

Title: The New Testament In My Blood

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Luke 22: 19: And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

The Lord Jesus would have us remember *his body* which was *broken* as a sacrifice for his people by the *breaking of bread*. He did so to further confirm that he is the end of all the sacrifices which called for under the law (the old testament). Those offerings were called the *bread of our God*.

Leviticus 21:6: They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God: for the offerings of the LORD made by fire,--the bread of their God,-- they do offer: therefore they shall be holy. 8: Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth--the bread of thy God--: he shall be holy unto thee: for I the LORD, which sanctify you, *am* holy.

Called "bread" because they typified the Life--the Bread--Christ the Lord, his body was made by God to be offered to God to put away the sin of his people. He is the believer's only offering and he is our Bread our Life.

Therefore...**Luke 22: 19: And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.**

Luke 22: 20: Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you. (Matthew says, shed for many for the remission of sins)

Leviticus 17:11: For the life of the flesh *is* in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it *is* the blood *that* maketh an atonement for the soul.

- The Lord Jesus Christ shed his blood for the remission of sins, to make atonement for the souls of many.
- He told his disciples, this is my blood which is shed for you, personally.
- Was his blood shed for you?
- Were your sins so deep that you could never approach God without his blood?
- Was your heart so full of hate toward God that you could never know him but for him revealing himself in you through this blood?
- That is this case with those for whom his blood was shed.

But the Lord made a statement that we will concentrate on this hour. **This cup *is* the new testament in my blood.** What is the meaning when the Lord says, **This cup *is* the new testament in my blood?**

I. FIRST, WHAT IS THE NEW TESTAMENT?

A. First, we must understand that the New Testament existed before, that which we call the Old Testament, which was made between God and men in the nation Israel.

1. The New Testament (Everlasting Covenant of grace) is the covenant made between the triune God before the foundation of the world.

Isaiah 49: 1: (This is the Lord Jesus Christ speaking) **Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye people, from far; The LORD hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name. 2: And he hath made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hid me, and made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he hid me; 3: And said unto me, Thou *art* my servant, O Israel, in whom I will be glorified. 4: Then I said, I have laboured in vain, I have spent my strength for nought, and in vain: *yet* surely my judgment *is* with the LORD, and my work with my God. 5: And now, saith the LORD that formed me from the womb *to be* his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, Though Israel be not gathered, yet shall I be glorious in the eyes of the LORD, and my God shall be my strength. 6: And he said, It is a light thing that thou shouldest be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to restore the preserved of Israel: I will also give thee for a light to the Gentiles, that thou mayest be my salvation unto the end of the earth.**

Psalm 40: 6: (This is the Son's covenant agreement with the Father) **Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. 7: Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book *it is* written of me, 8: I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law *is* within my heart.**

Isaiah 53: 10: (This is the covenant between God the Father and God the Son) **Yet it pleased the LORD to bruise him; he hath put *him* to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see *his* seed, he shall prolong *his* days, and the pleasure of the LORD shall prosper in his hand. 11: He shall see of the travail of his soul, *and* shall be satisfied: by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many; for he shall bear their iniquities. 12: Therefore will I divide him *a portion* with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he hath poured out his soul unto death: and he was numbered with the transgressors; and he bare the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.**

Romans 3: 25: Whom God hath set forth *to be* a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God; **26: To declare, *I say*, at this time his righteousness: that he might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus.**

John 17: 1: These words spake Jesus, and lifted up his eyes to heaven, and said, Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee: 2: As thou hast given him power over all flesh, that he should give eternal life to as many as thou hast given him. 3: And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom thou hast sent. 4: I have glorified thee on the earth: I have finished the work which thou gavest me to do. 5: And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.

Illustration: A man's last will and testament

The Lord calls it a "testament" because it is after the fashion of God's testament that we got the idea of a man's "last will and testament." Notice how they are similar:

- Just as a man is not obliged to make his will known in a testament-- even so God was not obliged to make his will known in a testament but he chose to do so of his own accord.
- Just as a man makes out his will according to his own will and purpose and not someone else's--God's will is the will of God himself and not another.

2. Christ is the first heir being his firstborn Son. Those God chose to be his heirs are joint-heirs with Christ.

Romans 8: 15: For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16: The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God: 17: And if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ;

3. So we see that this testament--this everlasting covenant--included God's will toward his Son and his chosen children, to give them all they needed to come into his presence and enjoy all his favor forever.

Ephesians 1: 3: Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly *places* in Christ: 4: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 5: Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6: To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

So when our Lord instituted this supper, he said: **This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you--**we see that his blood was shed because God the Father desired him to make the offering to put away the sin of his people so that God might be just and the justifier of all who believe.

II. THE LORD IS DECLARING THAT HE IS THE END AND FULFILLMENT OF THE WILL AND TESTAMENT DECLARED BY GOD IN THE GARDEN.

A. For reasons known only to God, in showing his people that man could in no way keep himself apart from God keeping him, he created Adam and gave him one law. That was a covenant of works--old testament.

Genesis 2:17: But of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

1. Adam was the first representative man--the Son of God is the second federal head because he took flesh and blood after Adam. That is what is meant when read:

Romans 5:19: For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.

