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## THE THIN RED LINE OF SCRIPTURE



### PART 2 THE NEW TESTAMENT

JOHN 15:13

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## PREFACE

***The Thin Red Line of Scripture*** Bible Study began as a seed the Lord planted over forty years ago. It is a message about Salvation through Christ, the Messiah, by the shedding of the precious blood of God's only Son. The sacrificial offering of the one and only Saviour, the Holy One of Israel, is revealed like a thin red line or thread as if woven throughout the pages of the Bible. Over the years, this basic study has been taken with several adult and teen-age groups. The subsequent study booklet started as hand-outs and later for downloading on the Internet.

***The Thin Red Line of Scripture***, now in its second edition, is a study primarily for adult and teen-age groups, led by a Christian group leader or group leaders taking the sections in turns.

There are two versions –

Full Version - Bible verses and background information with spaces left for additional Verses and Notes.

Workbook Version - Back ground information and Bible references only, with spaces for students to write in the verses of the underlined references. It is important for each group member to have a copy of the Workbook in order to write in the Bible verses in the spaces provided.

This will take time and application, but when completed, with prayer for God's guidance, the study booklet (Part 2) will give a good understanding of both the Old and New Testaments.

It will be especially helpful for students wanting to study both the Bible and English as a foreign language.

***The Thin Red Line of Scripture*** is also suitable for personal study by Christians or Seekers wanting a deeper knowledge of the Bible and how the two testaments are closely related to form the whole and wonderful counsel of God.



## THE NEW TESTAMENT PART 2



### INTRODUCTION

- \* God's purpose of His heart is to dwell with His people.
- \* SIN makes people unfit to approach a holy God.
- \* SIN is so serious, the sinner must die.
- \* Judgement and Mercy of God manifested in the sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hence the need under the Old Covenant for the elaborate system of animal sacrifices in both the Tabernacle and the Temple. *The Thin Red Line of Scripture* (Part 1) ended with the promised New Covenant, the high point of the book of the Prophet Jeremiah for the blood of animals could never take away sin.

The Old Testament sacrificial offerings and the prophesied New Covenant pointed to Jesus Christ, the Son of God; and only Mediator between God and Man. The Birth, Life and Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus are all recorded in the Gospels.

The Lord Jesus Christ's once for all sacrifice removed the Old Covenant need for countless animal offerings year after year. When Jesus died and shed His blood on the Cross, He was the perfect, sinless sacrifice acceptable to God, for without the shedding of blood there is no remission or forgiveness of sin.

*The life (of the animal) is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement.*

Leviticus 17:11

The Thin Red Line of Scripture (the sacred line of blood forgiving sin) is evident throughout the Bible. God's rescue plan for His Creation became victorious at the Cross of Calvary outside Jerusalem's city walls. The redemption of mankind was then secured, not by Passover lambs but through the precious blood of Christ, the sinless Lamb of God.



After the Death, Resurrection and Ascension of Jesus, the New Testament scriptures continue with the coming of the gift of the Holy Spirit and the amazing account of the growth of the Church.



## KEYWORDS

ATONEMENT God's love to make the sinner at one with Himself through the shed blood of Christ on the Cross. (At-one-ment)  
Jesus – ***to make atonement for the people's sins.***

Hebrews 2:17

ADVOCATE One called to stand beside and plead in favour of the accused in a Court of Law.

***If any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.***

1 John 2:1b A.V

JUSTIFICATION (Just as if we have not sinned) God, our Judge, declares the sinner righteous through faith in Christ by the shedding of His blood on the Cross.

***Since we are now justified by Christ's blood, how much more we shall be saved by Him from the wrath of God.***

Romans 5:9

PROPITIATION God's wrath against all sin appeased or removed by the offering of Christ.

***He (Christ) is the propitiation for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.***

1 John 2:2 A.V.

REDEMPTION The penalty of sin (death) removed and the sinner freed by the payment of a price. Jesus is our Redeemer. Slaves were redeemed in the slave market by the payment of a price.

***We have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.***

Ephesians 1:7 A.V.

RANSOM The price paid for freedom or deliverance. The price paid by Jesus when He gave His life, shedding His blood on the cross, for our deliverance from sin and death. In the Old Testament the Children of Israel were delivered (redeemed) from slavery in Egypt. The ransom or price paid for their deliverance was the death of the Passover lambs.

