

Introduction

- *Key Text: 1 Peter 1:18-19* – Redeemed by the **precious blood of Christ**.
- The blood of Jesus is central to Christianity but often overlooked.

Point 1: The Story of Blood in the Bible

- **Genesis 3:21** – First sacrifice when God clothed Adam & Eve.
- **Genesis 4:3-10** – Abel's blood sacrifice accepted; his blood cried out.
- **Exodus 12** – Passover lamb's blood protected Israel.
- Old Testament sacrifices pointed to the need for a final Savior.
- **John 1:29** – Jesus announced as the Lamb of God.

Point 2: Why It Had to Be Human Blood

- Sin is against **God Himself**—either we pay or **God must pay**.
- Animal sacrifices could never remove sin properly (**Hebrews 10**).
- Only God becoming **fully human** could offer the perfect sacrifice.
- **Philippians 2:6-8** – Jesus humbled Himself, took human form, died on the cross.

Point 3: Jesus' Humanity and Suffering for Us

- He lived a full human life: poverty, work, rejection, temptation (**Luke 2:52, Hebrews 5:8**).
- Depended on the Father and Spirit for miracles (**John 5:19, Luke 4:18**).
- Suffered intensely: Gethsemane (**Luke 22:44**), beaten, crucified, pierced (**John 19:34**).
- Declared "**It is finished**" (**John 19:30**) – debt paid in full.
- His human blood makes Him our relatable High Priest (**Hebrews 4:15**).

Conclusion & Life Application

- **Hebrews 2:14** – Jesus shared flesh and blood to destroy death's power.
- Because of His blood:
 - We are **forgiven** and redeemed.
 - We can face trials knowing He **understands**.
 - We are called to **follow His example** in prayer, obedience, and Spirit-filled living.
 - We live with **hope in resurrection and eternity**.
- Call: Apply the blood to your life as Israel did at Passover—trust in Christ's finished work.

Questions

1. Why do you think the Bible emphasizes the blood of Jesus so much?
2. How does knowing that Jesus was fully human (and suffered like us) encourage you in your own struggles?
3. What difference does it make in daily life to trust that Jesus' sacrifice was "finished" and complete?