

**The Promise of the Blood**  
**Romans 8.32**  
**Series: Blood Wonder**  
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**The Village Church at Shell Point**

- I. **Blood Wonder** Series
- A. Communion Sunday series – nearly 2 years!
1. Time to remember where we've been in the series
- B. **Bible's Scarlet Thread**
1. Principle – life is in the blood
- a. Giving of blood is the giving of life
- b. Shedding of blood represents death
2. **First blood drawn by God**
- a. In response to the first sin – the sin of Adam and Eve
- b. After which they hid themselves from God
- c. Hid themselves by fashioning some make-shift clothes from fig-leaves to hide their nakedness
- d. God came along and made better clothes out of coats of skin
- e. Not because He was the fashion police, and fig leaves were no longer in vogue
- f. But because wanted them to wear an object lesson
- g. Remember – Adam and Eve were on probation
- h. The probation was, “If you eat of this tree, you will surely die”
- i. They ate; death was inevitable
- j. The immediate consequence was they realized they were naked and they hid themselves, covering themselves with whatever they could get their hands on
- k. But God, in His grace, doesn't immediately find them and kill them
- l. Instead, He kills something else in its place; an animal of some kind
- m. He makes coats of skin – so what they wear would be a constant reminder that they are still alive, but something else had to die in its place
3. Blood then shows up when **Cain kills Abel**
- a. Abel's blood is said to have a voice – crying from the ground to God
- b. From then on, blood has had meaning and a voice
4. Blood then shows up centuries later in Exodus
- a. God redeemed Israel from the slavery of Egypt through the plague of the firstborn
- b. In which God killed every firstborn in Egypt – of both humans and animals
- c. Only the blood on the doorposts of the Israelite homes protected God's people from the fate of death

- d. And caused the angel of death to pass over the people of Israel, the beloved of God
- e. That event would be remembered through the **Passover** celebration commanded of the people of Israel all through the OT – and indeed practiced today by the Jewish people
- f. All in remembrance that the blood redeems the people of God
- 5. Blood then becomes institutionalized in Israel through the **sacrificial system**
  - a. In which the substitutionary sacrifices of the blood of bulls and goats provides the judgment and sin offerings, and atones for the sins of the people
  - b. Atones until the time when the one perfect sacrifice would be provided by the Messiah
  - c. As expressed in Isaiah 53
  - d. **Isaiah 53:5** (NASB95) — 5 But He was pierced through for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities...
  - e. **Isaiah 53:10** (NASB95) — 10 But the LORD was pleased To crush Him, putting Him to grief; If He would render Himself as a guilt offering...
- 6. The fulfillment of that prophecy – indeed of the whole OT scarlet thread – would be **Jesus Christ, the Messiah**
  - a. Who, because the blood of bulls and goats could only foreshadow the ultimate sacrifice for sin, became the only human qualifying to redeem lost humanity
  - b. The only One who lived a perfect life; a sinless life; a wholly righteous life
  - c. And who gave His life as a substitute for ours
  - d. **Christ is our Passover**
  - e. Saving us from our oppressor – which is sin
  - f. Christ is the “better word than the blood of Abel” (Hebrews 12.24)
  - g. The blood of Abel spoke of condemnation
  - h. But the blood of Jesus speaks of redemption, of salvation, for all those who would ever entrust their lives to Him
- C. Having traced the scarlet thread throughout scripture, we then embarked to explore all the **benefits that the blood of Christ provides** for believers
  - 1. Consider the catalogue of blessing that we have explored
  - 2. We have been **purchased** from the slave market through the blood of Christ
    - a. **Revelation 5:9–10** (NASB95) — 9 And they sang a new song, saying, “Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals; for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation. 10 “You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God; and they will reign upon the earth.”
  - 3. The **wrath** of God which we all so genuinely deserve was **removed** by the blood of Christ

- a. **Romans 3:23–25** (NASB95) — 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. ...
- b. Propitiation – wrath-removing sacrifice
- 4. **Justified** by the blood of Christ
  - a. Justified – declared not guilty by faith in His blood
  - b. **Romans 5:8–9** (NASB95) — 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.
  - c. We, the guilty, have had our guilt deposited in Christ’s account; Christ, the righteous, have had His righteousness deposited in our account
- 5. **Brought near** by the blood of Christ
  - a. **Ephesians 2:12–13** (NASB95) — 12 remember that you were at that time separate from Christ, excluded from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.
  - b. We who were estranged from God
  - c. Who like Adam and Eve, were hidden from God
  - d. Have, through the blood of Christ, been brought into the presence of God
  - e. Whose presence is no longer a threat to us, but the greatest treasured blessing imaginable!
- 6. **Peace** by the blood of Christ
  - a. **Colossians 1:19–20** (NASB95) — 19 For it was the Father’s good pleasure for all the fullness to dwell in Him, 20 and through Him to reconcile all things to Himself, having made peace through the blood of His cross; through Him, I say, whether things on earth or things in heaven.
  - b. We who were enemies of God, at war with God, cosmic rebels against God
  - c. Have now been granted terms of peace
  - d. Now find ourselves in His kingdom, serving in His army
  - e. Enjoying His care and provision and peace and friendship
- 7. **Cleansed** by the blood of Christ
  - a. **Hebrews 9:13–14** (NASB95) — 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

