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## HOUSE OF PRAISE INTERNATIONAL CHURCH

### The **Blood** Covenant Teaching Series



## Understanding **Blood** Covenant

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### Understanding **Blood** Covenant -02 (continued from inside)

friend - a Blood Covenant relationship forever. Jesus Christ, when He refers to us becoming His friends, is saying: "When I gave my life for you, I made you an eternal Blood Covenant friend." John 6:51-61 "I am the living bread which came down from heaven. If anyone eats of this bread, he will live forever; and the bread that I shall give is My Flesh, which I shall give for the life of the world."

The Jews therefore quarreled among themselves, saying "How can this man give us his flesh to eat?"

In verse 53 Jesus astounds them even more when He says to them; "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you."

"Whoever eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. "For My flesh is food indeed and My blood is drink indeed." "He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me and I in Him (become One)." This is covenant talk. Jesus is talking about the Covenant that He is about to institute.

"As the living Father sent Me, and I live because of the Father, so he who feeds on Me (the Word) will live because of Me." "This is the bread which came down from heaven - not as your fathers ate the manna, and are dead. He who eats this bread will live forever."

These things He said in the synagogue as He taught in Capernaum. Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this said "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured about this, He said ....

Many disciples turned away and left Him, because they could not understand, they had no revelation, no understanding of the true meaning of what He was saying. The Pharisees and the Sadducees thought He had lost His mind, but this is what He was actually saying. Jesus was saying "You must, in order to have eternal life - My

life - inside you, come into a Covenant relationship with me". You and I must come into a covenant relationship with me." You and I must cut the Covenant. "You must eat my body, and you must drink my blood."

In other words, by faith we receive Jesus' Blood for our cleansing, by faith we receive His Body for our healing, by faith we enter into that Covenant when we make Him Lord over our lives. We receive it like the twelve apostles sitting around that table received it when they ate that bread and drank that wine. Jesus said: "This is my Body broken for you - eat. This is my Blood shed for you, - drink. All of you drink of this". At that moment He entered into a Covenant with them, and as they were eating the bread and drinking the wine, they were eating His body and drinking His Blood symbolically. In other words they were entering into a Blood covenant with Him and thereby you will have eternal life, the life of Christ inside you. That is exactly what He did at that table, when He ate the Passover Feast with them

Today, 2000 years later, we can enter into that same eternal Blood Covenant by just simple saying "Jesus Christ I give you complete authority over my life, and I make you Lord over me. I believe you have risen from the dead. When we have said that, we are in that eternal Blood Covenant.

Hallelujah!

**"More steps (5—8) to come"!**



## Understanding Blood Covenant—Lesson 02

A Covenant is defined as an agreement between 2 parties. The Blood Covenant is a covenant set in order and sealed with the shedding of blood. We have a covenant like this with God

There are two main covenants in the Bible, the Old and New. The Old reveals the original covenant between God and Abraham (man). The New is the original covenant, renewed, updated and changed. It is built on better promises and is far stronger than the old covenant. It is of far greater value to us and was sealed with the shed blood of God! Acts 20:28.

### SUBJECT OF BLOOD COVENANT

This subject will change your life as a Christian! It will:

- renew your faith in the Bible
- give you a fresh, deeper understanding of scripture
- give you greater authority and boldness for any circumstance\problem in life.
- cause you to have no fear when you realize that God promised to be all to you.

**Jesus Christ represented God the Father at the Passover meal and made covenant with man. Luke 22:17.**

Jesus told his disciples "this is my body which is broken for you, this is my blood which is shed for you." He was saying to them "I am going to be the covenant sacrifice and we will be ONE". Then after **becoming partners** He went immediately to pay humanities debt for sin. The BLOOD COVENANT was the ONLY way He could **become ONE with us. After rising from the dead,** Jesus went into the Holy of Holies in Heaven (as a righteous born again man) before the Father **representing mankind with His own blood and made covenant with God the Father. He was representing mankind at that point.** This covenant can never fail or be broken or annulled because it exists between God and Jesus Christ. Heb. 6:3. All who are "in Christ" are partakers of this divine, eternal covenant. All God owns is ours that's why the Word says we are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus Christ. Rom. 8:17.

### EIGHT (8) SCRIPTURAL STEPS TO ENTERING A BLOOD COVENANT.

In the Old testament only 2 or 3 steps were used to enter a covenant however Jesus complied with all 8.

