

PLEAD THE BLOOD

Introduction

For those who say that **healing and deliverance** were only for Jesus and the apostles, we need to look at the **Great[er] Commision** recorded in Mark 16:17-18

- ¹⁷And these signs will follow those who believe: **In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; ¹⁸they^o will take up serpents; and if they drink anything deadly, it will by no means hurt them; they will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover.**"

➤ But we have to realize that **Jesus does all the work** through the **application of His Blood**

Plead

In prayer, we often "**plead the blood of Jesus**" when we pray for **healing or protection**

- However, the phrase "**plead the blood**" is not found in the Bible, so is this **proper or appropriate?**
- Let's examine the **Scriptures** for **principles** that would **support this concept**

Jeremiah 30:12-17 ¹²"For thus says the LORD: *'Your affliction is incurable, Your wound is severe.* ¹³*There is no one to plead your cause, That you may be bound up; You have no healing medicines.*

- **Plead** is a legal term – a representative **makes pleas** for **restitution** to a **higher authority**
- Jesus is our representative, or **mediator** -- ⁵*For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus*" (1Timothy 2:5)

Blood

Revelation 12:11 ¹*And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.*

- It is the **blood** that Jesus Christ **shed on the cross** for us – each of us individually – that enables our **salvation** as well as our **healing**

Aversion to the Blood

Many people are **squeamish** about **blood** – they don't want to **think** about it or **talk** about it.

➤ Why? Because they **associate blood** with **wounds** or, even worse, **death**

- However, the Bible says: "**the blood is the life**" (Deut. 12:23)

Jesus certainly had **no aversion** to using **His blood** as a symbol of **life in Him**:

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

- This is why **Satanist** drink blood in a **counterfeit** ritual that seeks the **power of the Evil One**

What Does the Blood of Jesus Do?

1. It brings **salvation**: *"For You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood"* (Rev. 5:9)
2. It **seals the new covenant**: ²⁵*In the same manner He also took the cup after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood. (1Cor 11:25)*
3. It provides **protection**: ¹³*Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.*" (Exodus 12:13)
4. It also **cleanses us**: *"the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin."* (1John 1:7)

5. And it **heals us**: “*He was **wounded** for our transgressions, He was **bruised** for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by **His stripes we are healed.**”*

Washed In the Blood

As the song we just sang asked, “Are you **washed in the blood?**”

➤ This too is **Scriptural**:

- “*To Him who loved us and **washed** us from our sins in **His own blood**” (Rev. 1:5)*

So this is why we **plead the blood** and ask that we be **washed in the blood** or ask for a **covering of blood** over some one for **protection**

What Kind of Healings Does the Blood Do?

The application of the Blood **doesn’t just** bring about **physical healings** but also **inner healings**

- What **inner things** get healed? **Emotional, mental and spiritual wounds**
- Things like **guilt and shame**; also **hurt feelings** that often lead to the **root of bitterness** – His **shed blood** has **already done the work** necessary for healing – now we must **appropriate** it and **use** it (notice the past tense in Isaiah 53:4

*Surely He **has borne** our **griefs**
And **carried** our **sorrows**;
Yet we esteemed Him **stricken**,
Smitten by God, and **afflicted**.*

In Luke 4:18, **Jesus quotes from Isaiah’s prophecy** in 61:1

*He has sent Me to **heal the brokenhearted** [i.e. emotions]
To proclaim **liberty** to the **captives** [i.e. salvation]
And recovery of **sight** to the **blind**, [i.e. physical]
To set at **liberty** [**deliverance** – **KJV**] those who are **oppressed** [i.e. demonic influence]*

Jesus closed the book he was reading in the temple at this point, but **Isaiah continues** in verse 3:

*To **console** those who **mourn** in Zion,
To give them **beauty for ashes**,
The **oil of joy for mourning**,
The **garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness**;*

Clearly, **Jesus’ death** on the cross and His **shedding of blood** for us has provided the **only** basis for all kinds of healings – **physical, emotional, mental, and demonic**