10) Eternal Life - God spared us from the death penalty that each of us deserved, because the wages of sin is death, but God gave us the gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ! We have a living hope, knowing that as Christ was raised from the dead, that we too will be raised to eternal life. Jesus said he who believes in Him has everlasting life. We don't live for ourselves, but we live for God and Christ lives in us. We must abide in Christ if we are to bear much spiritual fruit in our lives, and inherit eternal life in the Kingdom of God. The branches are sustained and supported by, and receive their nourishment, strength and vitality from the vine. <u>Jn 6:54</u> - Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. We must make a private confession and a public declaration of our faith. <u>Ro 10:9</u> - That if you confess with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

Are you ready to accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in your life? You must confess your faith in the crucifixion, resurrection, ascension and return of Jesus Christ as King of kings and Lord of lords! God promises that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus and we are a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!

Pray the following prayer: Father God, I believe that your Son Jesus Christ, died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead, after being in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. He is at your right hand, and I eagerly await Christ's return with power and great glory, as King of kings and Lord of lords. I am redeemed, sanctified and justified by Jesus' precious blood and His perfect sacrifice has cleansed me from all my sins. I confess all of my sins past, present, known and unknown. I'm sorry for them all, and I renounce them all. Please fill my life with the Holy Spirit, come into my life and help me to stop sinning. I claim the promise of your word: Acts 2:21 - "And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Father, I am yours. I belong to you and I want to live for you - a life of holiness, godliness, purity, truth and righteousness, and in obedience to your commandments. By the power of your Holy Spirit, please lead, guide and help me each day along the narrow path that leads to salvation and eternal life in your Kingdom. In the Name of my Lord Jesus Christ. Amen!

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What is the significance of Christ's sacrifice in our lives? How much power is there in the precious blood of Jesus? What are the benefits of the blood of Jesus and what has Christ obtained for us? How do you accept Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in your life?

Scripture mentions: <u>Hebrews 9:22</u> - "In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness," and <u>Romans 6:23</u> - "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." Only Christ is the perfect sacrifice, once for all, for the atonement of sin because He is divine - pure, holy, blameless and set apart from sinners, without sin and without fault, a lamb without spot, blemish or defect. Christ paid the penalty for our sins and died in our place, the punishment that all of us deserved, so that we could share everlasting life with Him.

The Precious Blood of Jesus was shed for the forgiveness and cleansing of and redemption and purification from our sins, as represented by the Passover feast, when we observe the importance and significance of Christ's sacrifice in our lives. By partaking of the unleavened bread which symbolizes the body of Christ, we demonstrate our commitment to allow Christ, who is the true bread from heaven, to live in us. The wine symbolizes the precious blood of Jesus poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. This is to be an everlasting ordinance, as we commemorate and openly proclaim our faith in Jesus' perfect and precious sacrifice until His return. This means that we know the meaning of Passover and why Christ gave His life for us and understand the importance and significance of Christ's sacrifice in our Christian lives. Passover demonstrates our complete commitment, faithfulness, devotion and dedication to Jesus and reminds us of our close relationship, fellowship, harmony and unity with Him.

Conducting a spiritual examination on ourselves is crucial especially prior to Passover. One must get rid of the old yeast of malice, wickedness and sin; and eat the unleavened bread of purity, sincerity and truth. One must examine his life in Christ, to see if there are any faults and weaknesses that must be overcome, and any remaining leaven (sin) that must be purged out. We demonstrate to God that we are passionate and serious about our relationship with Him, and determined to completely eliminate sin from our lives. This is how we partake of the Lord's Supper in a worthy manner. Weakness, sickness and even death may result from partaking in an unworthy manner (1 Cor 11:27-30).

<u>Leviticus 23:5</u> mentions that Passover is commemorated on the 14th day of the first month on the Hebrew calendar. It's observed as a memorial to Christ's death (<u>1 Cor 5:7; 1 Cor 11:20-27</u>). Jesus and His disciples observed it on this date with the new symbols of bread and wine (<u>Luke 2:41; 22:7-15</u>). The phrase in <u>1 Cor 11:26</u>, "for as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup" does not mean at any time you choose to partake. It means whenever they actually *did* partake of them as part of the Passover ceremony which was annually. Apostle Paul made a statement that by commemorating the Lord's Supper on the appointed day, members were "proclaiming the Lord's death till He comes."

