

FirstFruits Gathering At Harvest Christian Church

The Blood of Jesus November 28, 2023 Suzi Armstrong

Life is in the blood. It is the blood of Jesus that connects us in covenant with Almighty God. Covenant is a binding contract. In that contract, the enemies of God become our enemies and His blessings become our blessings. We are born again through the shed blood of Jesus Christ that speaks a better covenant than the covenant that came through Abraham. The blood of Jesus redeems us from our sins, delivers us, makes us holy, heals us, and gives us eternal life.

We are under the blood of the Lamb. This means that the blood of Jesus covers us and speaks for us. We are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus through His blood. When our Father looks at us, He looks at us through the blood of Jesus. The blood makes us a new creation in Christ – the old is gone and the new has come. We take communion in remembrance of the blood and body of Jesus. Jesus said, “take it and eat it, for this is My body” (Matthew 26.26). Each of you drink from it, for this is My blood, which seals the covenant between God and His people. It is poured out to forgive the sins of many (Matthew 26.27-28).

Ephesians 1.7 NIV

⁷ In him **we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins**, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace.

Ephesians 2.13 TPT

¹³ Yet look at you now! Everything is new! **Although you were once distant and far away from God, now you have been brought delightfully close to him through the sacred blood of Jesus—you have actually been united to Christ!**

Leviticus 17.11 NIV

¹¹ For the **life of a creature is in the blood**, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; **it is the blood that makes atonement for one’s life.**

The blood of Jesus is powerful! An old spiritual song that we sing says, “there is power, power, wonder working power in the precious blood of the Lamb!” The blood of Jesus is one of the most powerful and effective weapons to use. We are in a war time. Understanding that the blood of Jesus defeated demonic powers, principalities, and rulers of wickedness is important. We stand in union with Christ through the blood of Jesus; we stand in authority, empowered by the Name and blood of Jesus. We have been given authority over the devil. We are seated far above powers and principalities in the Heavenly realms through the blood of Jesus. This is our reality – our reality is in Christ and His victory on the cross.

Revelation 12.11 NIV

¹¹ **They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb**

and by the word of their testimony;
they did not love their lives so much
as to shrink from death.

- When you plead the blood of Jesus in prayer you are exercising the overcoming power of the blood of Jesus that defeated satan.
- Triumph over every demonic entity through the blood of Jesus.

- There is power in the blood of Jesus to save, heal, cleanse, deliver, and raise the dead – life is in the blood.
- Speak the blood of Jesus over your life and your family, your property, your dreams, your mind, and your emotions.
- God made provision for the blood as a weapon of war and as protection and covering.

Pleading the blood of Jesus is a legal term that means to stand on the spiritual rights that are legally ours through the shed blood of Jesus. We have legal rights over satan and his tactics through the blood of Jesus. God honors the blood of His Son. This is an effective strategy – plead or apply the blood of Jesus.

1 John 1.7 NIV

⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and **the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.**

1 John 5.6 TPT

⁶ **Jesus Christ is the One who was revealed as God’s Son by his water baptism and by the blood of his cross**—not by water only, but by water and blood. And the Spirit, who is truth, confirms this with his testimony.

Colossians 1.19-20 TPT

¹⁹ For God is satisfied to have all his fullness dwelling in Christ. ²⁰ And **by the blood of his cross, everything in heaven and earth is brought back to himself—back to its original intent, restored to innocence again!**

- This is a critical verse in this time of war. By the blood of Jesus EVERYTHING in Heaven and earth is brought back to its original intent and restored – nations, people groups, weather patterns, rivers, oceans, trees, rocks, hills, the atmosphere, space. The blood of Jesus reconciles everything.
- The war we are in is a blood war.
- Powers and principalities are over cities and people groups, schools, government and more, holding them captive to a dark and evil agenda.
- The blood of Jesus has purchased everything in Heaven and earth. Present the blood of Jesus as legal evidence that everything – item by item – belongs to God.

PRAYER AND DECLARATION:

Father God, we thank You for the precious blood of Jesus; the blood that redeems everything in Heaven and earth – restoring your original intent. We thank You that the blood of Jesus has legal standing in the earth and in the Heavenly realms. We thank You that You so loved the world and everything in it that You gave the blood of Your Son Jesus Christ for redemption. The blood of Jesus on the cross defeated satan and made a public spectacle of him, stripping away from him every weapon and all their spiritual authority and power.

We plead the blood of Jesus around the city of Detroit, around every community and neighborhood, around the suburbs, around the state of Michigan, and we make known to the powers and principalities of the air that the blood of Jesus has purchased it all. We thank You Father, that Your angel armies are encamped around our city and state. We speak Psalm 91 over Detroit and over Michigan. The blood of Jesus speaks a better word over our city and state, over the land, and over the people. **We speak life over Detroit and every household by the blood of the Lamb.** We bind the powers of darkness at work in our city and state by the blood of Jesus and **we declare restoration and life.**

Arise out of darkness Detroit and return to your original intent – you are a city that is filled with the sound of Heaven, and you release that sound into all of the earth. You are a city of birthing, you are a city of influence, you are a city of life – **all by the blood of Jesus!**