2. Now as soon as Adam died spiritually and plunged all mankind into spiritual death, God began in the garden declaring his will and testament of redemption in his Son.

Genesis 3: 9: And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where *art* thou? 10: And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

- If God had not come seeking Adam then Adam would have never sought God.
- But the covenant-God came and preached the gospel of his Son to Adam and Eve in the garden, declaring his will and testament--his covenant to save his people and destroy their enemies.

Genesis 3: 14: And the LORD God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, thou *art* cursed above all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15: And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel...21: Unto Adam also and to his wife did the LORD God make coats of skins, and clothed them.

- If God had never provided a substitute to die in Adam's place then Adam would have had to suffer eternal wrath which the substitute suffered for him.
- If God had never clothed Adam in the skins of that animal, typifying the regenerating of his people, the imputation of Christ's righteousness to our account and the creation of a new nature eternally alive, created in the righteousness and holiness of Christ--then Adam would have never entered into this free gift God gave him.

When the Lord said, this is the new testament in my blood **This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you**--it pointed all the way back to the garden and that testament declared by the Voice to Adam and Eve.

III. THE LORD IS DECLARING THAT HE IS THE END AND FULFILLMENT OF THE TESTAMENT DECLARED BY GOD IN THE LAW FROM MT. SINAI--what we call the Old testament or old covenant.

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A. To further illustrate for his people that God alone saves--justifies, makes righteous, sanctifies, gives wisdom, gives life--he made a covenant with man in Israel from Mt. Sinai.

Exodus 24: 1: And he said unto Moses, Come up unto the LORD, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off. 2: And Moses alone shall come near the LORD: but they shall not come nigh; neither shall the people go up with him. 3: And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do. 4: And Moses wrote all the words of the LORD, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the hill, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5: And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

1. This was a covenant of works--This do and live.
2. But because we died in Adam and came forth sinners--dead in trespasses and in sins--we see here that the natural heart is too deceived to even know that no sinner can keep God's law.
3. God's law is spiritual--meaning it reaches to the heart--murder begins in the heart and there condemns the man--
4. God has to make a new heart or we can not hear the law declare us guilty.
5. But the LORD God gave his law to shut our mouths and shut us up to Christ.

Romans 3: 19: Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God. 20: Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law *is* the knowledge of sin.

Galatians 3: 21: *Is* the law then against the promises of God? God forbid: for if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily righteousness should have been by the law. 22: But the scripture hath concluded all under sin, that the promise by faith of Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe....4: 1: Now I say, *That* the heir, as long as he is a child, differeth nothing from a servant, though he be lord of all; 2: But is under tutors and governors until the time appointed of the father. 3: Even so we, when we were children, were in bondage under the elements of the world: 4: But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law, 5: To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons. 6: And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7: Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.

B. Notice now, when that covenant was made--an innocent, spotless lamb was slain instead of the people and the blood of that lamb was sprinkled on everything and everyone present. This pointed to Christ:

Exodus 24: 6: And Moses took half of the blood, and put *it* in basons; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7: And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient. 8: And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled *it* on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

- That lamb and this blood pointed to Christ the Lamb of God and his precious blood which would fulfill the law of God in perfection, who would lay down his life to satisfy the justice of the law his people broke and thus finish the work of redemption he promised God the Father in the eternal covenant.

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C. The old covenant ended in Christ.

Hebrews 7: 18: For there is verily a disannulling of the commandment going before for the weakness and unprofitableness thereof. 19: For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope *did*; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

Hebrews 8:6: But now hath he (the Son of God--Christ the Lord) obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, (the everlasting covenant, the new testament) which was established upon better promises. (that old covenant merely promised earthly blessings with an earthly kingdom, but the new testament promises eternal life in the kingdom of God forever) 7: For if that first *covenant* had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second. 8:8: For finding fault with them, (those promises applied only to earthly things though they foreshadowed heavenly things, but neither the promises nor the people under that old covenant make a sinner perfect and accepted with God) he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah:

1. It was not that he failed and went to plan "B" as some blasphemously say.
2. From the before the world began the Lord determined to save his people in Christ his Son, he said in the garden, he said it when he instituted the law at Sinai---that is why he commanded Moses to sprinkle the book and the people with the blood of a lamb.

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Now lets' see that.

Hebrews 9:14: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15: And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament (in Adam all his people died so he paid for those transgressions and all the transgressions we committed in breaking the law given at Sinai, he paid the price so that),

they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. 16: For where a testament *is*, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17: For a testament *is* of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth. 18: Whereupon neither the first *testament* was dedicated without blood. 19: For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, 20: Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. 21: Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. 22: And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission. 23: *It was* therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24: For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, *which are* the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us: 25: Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others; 26: For then must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. 27: And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment: 28: So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

- Moses took another's blood, not his own
- Moses took the blood of lamb, not of a man
- Moses said, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you.
- Christ said, This is my body which is broken for you and **this cup is the new testament in my blood?**

Read further:

Hebrews 10: 1: For the law having a shadow of good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect. 2: For then would they not have ceased to be offered? because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. 3: But in those *sacrifices there is* a remembrance again *made* of sins every year. 4: For *it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins. 5: Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me: 6: In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin thou hast had no pleasure. 7: Then said I, Lo, I come (in the volume of the book it is written of me,) to do thy will, O God. (To do thy will and testament)

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Hebrews 10: 8: Above when he said, Sacrifice and offering and burnt offerings and *offering* for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure *therein*; which are offered by the law; 9: Then said he, Lo, I come to do thy will, O God. He taketh away the first, (that covenant of works, that covenant in Adam and Moses) **that he may establish the second.**

- That second is which Christ spoke of saying, **This cup is the new testament in my blood?**--the everlasting testament, everlasting covenant, established in the blood of Christ.