***For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all.***

1 Timothy 2:5-6

RECONCILIATION The enmity between God and Man, because of sin, removed.

***And God through Him (the Son) all things should be reconciled back to Himself, as through Him, (the Father) made peace by means of the blood of His cross.***

Colossians 1:20

## THE NEW TESTAMENT PART 2

- \* THE FOUR GOSPELS (MATTHEW - MARK - LUKE - JOHN)
- \* BOOK OF ACTS
- \* EPISTLES OR LETTERS
- \* THE REVELATION

### THE GOSPELS

The New Testament begins with Birth of Jesus Christ giving details of His genealogy as the promised Messiah, a descendant of King David from the line of Abraham. Jesus was sent to proclaim the Good News of the Kingdom of God and by His sacrificial death to give the free gift of salvation to all believers -



\*Sins forgiven

\*The Gift of Eternal Life

\*The Gift of His righteousness

\*The Gift of the Holy Spirit

***She (Mary) will bear a Son, and you shall call His name Jesus, which means Saviour, for He will save His people from their sins.***

Matthew 1:21

***The Word (Christ) became flesh and lived among us.***

John 1:14

### THE PUBLIC MINISTRY OF CHRIST

When Jesus began His public ministry at about 30 years old, John the Baptist said –

***Look! There is the Lamb of God, Who takes away the sin of the world!***

John 1:29

The Lord Jesus Christ gave His life for the sins of the whole world, paying the price for all mankind. He was the ransom for all men; although not all would receive His Salvation.

***The Son of Man came to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many.***

Mark 10:45

## THE PUBLIC MINISTRY OF CHRIST continued

Read Matthew 16:21

During Jesus' brief earthly ministry, He foretold His death, telling His disciples He would be killed and raised to life on the third day.

Jesus said - ***Destroy this temple (His Body), and in three days I will raise it up again.***

John 2:19

Read John 6:28-69

Jesus in answering His disciples' question, spoke the following words –

***This is the work (service) God asks of you:  
that you believe in the One Whom He has sent.*** John 6:29

Jesus said –

***He who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood (appropriates My life) has eternal life, and I will raise him up (from death) on the last day.***

John 6:54

***He who feeds on My flesh and drinks My blood dwells (lives) in Me and I in him.***

John 6:56

Although many people heard Jesus gladly, some of Jesus' followers no longer continued with Him for they failed to understand and said –

***This is a hard and difficult message.*** John 6:60

Indeed, Jesus' words are difficult to understand, but mean - by an act of the will, repenting, believing and receiving the gift of the Spirit of Jesus into one's heart as the Lord of one's life.

### PASSOVER WEEK



The Lord Jesus knowing His hour or time had come with a bitter cup to drink, said to His disciples –

***The Passover is in two days – and the Son of Man will be crucified***

Matthew 26:2

Read John 11:45-54

\* The Pharisees and chief priests, the enemies of Jesus, were already plotting to kill Him.

\* Caiaphas, as High Priest, even prophesied –

***It was better that one man should die (Jesus) on behalf of the people than the whole nation should perish.*** (John 11:49-51)

\* Meanwhile one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, was seeking a means to betray Jesus.

## THE LAST SUPPER



During the Passover Meal, the first day of The Feast of Unleavened Bread, Jesus confirmed the New Covenant.

Jesus' farewell meal with the disciples, called the Last Supper, is recorded in all four Gospels.

He took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to the disciples, saying:

***This is My body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me.***

Luke 22:19

He took the cup, gave thanks and offered it in His love to them, saying -

***Drink of it, all of you; For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.***

Matthew 26:27-28 (Mark 14:24 Luke 22:20)

Jesus had not only broken the bread but also broke this outstanding news to His disciples –

for the blood of the New Covenant would be His own - for them!

The Disciples were filled with amazement and consternation.

After supper was over, Jesus and His disciples went across the ravine of the Kidron to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives, where Jesus prayed.

The agony of Jesus had begun, with His sweat like drops of blood – a medical condition, the result of extreme physical and mental stress.

Read Luke 22:39-46

***And being in agony (of mind), He prayed more earnestly, and His sweat became as great clots of blood dropping down upon the ground.***

Luke 22:44

## THE BETRAYAL OF JESUS

Read Matthew 27:1-10

Judas betrayed Jesus to the chief priests for 30 pieces of silver, but later Judas was filled with remorse when Jesus was condemned.

