

## TO DRINK THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

**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.

If anyone is thirsty let him come to Me and drink. This means to appropriate, by faith in the shed blood of Christ, the life of Christ which He gave up so that we may live.

**Romans 5:10** We are saved by His life.

We are saved by the life He gave up and we are saved by His resurrected life which abides in those who believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior.

The indwelling Spirit within the believer causes streams of living water to flow from him. The stream of living water are the fruits of the Spirit in the believer's life. The fruits are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

Israel was ordered not to drink blood. While in the wilderness they were ordered to never kill an animal for food except it be killed in the gate of the tabernacle.

The blood was then sprinkled on the altar and the fat burned as a sweet smell as a peace offering. The purpose was to prohibit Israel from reverting to sacrificing to the "goat demon" of Egypt. Israel lived under the danger of returning to idol worship and gross immorality which they learned in Egypt. The blood sacrifices and offerings were administered by the Levitical priesthood as a temporary ceremonial cleansing of Israel. The blood of bulls and goats never took away sin. These blood sacrifices were never meant for the salvation of a person. Personal salvation has always been through faith in God to provide the Messiah, the Savior. The nation of Israel needed to be broken of their idol worship so that they could obey the commands of the first covenant (the Law).

**The purpose of blood sacrifices at the Temple are not a direct type for the shed blood of Christ. Those blood sacrifices were to prohibit idol worship, remind the people of their sin, and remind them of the holiness of God, and their need of a Savior from sin and Satan. The direct type for the shed blood of Christ was the Passover lamb instituted in Egypt. Leviticus 17:1-14 1 Corinthians 5:7-8 Hebrews 2:14-15**

**Jesus said to them, "I tell you the truth, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in you. John 6:53**

**"If anyone is thirsty let him come to me and drink." John 7:37b**

**"Streams of living water will flow from within him." John 7:38b**

**By this He meant the Spirit, whom those who believed in Him received. John 7:39a**

**Jesus said to them, whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me, and I in him. John 6:56**

**Being taught not to drink blood from the Old Testament, Jews found this a hard saying by Jesus.**

**On hearing it, many said, "This is a hard teaching. Who can accept it?" John 6:60**

**From this time, many turned back and no longer followed Him. John 6:66**

**"To drink the blood of Jesus" is a metaphor describing a person who receives the life giving Spirit of God into their being resulting in a new creation in Christ. It describes a person who believes and trusts Jesus.**