- b. The stain of sin has been cleansed by the death of Christ on our behalf
- c. The stain which penetrated deep within us, even to our consciences, has now been removed
- d. The blood of Jesus is the cosmic Shout!
- e. Doing what no laundry product could ever do – cleanse even our consciences from our sin
- 8. **Sanctified** by the blood of Christ
  - a. **Hebrews 13:12** (NASB95) — 12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people through His own blood, suffered outside the gate.
  - b. We are set apart and made holy by the blood of Christ
  - c. Freed from our devotion to that which is corrupt and illicit
  - d. Drawn to that which is “true, honorable, right, pure, of good repute, excellent, worthy of praise...” (Philippians 4.8)
  - e. Sanctified by the blood
- 9. **Elect** in the blood of Christ
  - a. **1 Peter 1:1-2** (NASB95) — 1 ... who are chosen 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, by the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to obey Jesus Christ and be sprinkled with His blood...
  - b. We bask in the knowledge, not that there was something special or worthy in us, but that in His grace, through His blood, we find ourselves as His chosen ones!
- 10. **Ransomed** by the blood of Christ
  - a. **1 Peter 1:18-19** (NASB95) — 18 knowing that you were not ransomed with perishable things like silver or gold from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, 19 but with precious blood, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, the blood of Christ.
  - b. The blood of Christ alone was sufficient to ransom us from the death-clutches of our malevolent master, Satan
- 11. **Freed** by the blood of Christ
  - a. **Revelation 1:5-6** (NASB95) — 5 To Him who loves us and released us from our sins by His blood...
  - b. Freed from our prison of sin
  - c. No longer doomed to sin, but capable of following the righteous life of Jesus because of His shed blood
- 12. What a catalogue!
  - a. What blessings abound!
  - b. What amazing grace has unfolded in the blood of Christ!

## II. **The Promise of the Blood**

- A. Those extraordinary blessings are the kind which ought to occupy our devotional contemplations
  - 1. Just to think of what this meal represents – what His death in our place accomplished
    - a. Should lead us into an exultation of adoration

- b. A spirit of worship transporting us into an ecstatic frame of mind
    - c. An unrestrained sense of praise
    - d. An expression of glory with utter abandon
    - e. Uninhibited from any earthly or temporal concerns
  - 2. **Romans 11:33–36** (NASB95) — 33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are His judgments and unfathomable His ways! 34 For WHO HAS KNOWN THE MIND OF THE LORD, OR WHO BECAME HIS COUNSELOR? 35 Or WHO HAS FIRST GIVEN TO HIM THAT IT MIGHT BE PAID BACK TO HIM AGAIN? 36 For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be the glory forever. Amen.
- B. But amazingly, those benefits, that catalogue of blessing, are just the beginning
  - 1. They are just the down payment, just the firstfruits, of blessing
    - a. Because in the blood of Christ there are promises
    - b. Promises to carry us on into the future
    - c. “Future grace” as John Piper loved to call it in his book by that title
  - 2. When we celebrate the Lord’s Supper we are rightly told that we remember the Lord’s death – remembering is about the past
    - a. But the Bible also says, “remember the Lord’s death until He comes”
    - b. The Lord’s Supper is to carry us into the future
    - c. All the way to the second coming of Christ
- C. Listen to the promise of the blood
  - 1. **Romans 8:32** (NASB95) — 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
    - a. Romans 8:32 (NASB95) — 32 He who did not spare His own Son but delivered Him over for us all – past
    - b. how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? – future!

### III. **The Logic of the Blood**

- A. There is a undeniable, incontrovertible, compelling logic in the blood of Christ
  - 1. Do you see it?
  - 2. Two phrases
  - 3. The first
    - a. He who did not spare His own Son but delivered Him over for us all
  - 4. Drives us relentlessly to a necessary conclusion
    - a. How will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
- B. There is a classic logical argument here
  - 1. Argument *a fortiori*
    - a. **“From the greater”**
  - 2. Argument from the greater to the lesser
- C. The greater is the harder, the more difficult
  - 1. If one can do the harder thing, the more difficult task
    - a. Then certainly one must be able to do the easier thing