***I have sinned in betraying innocent blood.***

Matthew 27:4

Although Judas threw the silver coins down, he never asked for Jesus' forgiveness!

The chief priests used this Blood Money to buy the Potter's Field to bury foreign paupers.

***Therefore that piece of ground has been called the Field of Blood to the present day.***

Matthew 27:8 (Acts 1:19)

Read Zechariah 11:12-13 (in the scroll of Jeremiah - the major prophet)

## TRIAL BEFORE PILATE

Read Matthew 27:11-26

The Roman Governor, Pontius Pilate, on releasing the murderer Barabbas, instead of Jesus, washed his hands in front of the people with these words –



***I am not guilty for this righteous Man's blood.***

Matthew 27:24

The people answered –

***Let His blood be upon us and on our children.***

Matthew 27:25

Jesus' blood is the only way - for Believers to be saved from sin!

Jesus, the Son of Man, in His passion suffered for us, was betrayed, arrested like a criminal and unfairly tried, deserted and denied by His disciples, mocked, scourged and finally crucified.

## THE CROWN OF THORNS

Read Matthew 27:27-31

The Governor's (Pilate) soldiers wove a Crown of Thorns and cruelly pressed it down on Jesus' head as they mocked Him.

The Crown of Thorns was the only earthly crown Jesus wore.



## THE CRUCIFIXION OF JESUS

Read Matthew 27:2-50 Mark 15:24-39 Luke 23:32-46 John 19:1-37

Jesus was not put to death by stoning, the Jewish death penalty, but by the Roman method of Crucifixion, so fulfilling the Scriptures – ***not one of His bones will be broken*** .

(Exodus 12:46 Numbers 9:12 Psalm 34:20)

The inscription above the Cross was written in 3 languages - Hebrew, Latin and Greek.

### **JESUS THE NAZARENE, THE KING OF THE JEWS**

John 19:19-22

Recall the words of the prophet Isaiah (53:1-12)

***He was cut off out of the land of the living for the transgression of my (Isaiah's) people.***

Isaiah 53:8

***Christ redeemed us from the curse of the Law becoming a curse for us, for it is written –Cursed is everyone who hangs on a tree (is crucified).***

Galatians 3:13 (Deuteronomy 21:23)

***They pierced my hands and my feet.***

Psalm 22:16

It was not the excruciating physical pain but the pain of separation from His Father, when the sins of the whole world were laid upon Him that caused Jesus to cry out in a loud voice

***Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? – that is, My God, My God, why have You forsaken me?***

Matthew 27:46

***Jesus, crying out with a loud voice, said, Father, into Your hands I commit my spirit!***

Luke 23:46

Jesus on the Cross finished the work He came to do with these words –

***It is finished! And He bowed His head and gave up His spirit!*** John 19:30

It was outside Jerusalem's city wall, that Jesus died and shed His blood to take away our sin.

***At once the curtain (veil) of the sanctuary of the temple was torn***

***in two from top to bottom; the earth shook and the rocks were split.*** Matthew 27:51

What fear and consternation for the ministering priests, offering the Passover lambs, seeing for the first time into the Most Holy Place! The Veil of Herod's Temple was then about 7cm. thick!

***One of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and blood and water flowed out.***

John 19:34

Medically, because blood and water poured out, Jesus died of a burst or broken heart!

***He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him, and with his stripes we are healed.***

Isaiah 53:5 A.V

Jesus Christ is the only One Who has died to give His life for His followers.

***For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, Who gave Himself as a ransom for all.***

1 Timothy 2:5-6

## THE RESURRECTION

On the third day after the Crucifixion, Jesus rose from death to live forever!



***For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son,  
that whoever believes in Him  
shall not die but have everlasting life.***

John 3:16

### THE MESSAGE OF THE ANGEL

Read Matthew 28:1-10

***He is not here; He has risen, as He said. Come, see the place where He lay.***

Matthew 28:6

Now, as if you are in the garden, where the Lord's Body had been placed in a tomb three days before, reflect on the awesome wonder of the women there on that first Resurrection morning.

Pause -- as you consider the amazing fact that Jesus, the Son of God, had arisen from the dead and is alive for evermore.

This is the Good News, the Gospel of Peace - peace with God by faith in Jesus Christ; planned from the foundation of the earth.