1. EXCHANGE OF COATS/GARMENTS - This is the most significant because of what it is saying is "all I own and all my belongings are yours". I Cor. 3:21-22; John 15:15.
2. EXCHANGE OF WEAPONS - (sword and/or armor) - This signifies all my strength and power is yours. Eph. 6:10. Jonathan gave David his coat. Even though he was heir to Saul's throne, he committed to keeping David safe.
3. EXCHANGE OF NAMES - You take part of the other person's name and add it to your name. This indicates you are ONE together but even more it gives you **power of attorney over all his belongings.** It means you can go anywhere and use His name and get anything HE could get. John 16:23. Jesus said "whatever you ask the Father **in my name** He will give it to you"  
**MAKE YOUR REQUESTS IN THIS COVENANT NAME!!!**  
This covenant name "JESUS" may be used against the devil. "These signs shall follow them that believe. In My name they shall cast out devils; they shall speak with new tongues; They shall take up serpents; and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall not hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick and they shall recover." Mark 16:17-18.
4. CUTTING OF BLOOD - a cut is made on the wrists or palms of the 2 parties and they must shake hands or rub wrists together to mingle/mix the bloods. As the blood mixes, the covenant is sealed and the covenant comes into force. You are now blood covenant brothers. All I own is yours and all you own is mine. **The shedding of blood seals the covenant.** You would rub ash into the wound to keep it visible so all could see you are in a blood covenant with someone. These 2 initiators are the **Covenant Heads** and their children and children's children, down to the 4th and 5th generation would be in covenant with the others children. **This covenant is eternal and can never be removed. Jesus Christ is our covenant Head.**  
**Before we go to the next step, there are a few very**

**important things I must share with you concerning the blood.** The blood is very, very important. THIS will give you a new understanding of the value of the blood. What is so important about the blood? Why do they use blood in sealing a covenant of this nature? Why has God instituted blood as the seal of the Covenant?  
In Genesis 9:3-4 God said "Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you. I have given you all things, even as the green herbs. **But** you shall not eat flesh **with its life, that is its blood.**". He said you shall not eat flesh with its life, because that is its blood. In other words, He is saying that blood is the life of the flesh and you may not eat blood or drink blood because you would be drinking **the life of the animal.**  
Leviticus 17:10 - God said "And whatever man of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who eats any blood, **I will set My face against that person who eats blood and will cut him off from among his people.**" God is saying he will be cut off from among his people and will have no inheritance and no more dealings with God. He will be an outcast.  
Leviticus 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."**  
God sees the **life of the animal** on the altar instead of the blood. Instead of **the death** of the person He would accept **the death** of the animal, because the Bible tells us that where there is sin, there is death. **THE ONLY WAY TO PAY FOR SIN IS BY MEANS OF DEATH, AND THE ANIMAL'S BLOOD IS THE PAYMENT FOR THE SIN OF ISRAEL, SO HE ACCEPTED THE BLOOD OF THE ANIMAL AS THE ATONEMENT FOR THEIR SIN.** In other words, their sin was now COVERED OVER OR HIDDEN FROM GOD'S VIEW.  
Leviticus 17:12-14 - "Therefore I said to the children of Israel, "No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who sojourns among you eat blood". And whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who sojourn among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall **pour out its blood** and cover it with dust: for it is the life **of all** flesh. **Its blood sustains its life.** Therefore I said to the children of Israel, you shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of **all** flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off."  
This is very, very important. I have included 2 scriptures

so that you may understand that the life of the flesh is in the blood. If I given my blood to you, **I have given you my life.** If you give me your blood, you **have given me your life.** This is how powerful this is. **Jesus Christ gave us His blood, therefore He gave us His life.** When we give each other our lives, then we are no more 2 lives, we are one life. You and God are one. I Cor. 6:17 says "But he who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with Him." (and one Body with Christ. Hallelujah!).

If you lose your blood, what happens to you? You lose everything you have got, you lose everything you own, in fact you lose your life. These are the words of Jesus, "Greater love has no one that this than to lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13.

Now we know that He gave His life, He gave His blood at Calvary. They nailed Him to a cross. He was nailed so that His blood could drip out of the wounds and that is what happened. His blood dripped out of His wounds. He lost His blood and He lost His life. Jesus gave His life, His very blood, for His friends.

Let us look more closely at the word "friend."  
John 15:14-15 "You are My friends if you do whatever I command you. No longer do I call you servants .... for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, (that word friends is very important) for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you ...." In giving His blood, He made us His friends. In giving His life, He made us His friends. The Hebrew word that is translated "friend" in **"there is a friend who sticks closer that a brother."** is "AHAB". AHAB is a friend that sticks closer than a brother and this friend **has to be a Blood Covenant man.** Jesus is saying "I gave my Blood that you can be in a Blood covenant relationship with me. I gave my Blood so that you can be a friend. The word "friend" here means that you and that person, or you and God are ONE Blood Covenant people.

This also appears in the Old Testament in the Book of Chronicles II Chron. 20:7 "Abraham thy friend **forever.**" Referring to Abraham as an **eternal**