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

- 17 And these signs will follow those who believe: In My name they will cast out demons; they will speak with new tongues; 18 they 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 -- 5For 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 -- 53Then 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: 25In 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: 13Now 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.