What wondrous and irrepressible JOY at the reality of seeing Jesus ALIVE!

The tears of Mary Magdalene, weeping in the garden,  
turned to tears of joy on hearing Jesus call her name - 'Mary!'

Jesus calls each one of us by name. Reflect now on the great love Jesus has for you.

What is your response when you come to realize that Jesus died for – you?

Do you believe?

Meditate on His forgiveness and the gift of Everlasting Life for all who believe and receive Him.

That's very good news!

When He lives in us, He changes us and we can say -

***Now thanks be to God for His indescribable free gift.***

2 Corinthians 9:15

## THE JOURNEY TO EMMAUS

Read Luke 24:13-35

What a sad journey it must have been for the two followers of Jesus who met the Stranger on the way from Jerusalem to Emmaus! Uppermost in their minds was the stark, horrifying fact that Jesus, the One they loved, had been crucified. They did not even recognize the Lord even when He spoke these words –

***Was it not necessary that Christ (the Messiah) should suffer all these things before entering into His glory? Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, He went on explaining to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning Himself.***

Luke 24:26-27

It must have been the marks of the nails the two disciples saw, when He took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to them, that caused them to recognize - Jesus! Like Mary early that same morning, their sadness turned to JOY when they remembered His words to them as they had journeyed with Him.

Jesus, by His Holy Spirit, is in all the Scriptures; and His sacrificial Blood through His death on the cross is the means of our personal salvation - the free gift to every Believer.

\* Sins forgiven

\* Righteousness before God

\* Gift of Eternal Life

In the Old Testament, God was pleased with the sacrificial worship of His people. The Israelites were then forgiven and made righteous by the blood of the animal sacrifices, their sacred offerings being a fragrant aroma to the Lord. Like the holy frankincense offered with the sacrifices in the Tabernacle, our lives are to be fragrant in His service by the indwelling fragrance of the Holy Spirit of Christ.

## JESUS APPEARS TO HIS DISCIPLES

Read Luke 24:36-49

***See My hands and My feet, that it is I Myself! Feel and handle Me and see, for a spirit does not have flesh and bones, as you see that I have.***

Luke 24:39

Jesus used the words, flesh and bones, not flesh and blood;  
His blood having been shed in His perfect sacrifice.

Read John 20:24-31

When Jesus first appeared to the disciples, Thomas was not present for he said –

***Unless I see in His hands the marks made by the nails and put my finger into the nail prints, and put my hand into His side, I will never believe!*** John 20:25

Eight days later when Jesus appeared again to the Eleven, He spoke to Thomas and said –

***Reach out your finger here and see My hands; and put your hand in My side. Do not be faithless, but believe!***

John 20:27

Thomas immediately answered Jesus – ***My Lord and My God!***

John 20:28

## THE POWER OF THE RESURRECTION

The Christian faith stands on the truth of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.  
Read John 11:1-45

Jesus said to Martha before He raised her brother, Lazarus, from death –  
***I am the Resurrection and the Life.***  
***Whoever believes in Me, although he die, yet he shall live.*** John 11:25

The Resurrection of Jesus did not only have a great impact on the lives of believers but also on the World. Passover Friday became Good Friday in the Christian calendar and History divided into B.C. and A.D. Christians celebrate the Resurrection on Easter Day while most Jews still celebrate Passover. There were no animal sacrifices after 70 A.D. on the destruction of the Jerusalem Temple by the Romans.

Jesus commanded the Eleven in THE GREAT COMMISSION to make disciples of all nations and He promised to be with them always. (Matthew 28:19-20)

Although the first disciples, like Jesus, were Jews, most Jewish people still do not believe that Jesus is their long-awaited Messiah. Even so, the Jewish people today are more open to the Gospel than for centuries. More Jews are reading the New Testament, especially students and the younger generation. Jews who believe in Jesus are known as Messianic Jews.

The number of Messianic Fellowships meeting on Sundays is increasing. Messianic Jews are completed Jews; because of their salvation in Christ, their knowledge of the Old Testament and their understanding of the symbolism of the Jewish Passover meal in the Lord's Last Supper celebrated in the Breaking of Bread – until He comes!



### THE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

The bread and wine are emblems of the Lord's broken Body and shed Blood.