Hebrews 10: 10: By the which will (By God the Father's will) we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once *for all*. (through his blood)...14: For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.

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(HOLD YOUR PLACE HERE IN HEBREWS 10)

4. Not only did God declare that his everlasting will and covenant were secure in Christ's blood through his law but he declared it by the mouth of all his prophets throughout the ages:

Daniel 9:27: And he (Christ by his broken body and shed blood) shall confirm the covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, (by his one offering) and for the overspreading of abominations he shall make *it* desolate, (he took the law out of his people's way and nailed it to his cross) even until the consummation, and that determined shall be poured upon the desolate. (Because his blood accomplished the redemption of his bride, he shall have her and she shall be his forever.)

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Zechariah 9: 9: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he *is* just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass. 10: And I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim, and the horse from Jerusalem, and the battle bow shall be cut off: and he shall speak peace unto the heathen: and his dominion *shall be* from sea *even* to sea, and from the river *even* to the ends of the earth. 11: As for thee also, by the blood of thy covenant I have sent forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein *is* no water.

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- He set the prisoner's free--he led captivity captive--
- Out of the pit--the grave
- Where is no water of life.
- **This cup is the new testament in my blood?**

5. But how shall his people, who are dead in trespasses and in sins, who have no spiritual understanding of their guilt before the law, no understanding that salvation is by free and sovereign grace, how shall they come to faith in him and rest in him?

Jeremiah 31: 31: Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: 32: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day *that* I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the LORD: 33: But this *shall be* the covenant that I will make

with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the LORD, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. 34: And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying, Know the LORD: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the LORD: for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. (Now listen to how precious the blood of Chris is in securing these promises to his spiritual nation, Israel.) 35: Thus saith the LORD, which giveth the sun for a light by day, *and* the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, which divideth the sea when the waves thereof roar; The LORD of hosts *is* his name: 36: If those ordinances depart from before me, saith the LORD, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. 37: Thus saith the LORD; If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, I will also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith the LORD. 38: Behold, the days come, saith the LORD, that the city shall be built to the LORD from the tower of Hananeel unto the gate of the corner. 39: And the measuring line shall yet go forth over against it upon the hill Gareb, and shall compass about to Goath. 40: And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook of Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, *shall be* holy unto the LORD; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

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(Now back to Hebrews 10: 15)

Hebrews 10: 15: *Whereof* the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that he had said before, 16: This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them; 17: And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. 18: Now where remission of these *is*, *there is* no more offering for sin.

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Hebrews 10: 19: Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus, 20: By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; (his flesh and his blood--his life--is the new and living way) 21: And *having* an high priest over the house of God; (not only is his life the new and living way, but he is the high priest who presides over God's house, who presents his blood, who everliveth to make intercession for his people, and he rules in the hearts of his people) 22: Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

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Application:

As we take this bread and this wine let us do this in remembrance of Christ Jesus the Lord, the Son of God.

1: Who gave his body willingly and which was broken for his elect, for you whom he has given a spirit of faith in him.

2. This cup is to remember that the New Testament--all spiritual promises--are Yes and Amen to us in his blood:

- This cup of wine is to remind the believer of the covenant which lasts forever.
- If we truly remember his blood and what he accomplished then partaking of this cup will be a reviving and refreshing to our souls, as wine that *makes glad the heart*.
- As we meditate upon the shedding of Christ's blood, we must have an eye to it as shed for us; we needed his blood, we take hold of his blood, we hope to have benefit by his blood; *who loved me, and gave himself for me*.
- Also, in all our regards to the New Testament we must have an eye to the *blood of Christ* which gave life and being to that Testament and who seals to us all the promises of it.
- Had it not been for the blood of Christ, you and I believer, could have never had the New Testament;
- And, had it not been for the New Testament, which God promised to make in our hearts, and which has been made in the hearts of the believer through the Holy Spirit, we had never known the meaning of Christ's shed blood.

3. So as we take of this bread and wine let us rejoice with king David who said:

2 Samuel 23: 5: Although my house *be* not so with God; yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all *things*, and sure: for *this is* all my salvation, and all my desire, although he make *it* not to grow.

Luke 22: 19: And he took bread, and gave thanks, and brake *it*, and gave unto them, saying, This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me. 20: Likewise also the cup after supper, saying, This cup *is* the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.

Hebrews 13: 20: Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, 21: Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom *be* glory for ever and ever. Amen.