

The Seven Places Jesus Shed His Blood Journey to the Cross

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The blood of Jesus is much more powerful than many of us recognize. It is the source of our redemption and freedom.

The Greek definition of redeemed is ransomed, released, liberated, or delivered. The price of redemption that had to be paid was the death of our Lord and his shed blood. The shedding of Jesus' blood released us to be brought back to the original place; to life as it was in the Garden of Eden where every blessing was available to Adam and Eve.

I Peter 1:18-19 "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; But with the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot."

The Door is the only meeting point between God and man according to John 10:9,"I am the door, by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and go in and out and find pasture."

The Blood is only means of atonement{at one ment}. Aaron sprinkled the blood seven times on the mercy seat for the atonement of sin in the Old Testament. Lev. 16:17, "And he shall take of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger upon the mercy seat eastward; and before the mercy seat shall he sprinkle of the blood with finger seven times."

Jesus shed his blood seven different times buying back our freedom. The source of the power of God in every believer's life is the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus shed his blood in seven places.

1. Willpower

It all started in a garden. In Gen. 3:6-17 Adam and Eve chose to eat of the fruit that God had said no to. The incredible thing that was lost for all mankind was the ability to come into agreement with the Father's will and choose against the enemies will. At that moment Adam sacrificed the willpower of mankind.

The first place Jesus shed his blood was in the Garden of Gethsemane, Matt. 26: 30-44. Our first lost was through Adam & Eve's disobedience in a garden and now we see Jesus redeeming our will in a garden. He went into the garden fully aware that he was going to redeem our wills. Three times we see Jesus crying out to his Father saying, "Not as I will but as thou wilt." In Luke 22:43-44 it says that Jesus was in so much agony that sweat as drops of blood were falling to the ground.

Medical doctors say that intense fear and agony will cause blood vessels to break beneath the skin and blood will come forth like sweat. We have spent millions of dollars to say to our next generation, "Just Say No!" It hasn't worked. We should help this generation to understand the power of the shed blood of Jesus in the garden and see glorious victory come as they apply his blood over their will. The greatest battle of mankind is God's will over my will. The provision was made through the blood. Claim it!

2. Whipped and Scourged

In the Old Testament the Lord promised the children of Israel in Exodus 15:26, "If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the Lord that healeth thee." When God said, 'I am the Lord that healeth thee,' that name in the Hebrew is Jehovah Rophe. The children of Israel disobeyed and the same diseases that the Egyptians have we experience today.

Thousands of years later Jesus was taken to the whipping post and whipped beyond imagination, redeeming what Israel lost through disobedience. In Matt. 27:26 Jesus was given over to be scourged. Scourging was the cruelest form of punishment. The flesh was generally cut with horrible whips. Jesus was publicly lashed with a cat of nine tails thirty-nine times. These tails were nine leather throngs loaded with jagged pieces of metal or bone weighted at the end with lead. Under Jewish punishment, a prisoner could be given forty lashes, Deut. 25:3. Seldom were forty lashes ever given because to be whipped forty times was often fatal. Psalms 129:3, "The plowers plowed upon my back..." is a small picture of what Jesus went through. Isaiah 50:6, "I gave my back to the smiters; and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair." Our Lord went through incredible wounding to redeem us from disease. Isaiah 53:5 says, "... by his stripes we are healed." The blood ran down on every exposed organ of his body and because of that we claim our healing in the name of Jesus by his shed blood.

Doctors have said that there are 39 know root diseases. Jesus was lashed 39 times,, one time for each root cause. He was beaten with the cat of nine tails, nine being the number of fullness. Each disease was redeemed in its fullness. By his stripes we are healed. Claim it!

3. Crown of Thorns

In Gen. 3:17-19, because Adam hearkened to the voice of is wife, and ate of the tree which God had forbidden, it brought a curse on the ground. The result is seen in Gen. 3:18, for now thorns and thistles came forth out of the ground. A thorn has such a prick that every touch brings a wound. A thistle multiplies so quickly that some types of thistles are said to have as many as 3 to 400 seeds within one head. These thorns and thistles injure the ground, choke the good seed, and destroy the hopes of the farmer. This caused Adam to do something he had never done before, work by the sweat of their brow. Gen. 3:19 says, "In the sweat of thy face thou shalt eat bread." Sweat first appears on the brow when hard labor is done. Adam had never worked a sweat before sin entered.