Holy Communion with Jesus is a fellowship meal remembering His death with thanksgiving until He comes at His promised return. It is a commemorative meal for believers, united as His body in the love of Christ. Holy communion is also known as the Lord's Supper, the Breaking of Bread or the Eucharist (thanksgiving). At the Communion service, Christians remember Christ's death, celebrating together with joy and thanksgiving His Resurrection in His presence for the gracious forgiveness of their sins and the gift of Eternal life.

Read 1 Corinthians 11:23-34

Words of the Institution of the Lord's Supper -



***Take, eat. This is My Body, which is broken for you.***  
***Do this in remembrance of Me.*** 1 Corinthians 11:24

***This cup is the new covenant in My blood.***  
***Do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of Me.***  
1 Corinthians 11:25



## THE BOOK OF ACTS

### THE ASCENSION

Read Acts 1:1-11

Luke, a Gentile, is the writer of the third Gospel and also the Book of Acts. This Book is a dramatic account relating the acts of the Apostles and the consequent rapid growth of the Church, Christ's Body.

Luke begins with Jesus' instructions to the Apostles before His Ascension into heaven 40 days after the Crucifixion.

***The Lord Jesus, after He had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven and He sat down at the right hand of God.*** Mark 16:19

### THE FEAST OF PENTECOST

(SHAVUOT or FEAST OF WEEKS in the Jewish calendar)

PENTECOST followed fifty days after the Crucifixion and ten days after Jesus' Ascension.

Jesus, just prior to His Ascension into heaven, commanded the disciples to wait in Jerusalem for the coming gift of the Holy Spirit.

***You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and all Judea and Samaria and to the ends of the earth.***

Acts 1:8

### THE COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT AT PENTECOST

Read Acts 2:1-13

The Holy Spirit came suddenly like a rushing wind with tongues as of fire descending on the believers, 120 of them present in the house.



The indwelling Holy Spirit is the guarantee of all God's precious promises in Christ to the believer. As Jesus had promised, He did not leave His followers alone.

The gift of the Holy Spirit gave power and guidance to the disciples for their work of witness. The theme of their message was always the Gospel - the Good News of the gift of salvation in Christ, through the shedding of His blood in His atoning sacrifice on the Cross of Calvary. With fervour, the Apostles urged the people to repent, believe and be baptized; and so receive the seal of the Holy Spirit.

Read Acts 2: 21-43

***Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins; and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.*** Acts 2:38



## THE BOOK OF ACTS continued

This New Testament book should be read from beginning to end, for it is full to overflowing with the wonderful acts of the Apostles and disciples in the power of the Holy Spirit – too many acts, some miraculous, to be included in this Study.

The Book is about the amazing growth of the Church, about people of all kinds, including Gentiles, coming to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, Who shed His blood and died in their place to take away their sins.

For each one there was a time for a response - a time to decide for Jesus or not!

The Gospel of the Good News asks that question and seeks a response – a decision of the will to follow the Lord Jesus Christ.

### HEALING OF THE LAME MAN AT THE BEAUTIFUL GATE

Read Acts 3:1-26

In the name of Jesus there were many signs following - miracles of deliverance and of healing, as the lame man at the Beautiful Gate of the Temple.

Peter and John were imprisoned following this healing at the Beautiful Gate. On their release before the magistrates, Peter testified -

***Let it be known that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, Whom you crucified, but Whom God raised from the dead this (lame) man is standing before you.***

Acts 4:10

### PERSECUTION OF THE CHURCH

Read Acts 6-8:3

Although the early Church grew rapidly, it was not long before the Apostles and Believers began to suffer persecution, imprisonment and even martyrdom - (Stephen, called to be one of the seven appointed Deacons in the Church, was the first martyr to die for Christ).

Saul, who became the Apostle Paul, approved the stoning of Stephen.

As persecution increased in Jerusalem, Believers were dispersed beyond Jerusalem, as prophesied, to Judea and Samaria. Wherever Jesus' disciples went, they carried the Good News of the free gift of His salvation -

***There is Salvation is no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by and in which we must be saved.*** Acts 4:12

## THE APOSTLE PAUL

Read Acts 9:1-31

As a strict Pharisee, Saul considered he was serving God by persecuting and committing Believers (known as the people of the Way) to prison. Saul's dramatic conversion to Christ on the road to Damascus changed everything for him!

