

The Blood Covenant of Communion

Overview: The first covenant between God and Man through Adam was made without the shedding of blood. It was made with words. God said it and Adam agreed. But Adam sinned. He broke the covenant by disobedience; and every covenant with God since that sin has involved the shedding of blood. In the Old Testament under the Old Covenant, the blood atoned for sins (i.e., it covered over the sins). In the New Testament, under the New Covenant, the Blood of Jesus has remitted the sins, washed them away as if they never existed.

A. What is a Blood Covenant?

A covenant is an agreement typically between 2 parties; sometimes one of the parties represents a tribe, a nation, or in the case of Adam, all mankind. A blood covenant (BC) is sealed with the shedding of blood and the usual penalty for breaking a BC is death. In a BC, both parties pledge to support the other with all that they have, including their very lives and all of their possessions.

Examples are: farmers & hunters, Native American blood brothers, marriages. Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

B. The Passover.

Exo 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take [it] out from the sheep, or from the goats: v6 ... shall kill it in the evening.

Exo 12:7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike [it] on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses .. v11 it [is] the LORD'S passover.

Exo 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye [are]: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy [you], when I smite the land of Egypt.

Psa 105:37 He brought them forth and [there was] not one feeble [person]

C. The Day of Atonement.

Lev 23:27 Also on the tenth [day] of this seventh month [there shall be] a day of atonement: it shall be an holy convocation unto you; and ye shall afflict your souls, and offer an offering made by fire unto the LORD.

Lev 23:28 And ye shall do no work in that same day: for it [is] a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the LORD your God.

Lev 23:29 For whatsoever soul [it be] that shall not be afflicted in that same day, he shall be cut off from among his people.

Lev 23:30 And whatsoever soul [it be] that doeth any work in that same day, the same soul will I destroy from among his people.

Lev 22:21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace offerings unto the LORD, **it shall be perfect to be accepted**; there shall be no blemish therein.

Num 6:14 And he shall offer his offering unto the LORD, one he lamb of the first year **without blemish** for a burnt offering.

D. The Abrahamic Blood Covenant (ABC).

Gen 17:1 the LORD appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I [am] the Almighty God; walk before me, and be thou perfect. Gen 17:2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and will multiply thee exceedingly.

Gen 17:9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

Many imperfect ones shed blood to initiate the ABC.

Gen 17:10 This [is] my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

One perfect One gave His body to complete the ABC.

Communion remembers 2 BC between us & God; the first is based on the Body. 1Co 11:24 And when he had given thanks, he brake [it], and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

Jesus is our Jubilee.

Lev 25:10 And ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout [all] the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, unto his family.

Isa 61:1 The Spirit of the Lord GOD [is] upon me; because the LORD hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek;

Isa 61:2 To proclaim the acceptable year of the LORD. (*Jesus has restored us*).

Luk 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord [is] upon me,

Luk 4:19 To preach the acceptable year of the Lord. (*Satan has been defeated*).

E. The New Covenant (NC).

The 2nd BC of Communion is new, based on the Blood of Jesus the Lamb.

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

One perfect One shed His blood to initiate the NC.

1Co 11:25 After the same manner also [he took] the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament (*new covenant*) in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink [it], in remembrance of me.

Many give their bodies to live the NC.

Rom 12:1 ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, [which is] your reasonable service.

We have been perfected.

Heb 10:14 by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the Word, v27 That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.