- b. One will certainly do the easier thing
- D. What was the hard thing?
  - 1. What was the greater thing that God did?
- E. **Greater: He who did not spare His own Son** but delivered Him over for us all
  - 1. God gave – did not spare
    - a. Not just things
    - b. Not just some aspects of His creation – as marvelous as that would have been
    - c. But God gave, did not spare, His own Son
  - 2. And as the scripture is clear – His only Son
    - a. It evokes the sacrifice of Isaac by his father Abraham
    - b. “Take now your son, your only son, whom you love, Isaac...”
    - c. The sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham was meant to foreshadow, to prefigure the sacrifice of the Son of God by God the Father
    - d. In the case of Isaac, of course, God Himself provided the sacrifice in place of Isaac – the ram caught in the thicket
    - e. But in the place of Jesus, the Son of God incarnate – there was no substitute
    - f. The One about whom God said, “This is my beloved Son” – was given by the Father for our redemption
  - 3. There is nothing God could have done that would have been harder, more difficult, than the giving of His Son
    - a. He did not spare His own, beloved Son, but delivered Him over...
    - b. Delivered over – for whom?
    - c. For us all!
    - d. For everyone who would ever believe in Him
  - 4. **Isaiah 53:10** (ESV) — 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief...
  - 5. What fortitude!
    - a. What strength of character!
    - b. What resolute action!
  - 6. For what?
    - a. Isaiah 53:10 (ESV) — 10 Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring...
    - b. “He shall see His offspring” – His offspring – us who believe!
    - c. He did it for us; for you and me!
    - d. Delivered Him over for us all
- F. **Lesser: Romans 8:32** (NASB95) — 32 ... **how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?**
  - 1. That’s easy!
    - a. If He has already given His Son for us
    - b. He can without batting an eyelash give us anything and everything else
    - c. Freely give us all things?

2. Do you any question, any doubt about God’s capacity to deliver anything and everything you need for your eternal well-being?
  - a. Well, He has already delivered the most difficult thing possible – His only Son, His beloved Son!
  - b. How will He not also give us all things that we need?
3. Now why would God give us all things?
  - a. What would be His motivation?
4. He’s going to do it for His Son – His beloved Son
  - a. “How will He not also *with Him* freely give us all things?”
  - b. God will reward His Son, the Messiah-Jesus, with all things
  - c. And we, united with Christ as we are by faith, will be included
  - d. **Isaiah 53:11** (NASB95) — 11 As a result of the anguish of His soul, He will see it and be satisfied; By His knowledge the Righteous One, My Servant, will justify the many, As He will bear their iniquities.
  - e. **Isaiah 53:12** (NASB95) — 12 Therefore, I will allot Him a portion with the great, And He will divide the booty with the strong... “How will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”
  - f. “How will He not also with Him freely give us all things?”
- G. And what are the “all things”?
  1. This is the promise of the blood – future grace
    - a. And Paul tells us in much of the remainder of Romans 8!
- H. God will cause all things to work together for our good because of the blood of Christ
  1. **Romans 8:28** (NASB95) — 28 And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.
  2. Every thing that takes place in our lives – every circumstance, delightful or dreadful, celebratory or catastrophic – will be used by God to accomplish His purposes in our lives
  3. What a promise!
    - a. All because of His blood
- I. God will conform us to the image of His Son because of the blood of Christ
  1. **Romans 8:29** (NASB95) — 29 For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son...
  2. “Oh, wretched man that I am?” I so often exclaim
    - a. “Who will save me from this body of death?”
    - b. When will I ever be like Jesus?
    - c. When will you ever be like Jesus?
    - d. You will!
  3. Answer – The blood of Christ will do it
    - a. God will, in fact, conform me to the image of His Son
- J. God will lead us to glory because of the blood of Christ
  1. **Romans 8:30** (NASB95) — 30 and these whom He predestined, He also called; and these whom He called, He also justified; and these whom He justified, He also glorified.

2. We will be glorified
    - a. We are sinners
    - b. Before Christ we could do nothing else other than sin
    - c. By faith in Christ we are freed from sin; we now can live the life of Christ
    - d. But ultimately we will be without sin entirely; we will be glorified – all because of the blood of Christ
- K. We will have **no enemy** who can stand against us because of the blood of Christ
1. **Romans 8:31** (NASB95) — 31 ... If God is for us, who is against us?
  2. How do we know that God is for us?
    - a. Because of the blood of Christ!
  3. There is no enemy who can stand against us who are in Christ Jesus
- L. There will be **no accusation** against us that will stick because of the blood of Christ
1. **Romans 8:33** (NASB95) — 33 Who will bring a charge against God’s elect? God is the one who justifies...
  2. No matter what they say about you
    - a. And, Christian, the world is saying all manner of nasty things about you
    - b. The world is accusing you of every conceivable transgression – against the world
  3. But none of those accusations will have any force in court
    - a. They will all be declared out of order, thrown out – and not just on a technicality
    - b. Thrown out because of the blood of Christ
- M. There will be **no separation from God and from His love** because of the blood of Christ
1. **Romans 8:35** (NASB95) — 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
  2. The full range of assaults waged against the redeemed will simply be plastic darts shot against the impenetrable fortress of the love of Christ
  3. Because of the love of Christ not even the most horrendous affliction can separate us from the love of Jesus
    - a. Not tribulation or distress or persecution (and that’s about to increase) or famine or nakedness or peril or sword
    - b. Or Covid, or political distress, or national disintegration, or relational challenges, or family distress, or Alzheimers, or cancer, or heart disease, or corrupt politicians, or fallen Christian leaders, or inept long-winded preachers – nothing!
  4. **Romans 8:38–39** (NASB95) — 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
    - a. That’s “all things”



5. All future grace – all because of the blood of Christ
  - a. That's what Paul means by "all things"
- N. **Romans 8:32** (NASB95) — 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?
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