Saul (Hebrew name) of Tarsus, from then on called Paul (his Greek name in the Gentile world). For the rest of his earthly life Paul travelled widely serving the Lord Jesus Christ. Most of the letters (Epistles) of the New Testament were written to the Churches by Paul. He became known as *the Apostle to the Gentiles* - but *to the Jew first* (Romans 1:16) Paul spent much time preaching and teaching about Jesus Christ in Antioch where many Gentiles became disciples.

***In Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.*** Acts 11:26

To be called *Christian* was at first a term of ridicule, but became the accepted name for all followers of the Way - men and women who were born again *in Christ*.

Blood being *the life of the flesh*; and life being so sacred to God, the Jews in the Torah (the Law) were commanded not to eat blood in meat, the Gentile believers of the New Covenant were also forbidden to eat meat with the blood in it. (Acts 15:20,29)

Read Acts 20:17-38

(Elders or shepherds of the flock were also called overseers, bishops or pastors).

***The church of God which He obtained for Himself with His own blood.***

Acts 20:28

## LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

The letter (epistle) to the Hebrews explains the new order of priesthood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the spiritual meaning of the Old and New Covenants. For a full understanding of the superior New Covenant, Christians need to read and study the Old Testament.

The letter to the Hebrews is the Leviticus of the New Testament.

Read Genesis 14:18-20

## THE ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK

Melchizedek was the Everlasting King of Salem (Peace)  
and his name means King of Righteousness.

Melchizedek, King of Salem, (Jerusalem) blessed Abraham;  
for the greater always blesses the lesser.

Read Hebrews 5:1-10 7:1-28

Jesus has become a High Priest forever after the order of Melchizedek. Hebrew 6:20

Jesus Christ of the tribe of Judah is our Everlasting Priest and King, in the order of Melchizedek and not of Aaron from the tribe of Levi. (Hebrews 7:11)

***The Lord has sworn: You are a priest forever, after the order of Melchizedek.***

Psalm 110:4 (Hebrews 7:17)

This oath ensures - ***Jesus has become the Guarantee of a better covenant.***

Hebrews. 7:22



## THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS continued

The Old Testament Laws of the Old Covenant were written on tablets of stone.

The Tabernacle and Temple high priests offered the blood of Paschal lambs, unlike the Lord Jesus Christ who poured out His own blood (New Covenant).

Jesus is both *King of kings* of David's line (Judah) and our great *High Priest*, now ascended into heaven.

Read Hebrews 8:1-13

Jesus is our Great High Priest of the New Covenant's excellent and better promises as prophesied in the Hebrew Scriptures. (Jeremiah 31:31-34)

The New Covenant is written on the mind and in the heart by the Holy Spirit.

## WORSHIP IN THE TABERNACLE



Read Hebrews 9:1-15  
Into the Most Holy Place, the Holy of Holies –

***None but the high priest goes, and he only once a year, and never without taking a sacrifice of blood with him, which he offers for himself and for the errors and sins of ignorance and thoughtlessness which the people have committed.***

Hebrews 9:7

The Levitical priests brought daily animal sacrifices into the Tabernacle to atone for sin, but Jesus was sinless and His one sacrifice was for all time.

***Christ, the Messiah – went once for all into the Holy of Holies (of heaven) not by the blood of goats and calves, but His own blood, having secured redemption (for us).***

Hebrews 9:12 (Hebrews 10:4)

***How much more shall the blood of Christ, Who by His eternal Spirit has offered Himself as an unblemished sacrifice to God, purify our consciences from dead works to serve the living God.***

Hebrews 9:14

Read Hebrews 10:1-25

***The blood of bulls and goats is powerless to take sins away.***

Hebrews 10:4

## THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS continued

The Levitical priests of the House of Aaron stood to minister; whereas Jesus sat down at the right hand of God on His Ascension; the position of authority, having finished the work of Salvation.

***This One (Christ), after He had offered a single sacrifice for our sins for all time sat down at the right hand of God.*** Hebrews 10:12 (Mark 16:19)

## THE OLD AND NEW COVENANTS (TESTAMENTS)



Read Hebrews 9:16-28.

The words last will and testament only come into force on the death of the testator. With the death of Jesus, His blood being shed on the Cross; the superior New Covenant of the New Testament came into effect, fulfilling the Old Covenant of the Old Testament.

Read Exodus 24:4-8

Moses built an altar at the foot of Mount Sinai and sealed the Old Covenant by sprinkling blood on the altar and then on the people.