<u>Let's look at how powerful the blood of Jesus is and what the blood of Jesus has obtained for us:</u>

- 1) Redemption God demonstrated His grace (free gift and unmerited favor or pardon toward the undeserving) through the sacrifice of His Son, Jesus Christ, who willingly gave His life for us. Christ obtained eternal redemption through His precious, holy blood (the purchase price). He redeemed us from our sins and from all wickedness and every lawless deed, once for all. Jesus' blood purchased people for God, from every tribe, language, people and nation. Eph 1:7 In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace. God also demonstrated His love for us through His Son Jesus Christ who purchased our freedom from the bondage of sin and yoke of slavery and the useless life we once used to live, when we were living apart from God. We have now become God's ownership - Jesus paid the price for our sins and His precious blood bought us and we are His paid-for possession. God sent His one and only begotten, divine and precious, holy Son, as the perfect sacrifice for our sins. He has the authority to lay down His life and authority to take it up again. Mk 10:45 - For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Our bodies are also bought by Christ's blood and therefore belong to God and are used to glorify and honor Him.
- 2) <u>Cleansing</u> The blood of Jesus Christ has completely and forever cleansed us from all sins and our consciences have also been cleansed from guilt, so that we may serve God with a clear conscience and complete confidence and assurance, knowing that we are free from condemnation because we are in Christ Jesus. We walk in newness of life upon repentance, baptism and acceptance of Jesus Christ's sacrifice in our lives and we become new creatures; the old has gone, the new has come! <u>Heb 9:22</u> In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no for-giveness.
- 3) <u>Purification</u> Christ's precious blood purifies us from all sin and unrighteousness. <u>1 Jn 1:9</u> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us

our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. With our hearts, minds and lives having been purged from all impurities, we now live lives of holiness, godliness, purity, truth and righteousness - a life that is pleasing, holy and acceptable in God's sight, as we draw near to Him with clean hands, pure heart, steadfast spirit and a mind that is completely renewed.

We study and meditate on God's word and quote the 'blood of Jesus' scriptures, in prayer, while confessing our faith in Christ's perfect sacrifice and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in our lives.

- 4) <u>Justification</u> We are justified through faith in Christ's perfect atoning sacrifice and acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in our lives. <u>Ro 5:9</u> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! This means, we are declared righteous by God and we are no longer under His wrath. We have been brought into a right relationship and true fellowship with God and His Son Jesus Christ. We, who were once far away, have been brought near to and put right with God, through Jesus' blood. The temple curtain was torn in two from top to bottom, and represented Christ's broken body and His perfect work of redemption. The sacrificial work of redemption was complete. This means that we can now approach God boldly and come into His presence, and enter the Most Holy Place, because Christ has cleared the way for us, through His sacrifice.
- 5) Sanctification We are sanctified by faith in Christ, which means set apart and made holy for God, through the perfect sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Jesus' blood makes us holy, and our bodies are temples of the holy spirit, and are consecrated and set apart for God's holy service and purpose. We love and serve God, please Him, and serve Him faithfully and wholeheartedly, in reverence, purity, sincerity and truth, and with all our heart, mind, soul and strength. We belong to God and we honor and glorify Him with our bodies. We avoid sexual immorality, and learn to control our bodies in a way that is pure, holy, honorable and pleasing to the Lord. Heb 10:29 How much more severely do you think a man deserves to be punished who has trampled the Son of God under foot, who has treated as an unholy thing the blood of the covenant that sanctified him, and who has insulted the Spirit of grace?
- 6) Forgiveness We are forgiven of our sins upon acceptance of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior in our lives; and through confession of our faith in Jesus Christ's perfect sacrifice; and in true, heartfelt repentance where we confess and renounce all our past, present, known and unknown sins, to God, in prayer. God is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse and purify us from all unrighteousness. God promises to forgive us of our iniquities, blot out our transgressions, and remember our sins no more. Therefore, once we are forgiven, all our sins are completely erased from our record, just as if we've never sinned. This does not mean that one deliberately keeps on sinning, because there remains no sacrifice for sins left, and that person will be in the category of an apostate, who has fallen away from the faith and is now under God's judgment. The grace of God does not give one a license to sin. Mt 26:28 - This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. Christ paid the price for the forgiveness (remission) of our sins (provided our ransom from eternal penalty for sin) through His precious blood, so that we are now slaves of God and slaves to righteousness (we are no longer slaves to sin).
- 7) <u>Deliverance and Salvation</u> God demonstrated His love for us in that even while we were lost in our sins (that separated us from God), Jesus Christ gave His life for us. Through the power of the precious, holy blood of Jesus Christ, we are completely set free from sin. God has rescued and set us free from the whole kingdom of darkness, and translated us into the Kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ the Kingdom of light and everlasting life. <u>Col 1:13-14</u> For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. <u>Heb 5:9</u> and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. We are also saved from God's wrath. <u>Ro 5:9</u> Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!
- 8) <u>Healing</u> We are completely healed and made whole through the sacrifice of Jesus spiritually, physically, emotionally and mentally. We are healed of bitterness, grief, sickness, sorrow, pain and suffering, because Christ took upon Himself all of our sins and iniquities. <u>1 Pe 2:24</u> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed.
- 9) <u>Peace</u> God made peace with all things in heaven and on earth, which He reconciled to Himself, through the blood of Jesus. <u>Col 1:20</u> and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross. Since, our faith in Christ's sacrifice has justified us, we are also at peace and in perfect harmony, unity and fellowship with God. Through Christ, we now have access to God and we can approach the throne of our merciful Father, with holy boldness, freedom and confidence, and He gives us grace to help us in our time of need.