man who was truly FREE, gave Himself to be bound, pierced to the tree, the Cross. This man shed blood in His hands, representing the work of God we are called to demonstrate. This man shed blood in His feet, representing the walk of God we are called to live out. This man became bound, because you and I were bound under sin. We couldn’t go where we wanted or do what we wanted because sin had us in bondage. But Jesus became bound so that we could in Him, now do the works of God and walk the walk of God, as His perfect representatives in the earth. We are no longer bound—we are FREE. The blood of Jesus has set you free!

(See the account of Jesus’ appearance to the disciples in Luke 24:36–40—the piercing of His hands and feet. Also, John’s account in John 20 of Thomas’ meeting with Jesus.)

5. JESUS PAID THE PRICE FOR MAN’S SPIRITUAL WELLBEING

Isaiah 61: 1- ‘The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord has anointed Me to preach good tidings to the poor. He has sent me to heal the broken hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to those who are bound, to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, to console those who mourn in Zion, to give them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness, that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that He may be glorified.’

What is the anointing for: ‘to bring good news to the those that are poor in spirit’ – ‘to bind up the broken hearted’ – ‘to set the captives free’ – ‘to open the prison door for those who are bound’ – ‘to comfort all who mourn’ – ‘to comfort console those who mourn’ – ‘to restore beauty for ashes, or a life that has been used up’ – ‘to restore joy’ – ‘to restore praise’. So much of this passage has to do with the restoring

the broken spirit and HEART of mankind. As well as our spiritual redemption, Jesus came to restore the emotion and the HEART of mankind—to restore JOY, to restore GLADNESS, to restore PRAISE for those who are simply BROKEN. Restoration for the soul is part of God’s package of redemption also—the ABILITY TO BE MADE WHOLE again, through relationship and CONNECTION with the Father!

Luke 4:16–21—Jesus stood to read from Isaiah 61 and in verse 21 simply says, ‘TODAY, this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.’

Hebrews 4:14,15 says, “seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin.”

We do not have a High Priest who cannot feel what we feel, who cannot empathize with our brokenness, our pain, our emotion, our heartache. He, Jesus, can relate to all of these things. He was *‘despised and rejected of men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief’*, the scripture says in Isaiah 53. Those who loved Him once, now spat on Him and shouted ‘crucify’. Those He had ministered to, turned their backs on Him and chose another over Him. Even His disciples, whom He loved and trusted, betrayed and denied him. Many ran in fear and abandoned Him in His darkest hour. He was naked, humiliated, degraded, wrongly accused, alone, rejected by everyone and ultimately rejected by God Himself. Trust me, everything that a heart or emotion could EVER go through, Jesus went through it, while He hung on that cross.

John chapter 19:32–27, at the 3rd hour, the soldiers came along to break the legs of the men that hung upon the cross in order to speed up the suffocation process, but when they came to Jesus, He was already dead. “...But one of the soldiers **pierced His side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.**” (v.34) So they pierced His side with a spear just to make sure, and that spear went up through His heart and what flowed out was blood and water. Here was the fifth time that Jesus Himself, shed blood for mankind. Doctors will tell you that the only way that blood could be mixed with water around the heart is if the heart had itself burst, and the water sack around the heart itself, had been compromised. If the heart bursts then it would have flowed into the cavity containing the water and coagulated. When the soldier came to pierce the heart, water mixed with this coagulated blood, flowed out even in Jesus’ death. His heart had burst or was literally broken upon the

cross. Notice that Jesus never opened His mouth throughout the entire process of His crucifixion until the moment that He felt ABANDONED—SEPERATED from GOD. The pain was unbearable—the pain of COMPLETE AND UTTER SEPERATION FROM HIS FATHER—was too much. Yet He bore it for us! For our redemption! Matthew 27:46, says that Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken (or abandoned) Me?' Jesus suddenly knew what it was to be separated from God Himself—'alienated' from God, as we were once called... WE were those who were 'alienated from the life of God' (Ephesians 4:18) says. He knew what it was to be 'cut off', yet He endured the cross, knowing that HIS separation would one day bring us NEAR to the Father.

Ephesians 2:13 says, 'But NOW in Christ Jesus you who once were far off, have been brought NEAR by the BLOOD OF CHRIST'.

Jesus endured total and utter separation from everyone and everything that He loved and endured more than any natural heart could bear. Ultimately, He endured separation from His Father, in one final act of redemption that clenched the deal and brought us the RESTORATION of RELATIONSHIP that we needed—that mankind longed for. By the shedding of His blood, He came to heal the broken hearted. He came to restore that which had been torn apart, because of separation from God. He experienced spiritual separation from His Father so that we could be BROUGHT NEAR, under a new and a living covenant and know once again what it is to FEEL THE FATHER HEART OF GOD. He came to make us whole SPIRIT, SOUL and BODY.

There is redemption in the blood for every aspect of man's life. Jesus came to restore us spiritually, by the shedding of His own blood at the cross, back to full relationship with our Father, making us 'near' once again, as sons and heirs of His promise... but He also paid the price for our FULL restoration—in our soul, (mind, will and emotion), in our body (physical health and wholeness), socially (setting us free to live wholly and completely for Him in this world) and materially (providing all that we would ever need to accomplish His plans and purposes in the earth). What a redemption! What a sacrifice! What a Savior, who has given to us SUCH a great salvation... BY HIS BLOOD!

COMPREHENSIVE QUESTIONS DUE December 1st, 2017:

1. What does it mean to be 'atoned' for?
2. Why was it necessary for Jesus to 'shed His blood' for our redemption?
3. *'And now we also have liberty to enter through the Blood. Sin took away our liberty of approach to God; the Blood perfectly restores to us this liberty. He who will take time to meditate upon the power of that Blood, appropriating it believingly for himself, will obtain a wonderful view of the liberty and directness with which we can now have intercourse with God.'*

—Andrew Murray, *'The Power of the Blood' Book*

What does a revelation of the shed Blood of Jesus AFFECT the life of the believer? Why is it so important to never underestimate the power and process of the blood in the Cross?