***So even the first (old) covenant was not ratified without the shedding of blood.***

Hebrews 9:18 (20)

***Under the Law almost everything is purified by means of blood and without the shedding of blood there is neither release from sin and its guilt nor the remission of the punishment for sins.***

Hebrews 9:22

Read Exodus 29:21 44-46

The altar, Aaron and his sons, including their garments were all consecrated by blood.

The man-made Tabernacle was only a copy of the heavenly sanctuary where Christ has entered with His own blood, a once for all perfect sacrifice.



## THE BELIEVER AND THE NEW COVENANT

The Church is not a building but the community of Believers –  
THE BODY OF CHRIST.

Read Ephesians 1:20-23

***Christ is the supreme Head of the Church.***

Ephesians 1:22

Read Hebrews 10:19-25

***Since we have confidence to enter the Holy of Holies in the blood of Jesus,  
By this living way which He opened for us through the separating curtain  
(veil of the Holy of Holies), that is, through His flesh.***

Hebrews 10:19-20

**A SOLEMN WARNING** Read Hebrews 10: 26-31

***How much worse punishment he will deserve who has trampled underfoot  
the Son of God, and who has considered the covenant blood  
by which he was consecrated common, thus insulting the Holy Spirit?***

Hebrews 10:29

## THE GREAT CHAPTER OF FAITH

Read Hebrews Chapter 11



***By faith Abel brought God a better (animal) sacrifice than Cain,  
because it was testified of him that he was upright (with God),  
and God bore witness by accepting his gifts.  
And though he died, yet he is still speaking.***

Hebrews 11:4

Sin was crouching at Cain's door but Abel was forgiven by offering a life from the flock. Also, Cain's offering of the fruits of the ground was unacceptable, the ground having already been cursed by God because of Adam's sin. (Genesis 3:17)

***By faith Abraham, when he was put to the test,  
brought Isaac for an offering, his only son. Of whom it was said,  
Through Isaac shall your descendants be reckoned.***

Hebrews 11:17-18



## THE GREAT CHAPTER OF FAITH Hebrews continued



***By faith Moses carried out the Passover and the sprinkling of the blood (on the doorposts), so that the destroyer of the firstborn may not touch the children of Israel.*** Hebrews 11:28



Read Hebrews 11:39-12:2

***Looking to Jesus, Who is the Source and Finisher of our faith. He, for the joy set before Him, endured the cross, ignoring the shame, and is now seated at the right hand of the throne of God.*** Hebrews 12:2

### THE TWO COVENANTS -

Read Exodus 19:16-25

MOUNT SINAI AND THE OLD COVENANT (Obey the Law and you will live).

Moses and the Israelites trembled with fear on the giving of the Law of the Old Covenant when the Lord came down on Mount Sinai.

Read Hebrews 12:18-29

MOUNT ZION AND THE NEW COVENANT (I will do it for you).

The Eternal and Everlasting New Covenant was by contrast an agreement between God, the Father, and Jesus Christ. When we believe and receive Christ, (born again - God calling us by His Spirit) we are joined to that agreement - God's pledge of His undeserved favour of pure grace and joy in coming to Mount Zion, the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem.

***To Jesus, the Mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood which speaks (of mercy), a better and nobler and more gracious message than the blood of Abel, which cried out for vengeance.*** Hebrews 12:24

The Blood of Abel cried out for justice, whereas the blood of Jesus speaks of forgiveness. Read Hebrews 13:11-16

***Jesus suffered and died outside the city's gate in order that He might purify and consecrate the people through His own blood and set them apart as holy (for God).***

Hebrews 13:12

The Church of the Firstborn (of Jesus Christ) is to worship our holy and righteous God with reverence and awe, offering sacrifices of praise with joyous thanksgiving.

***Do not forget to do good for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.*** Hebrews 13:16

The next two verses are often used as a Benediction or Blessing.

# SHALOM

***Now may the God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood that sealed the everlasting covenant.***

Hebrews 13:20 (21)

## OTHER NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES

Read Romans 3:22-25

The A.V. (Authorised Version) of the Bible uses the word *blood*, unlike some modern translations that omit *blood* but instead use words such as -'the death of Jesus'. Yes, Jesus died for us, but it was to offer freely His blood to our holy and righteous God, for without the shedding of innocent blood there is no forgiveness given to sinful Man.

