

There Is Power In The Blood!

1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

To be **redeemed** is to purchase the life of a slave by paying a price!

It's also a **ransom** paid in full to release a captive!

Do you **not** know we were all slaves to sin before Christ set us free by the **power of His Blood**?

During Passover blood was required to deliver Israel from slavery!

Exodus 12:23 The LORD will go throughout Egypt to kill the Egyptians. When he sees the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe, he will pass over that doorway, and he will not let the destroyer come into your home to kill you.

It was the Blood of a lamb that not only rescued Israel from slavery, but it kept The Destroyer from killing the people.

God tells Moses the glory of The LORD will stand between the **destroyer** and the **blood** preventing death from entering the house.

If the people **stayed in the house** (the house represents Christ) they would be **saved**.

There is POWER in The BLOOD of JESUS!

KJV John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

During **The Exodus** Israel was commanded to take the same lamb whose blood was sprinkled to roast it, not to eat it raw or boiled.

Take the entire lamb the head, legs and organs and eat the whole lamb. We cannot pick and chose the parts of The Word we read and live!

During **Passover** Jesus took The Eucharist which we call The Lord's Supper with His disciples.

Matthew 26:26 While they were eating, Jesus took bread and blessed it. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take this, and eat it. This is my body."

27 Then he took a cup and spoke a prayer of thanksgiving. He gave it to them and said, "Drink from it, all of you."

All the disciples had to eat the bread and drink from the cup!

Within the Passover meal, there were two regulations that had to be followed – first, before the lamb was to be eaten, several hours of fasting were required, beginning around 3:00pm.

Fasting was traditional before The Passover meal. Another difference between Passover and Eucharist is Passover uses **4 cups of wine**.

The first is called The Cup of Sanctification

The first cup is mixed with water and wine. After the mixing occurred, the father begins with the formal blessing over the cup. After the blessing, the food is then brought out, which includes unleavened bread, bitter herbs, a bowl of sauce, and the roasted lamb, which is known as “the body” in traditional Jewish sources.

The second cup is called The Cup of Proclamation

The second cup would be mixed, but not drunk. The father would “proclaim” what the Lord did for Israel in Egypt. The son then asks the question – why is this night different from other nights?

The father would then explain how God delivered Israel out of bondage, he explains the parts of the meal, the family would sing a song and then drink the cup.

The third cup is called The Cup of Blessing

The third cup would be mixed, and this is where the supper officially begins. The family would finally eat the lamb and the unleavened bread. Once the meal was completed, the father recited another blessing over the third cup, and it was consumed.

This is the cup Jesus gave to His disciples, and the same cup we drink
The Cup of Blessing!

1 Corinthians 10:16 The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ?

This the **third cup** signals the conclusion of **The Passover!**

The Fourth and final cup is called The Cup of Praise

It appears Jesus didn't drink this cup with His disciples, for He said...

Matthew 26:29 I tell you I will not drink again of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom."

I believe we will drink **The Cup of Praise** with Jesus in The Kingdom!

We like the disciples drink **The Cup of Blessing**, so called because of the prayer said over the cup...

"Blessed art thou O Lord our God, who gives us the fruit of the Vine!"

John 15:5 **I am the vine, ye are the branches:** He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Jesus is The Vine His fruit is His blood and His blood gives life and blessing to all who put their faith in Him!

In **Luke 22:20** Jesus said, "*this cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.*"

The Cup of Blessing is the New Covenant, **The blessing is The New Promise** God makes through The Blood of Jesus!

Hebrews 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.

The Blood of Jesus provides **more excellent ministry, better promises from God and more sure guarantees.**

Hebrews 8:9 *It will not be like the promise that I made to their ancestors when I took them by the hand and brought them out of Egypt. They rejected that promise, so I ignored them, says the Lord.*

10 *But this is the promise that I will make to Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my teachings inside them, and I will write those teachings on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people.*

11 *And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, 'Know the Lord,' for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest.*

12 *For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more."*