

The Powerful Blood of Jesus

Romans 3:25

Introduction

- Illustration: Spiritual warfare in Hungry Horse, Montana.
- The blood of Jesus is often spoken of but not always fully understood.
- Main idea: The blood sacrifice was God's provision to save the life of the one offering the sacrifice; it is received with reverence, gratitude, faith, and love.

I. The Story of Blood Begins in the Garden

Adam and Eve

- Sin brought separation, fear, shame, and death.
- God provided the first sacrifice.
- Animal blood temporarily covered sin.

Lesson: Sacrifice must cost something. Blood becomes God's covering for sin.

II. God Reveals the Meaning of Sacrifice Throughout Scripture

Cain and Abel

- God accepted Abel's sacrifice and rejected Cain's.
- Heart attitude matters.

Abraham and Isaac

- God provided a substitute.
- Sacrifice is linked with the fear of the Lord.

Moses and the Passover

- The blood of the lamb brought deliverance.
- Worship and obedience accompany faith.

Solomon and the Temple

- God's glory filled the Temple.
- Sacrifice is connected to joy.

The Day of Atonement

- Blood brought cleansing.
- Only God can make sinners clean.

Isaiah's Prophecy

- The coming Messiah would bear our sins.
- God promised one perfect sacrifice.

III. Jesus Is the Perfect and Final Sacrifice

- Jesus willingly offered Himself.
 - His blood fulfilled every Old Testament sacrifice.
 - His resurrection proved His sacrifice is complete and eternal.
- Key Truth:* What appeared to be defeat became God's greatest victory.

IV. What the Blood of Jesus Accomplishes

- We are made clean.
- We are made whole.
- We are given hope of healing—now and ultimately in eternity.

V. Our Response

- Worship: Remember what Christ has done.
- Believe: Receive Christ's sacrifice by faith.
- Live with confidence: We are forgiven, restored, covered, free, and sent with hope.

Closing Scripture

Isaiah 53 — The suffering Servant bore our sins so that we might be made righteous and whole.