Through the *Blood of Jesus* we are accepted in the Beloved by faith.

*Since we are now justified (acquitted – made righteous) by Christ's blood, how much more certain we shall be saved by Him from the wrath of God.*

Romans 5:9



*The cup of blessing (of wine at the Lord's Supper), does it not mean we share a fellowship (a communion) in the blood of Christ?*

1 Corinthians 10:16 (11:25)

*In (Jesus) we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.*

Ephesians 1:7 A.V.

*In Christ Jesus, you who were once far away, by the blood of Christ have been brought near.*

Ephesians 2:13

*Christ loved us and gave Himself up for us, a sacrifice to God for you, a sweet fragrance.*

Ephesians 5:2

*In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins.*

Colossians 1:14 A.V.

*For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell; And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself - whether things in earth, or things in heaven.*

Colossians 1:19-20 A.V.

## OTHER NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURES continued

***Who were chosen and foreknown by God the Father and made holy by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled by His blood.*** 1 Peter 1:2

***You were redeemed not with corruptible things as silver and gold. But with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a (sacrificial) lamb without blemish or spot.*** 1 Peter 1:18-19



***If we are walking in the Light as He is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin and guilt.***

1 John 1:7

### THE TESTIMONY OF GOD

***Jesus Christ Who came by water and blood (His baptism and His death). And it is the (Holy) Spirit Who bears witness, because the (Holy) Spirit is the Truth.***

***So there are three witness in heaven: the Father, the Word and the Holy Spirit, and these three are One; and there are three witness on the earth: the Spirit, the water and the blood: and these three agree.*** 1 John 5:6-8

***And this is that testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.*** 1 John 5:11

***You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.*** 1 Peter 2:9

### THE ROYAL LAW

***Jesus said – You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. The second is like it; You shall love your neighbour as yourself.***

Matthew 22:37-40 (James 2:8 Deuteronomy 6:5 Leviticus 19:18)

Believers, like the Israelites of the Old Covenant, are a kingdom of priests and serve others best by worshipping God first in praise and thanksgiving for His mercy. As tools in His hands, in their priestly ministry, believers are to be motivated by God (not themselves) in the power of the Holy Spirit for His glory. In the name of Christ to produce much fruit, worship God first and secondly serve in His Kingdom. Understand this foundation order fully and your life will be different. (Romans 12:1)

## THE REVELATION TO JOHN



***Unto him (Jesus Christ) that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood.***  
Revelation 1:5 A.V.

Read Revelation 5:1-14

***Stop weeping!***

***See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David has overcome!***

***He can open the scroll and break its seven seals.***



Revelation 5:5

***And they sing a new song, saying -***

***You are worthy to take the scroll and to break the seals,  
for You were slain and with Your blood  
You purchased men unto God from every tribe and language and people and nation.***  
Revelation 5:9

## A GREAT MULTITUDE

Read Revelation 7:9-17

***These are they who have come out of the great tribulation (persecution)  
and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.***  
Revelation 7:14



Read Revelation 12:10-11

***They overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their  
testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.***

Revelation 12:11 A.V.

## REVELATION TO JOHN Continued

Read Revelation 19:11-16

***I saw heaven opened and behold, a white horse,  
the One Who was riding it is called Faithful and True.***

Revelation 19:11

***He is dressed in a robe sprinkled in blood, and He is called The Word of God.***

Revelation 19:13

***On His robe and on His thigh He has a name inscribed,***

### KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:16



### CONCLUSION

The Bible Study entitled the - **THIN RED LINE OF SCRIPTURE** –

has been traced through both the Old and New Testaments of the Bible to show the importance of blood in the holy scriptures – the only means of taking away sin. The animal sacrifices had to be repeated countless times and only through the one perfect sacrifice of the sinless Christ, both God and Man, could all sin be removed. Salvation in Christ is the free gift of God's grace, to be received by simply believing.

For believers, those of the household of faith, there is great ***power in the blood*** to overcome. When in need of protection from temptation, Satanic attack, danger, fear or anxiety - pray in the ***power of the blood of Jesus***. This works! In such circumstances of need, pray the blood all around you to cover and protect. Trust Jesus completely and you will be safe; even if you do not always understand. You will have His peace for absolutely nothing harmful will get through the covering of the ***blood*** of the Saviour, Jesus Christ –

**For He is Lord of lords and King of kings.**

Revelation 17:14

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