

Introduction: Jesus was God's perfect Lamb. It was by His blood that our sins are wiped clean! Forgiven! Covered! Today it is God's will that we understand salvation in a deeper way...by way of the Blood covering God provided through Christ.

Outline:

I. Adam and Eve

A. Disobedience = Sin = The Fall – God had directly instructed the first family not to eat this specific fruit of this specific tree. It was important that they trusted God and did things in His plan and His timing. God was not “keeping” something from them as the Serpent suggested. He was providing everything for them and it was not time for them to be made aware of the potential good and evil could have.

B. Man's failed Covering: Adam and Eve fashioned for themselves aprons of fig leaves to cover their shame (for they were made aware that they were naked.) Covering for Sin – or “atonement” for sin; could not be woven by human hands! So the first sacrifice was offered by the hand of the Almighty as He killed two innocent animals so that blood was shed, and the coats of God made for them to wear and cover their bodies was a testament of what had to die because of sin. **Genesis 3:15** This speaks of Jesus at Calvary where He shed His blood. In Jesus “heel” being bruised or struck, He defeated once and for all the power of that serpent, the devil! **Hebrews 2:14** (NLT)

II. Cain and Abel

A. Cain offered a Grain offering. Which in large part would represent only what Cain did. Cain's work, which could easily be replaced with more work.

- Lord, help me not to serve You based on what it does for me, or praise for me. May my worship and service bring glory to You Lord and You alone!

B. It was Abel's offering with the shedding of the blood that God respected over the bloodless offering of Cain.

- Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of Sin. **Hebrews 9:22** (NLT)

III. Noah's Sacrifice

- Noah's first act after getting off the Ark, which was a form of covering for Noah's family as – Guess what – God was judging sin. Was to offer a burnt sacrifice to God. – thus shedding of blood.

IV. Abraham's Covenant.

A. God chose Abraham to bring forth His chosen people. God's requirement was accomplished through circumcision, which required some blood shed.

B. God then required Abraham to sacrifice Isaac; which was a sign of God offering His only begotten Son Jesus; Yet for Abraham, God stopped him and provided a ram in the thicket, that would die in Isaac's place.

V. Hebrew Children Saved

A. Death Angel: The 10th Plague on Egypt, with the attempt to force Pharaoh to let God's chosen Hebrew children leave slavery in sinful Egypt; was the angel of death, sent to kill every First born in every family.

B. Passover: But the Hebrew children were instructed by God through Moses, that if they sprinkled the blood of a spotless lamb on their doorpost, their first born: the source of hope for their family. The leader, the Heir of the father's blessing: would be spared!

VI. Jesus' Blood

A. Life Blood **Leviticus 17:11**

B. Jesus Shed His Blood for Your sins. Jesus became your Covering!
Revelation 1:5

When someone is baptized, like these individuals this morning. They are professing publicly that they have given their hearts and lives to Jesus; asking Him to forgive them of their sins. This happens through the Blood of Jesus. They are cleansed only by the Blood of Jesus! They are baptized in the Blood of Jesus! Spiritually! Washed clean of all sin! This is out of obedience to Jesus (Matthew 28:19**)**

The baptism in water is a symbol of the blood that cleaned us thanks to the death of Jesus and the shedding of His blood. But then the resurrection of Jesus is what gives the power to live free from the sin! **1 Peter 3:21 (NIV)**