If we don't understand we have been redeemed from the curse then the land we go to work on, the place where we build our business, is still under the curse. We go to work and by the sweat of our brow we squeeze out a meager existence. We work long hours never to have enough.

After Jesus was beaten they put a crown of thorns on his brow. It is said that the thorns of the crown are 3 to 3 1/2 inches long. As this was forced into his brow, not sweat but blood ran down his face. Jesus shed his blood to break the curse of poverty off our land. Matt. 27:29 says the symbol of poverty was placed on his head and our freedom to work and walk in abundance was obtained. Everyday as we work we should see an abundant supply, not fruitless labor. Apply the blood from the crown of thorns!

4. His Hands were Pierced

Gen. 1:26-28 says God placed all dominion and authority in the hands of Adam and Eve. Because of sin, Adam and Eve lost that dominion and authority.

When the nails went through the hands of Jesus on the cross and the blood ran down, his blood redeemed our dominion and authority. Because of the blood covered hands we can lay hold of what belongs to us in the name of Jesus Christ.

Look at the story of Joseph. Joseph was taken to Potiphar's house. Even in that place he prospered. Gen. 39:2-3 says, "And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was in the house of his maser the Egyptian. And his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord made all that he did to prosper in his hand." We need to lay blood covered hands on all that is ours and take authority and dominion because of the nail pierced hands of our Lord. Lay your hands on your self, your family, your business, your church, and take back what was stolen in the garden. Everything you put your hand to God will cause it to proper. Everything you encounter you have the authority to render it harmless.

5. His Feet were Pierced

Deut. 28:13 says, "and the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath..." This was the promise of God to the children of Israel if they would hearken to the commandments of the Lord. They didn't obey and we have the results.

Deut. 11:24 says, "Every place thereon the soles of your feet shall tread shall be yours..."

When the spike went into the feet of Jesus, through his blood dominion and authority was taken back. When the blood ran down; his precious blood gave me back my position in my walk. Wherever we are the Kingdom of God is at hand. We have authority to go into the enemy's camp, plunder his territory, and bind him in Jesus name by the blood. God told Joshua in Joshua 3:3, "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you..." It is our time to claim what territory the enemy has stolen. Go forth decreeing and declaring as Esther did when she reversed the curse Haman had decreed against her people. Jesus feet were pierced to redeem our dominion and authority. Go with blood covered feet, and like Joshua be strong and courageous! Take dominion, take your home, take your city back, regain all that the enemy has stolen.

6. His Side was Pierced

The sixth place we have suffered loss is where the enemy came and broke our hearts. When the spear was thrust through Jesus' side blood and water poured down. Jesus knew what it was to have a broken heart. He was betrayed by Judas, he was rejected by the multitude saying, "Let him be crucified," one in his inner circle denied that he knew him. One of the most heart breaking things that happened to him was when he hung naked before his own mother on the cross. The greatest heartbreak he experienced was in Mark 15:34 when God he suffered abandonment by his own father. He said, "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?" His heart burst from grief, rejection, betrayal, and abandonment. The blood and water ran down from the agony of such grief that he experienced.

Medically it is said that when you suffer such agony your heart develops a sack of water around it. The soldiers didn't pierce his heart. Our Lord died of a broken heart causing the water and the blood to pour out for us. The joy of the Lord is stolen when your heart is broken. We have no strength. Your whole life is affected. Forgiveness is the key to having your heart healed.

Jesus announced his ministry in Luke 4: 18-19 saying, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken hearted..." Because the blood and water ran down we can claim back our heart. We can walk in the joy of the Lord, be strong and safe, and live under an open heaven.

7. He Was Bruised

The last place we have suffered lost is in our emotions; that part of us which is the inner man. Isaiah 53:5 says, "He was wounded for our transgression; he was bruised for our iniquities..." A bruise is bleeding on the inside. The Bible says that the sins of the father are visited to the third and fourth generation. That is called a generational curse. Many are suffering hurts on the inside from iniquities that our forefathers passed down to us. This results many times in inner hurts and bruises. Jesus was bruised so we could be healed from the inside out. Because of the blood we can be healed, physically, emotionally, and spiritually.