



## WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD. By: *David W. Lankford*

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We read in Exodus 12:1-13, "And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, this month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you. Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for a house: and if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year: ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats: and ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening. And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat it. And they shall eat the flesh in the night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it. Eat not of it raw nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire, his head with his legs, and with the purtenance (the intestines) thereof. And ye shall let nothing of it remained until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until morning ye shall burn with fire. And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the Lord's Passover. For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord". One of the greatest assaults against the church and the Word of God is false doctrine purveyed by false teachers. From the very beginning, in the Garden of Eden, Satan sought to twist the Word of God concerning Adam and Eve. Satan sought their demise and their self-destruction. We read in Genesis chapter 3, that their sins required God to sacrifice two innocent creatures to make coats of skin for their covering. God at that point and time was establishing a pattern of sacrifice by the shedding of innocent blood for the remission of sins. We read in **Hebrews 9:22**, "And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission". There can be no redemption, neither remission of sin whatsoever, without the shedding of innocent blood. We witnessed the very first communion service in Genesis chapter 14, which was bread and wine, symbolizing the blood and body of our Lord Jesus Christ. We read in **Genesis 14:18**, "And Melchizedek king of Salem brought forth bread and wine: and he was the priest of the most high God". Most theologians believe that Salem was old Jeru-salem. Jesus himself said in **John 6:35**, "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst". The problem with many Christians and religionists is that they believe they must contribute something to their salvation. They believe that a litany or liturgical methods and rites will somehow play a role in their salvation. I have some very noteworthy news for many today, and that is there is nothing that you can do to save your soul except believe in the shed blood of Jesus Christ. Just like Israel, many go about today trying to establish their own righteousness. You have no righteousness except it be the righteousness of God! Any righteousness from man is deemed self-righteousness. **Romans 10:3-4**, "For they being ignorant of God's righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves to the righteousness of God. For Christ is the end of the law for righteousness to everyone that believeth". To be ignorant means to be misinformed, to be mistaken, and to be misguided. Paul the apostle declared emphatically, that Christ is the end of the law, which means once you accept Jesus Christ as your Savior, you have reached the ultimate goal; the prize of eternal life. Jesus Christ while on the cross cried, "**IT IS FINISHED!**" Everything had been completely executed and discharged along with sin's debt being paid in full. Redemption was bought and paid for by the **blood of the Lamb!** Being washed in the blood of Jesus Christ is all it takes to be redeemed. Keeping the Sabbath, or not eating pork, or having to be water baptized to be redeemed has nothing to do with your salvation, whatsoever. Paul the apostle made it very clear in **Ephesians 2:8-9**, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast". Simply put, there is nothing that a person can do to redeem themselves. In our scripture text in verse three,

the Israelites were to take a lamb on the tenth day of the first month. The reason that they were to take the lamb on the tenth day is because the number ten symbolizes law and responsibility. Just as the Ten Commandments were the law, they were responsible to keep the law. However, we rejoice today because we are no longer under the law but under grace. The lamb to be taken was to be like Christ, without blemish, and it was to be a male lamb. You can now fully understand the renowned words of John the Baptist, found in **John 1:29**, "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world". What a revelation John the Baptist had concerning Jesus Christ. They were charged to keep the lamb up until the fourteenth day of the same month. The reason they were to keep the lamb up until the fourteenth day is because the number fourteen means deliverance. This Passover lamb that was to be slain on the fourteenth day was to be their deliverance from death that would soon pass through the streets of Egypt. After they had slain the lamb, they were to put the blood in a basin and then take hyssop and strike the blood on the two side post and over the upper doorpost of their home. That action was a type of the cross that Jesus Christ would be nailed to. God then told Moses, when I see the blood, I will pass over you for this is the Lord's Passover. The word **Passover** in the Hebrew #6453, means a spacing, an exemption, an immunity from penalty or calamity. Jehovah God had said, I will pass through the land of Egypt this night and will smite all the firstborn in the land of Egypt and I will execute judgment. My friend, the judgment of God is imminent upon this nation

and you need to be covered in the blood of the Lamb. Jehovah then said, the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: the word token #226 in the Hebrew means a warning, prodigy, symbol, miracle, and a miraculous sign. It is an indicator of something showing God's divine protection. We now fully understand when Jehovah said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you". "The plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt". The same can be said today, if the blood of Jesus has been applied to the doorpost of your heart when judgment comes, he too will pass over you. That is why there is nothing that a person can do to ensure their redemption or salvation. Paul the apostle declared in **Ephesians 1:7**, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace. **Ephesians 2:13**, "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ". We read in **Colossians 1:14**, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins. **1st John 1:7**, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. **Revelation 1:5**, "And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood". This was the blood of a King. This was not the blood of another bull, ram, or even a turtledove, it was the blood of a King! When the devil tries to condemn you, as a believer you must keep your faith in the vicarious and efficacious work of Jesus Christ that was wrought at Calvary. There is nothing you can do to redeem or save

yourself. The fact that Jesus Christ died on an old rugged cross, takes away the opportunity for man to ever think that he can do anything through his own works that will forgive him or redeem him. This is why being a Christian is such a blessing. Christ paid for it all at Calvary. Now as a believer, I do pick up my cross daily and follow Jesus Christ because I am one of his disciples. To be his disciple simply means that you are disciplined to the tenants and teachings of the Lord Jesus. That is the very reason Jesus said in **Luke 6:46**, "And why call ye me Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say"? Jesus also said in **John 14:15**, "If ye love me, keep my commandments". What I want you to understand is that Jesus paid for your salvation through his death at Calvary. We only fast, pray, and tithe, because we love him and we are his disciples. We must understand that none of those things have anything to do with redemption, because if they did then his death at Calvary was in vain. Galatians 2:20-21 says, "I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me. I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain". Until next month, put you faith solely in what Jesus did at Calvary. Thank you for your generous gift of love to The Voice of Evangelism. Romans 10:8-10

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