

## “WORD OF LIFE”

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### IN HIS DEATH

#### 4 - Pouring Out His **Blood** for the New Covenant and for the Forgiveness of the Believers' Sins

**Luke 22:20** - “This cup is the new covenant in My blood, which is being **poured** out for you.”

Christ **poured out His blood:**

- for **the new covenant** and
- for **the forgiveness of the believers' sins**.

#### ➤ **God**

- **made a covenant with redeemed Israel** in Exodus 24:3-8 (**Heb. 9:18-21**),
- which **became** the **old testament**,
- as a **base** for Him to deal with His redeemed people in the **dispensation of law**.

#### ➤ **Christ**

- **came to accomplish God's eternal redemption for God's chosen people** -
  - by His death, according to God's will (**Heb. 10:7, 9-10**), and
  - with His blood **instituted a new covenant**, a better covenant (**Heb. 8:6-13**),
- which **became** the **new testament** after His resurrection (**Heb. 9:16-17**),
- as a **base** for God to be one with His redeemed and regenerated people in the **dispensation of grace**.

This **new covenant** replaced the **old covenant** and simultaneously **changed** God's **old dispensation** to His **new dispensation**.

**Matthew 26:28** - “This is My **blood** of the covenant, which is poured out for many for forgiveness of sins.”

- The Lord's blood was **required** by God's righteousness **for the forgiveness of our sins**.
- For the forgiveness of sins there is the need of the **shedding of blood** (**Heb. 9:22**).
- The shedding of the blood **fulfills the requirement of God's righteousness** so that the **new covenant** may be **enacted**.
  - The **blood** of the Lord Jesus has **made a complete redemption** for us so that all our sins may be forgiven.
  - His **blood** has **redeemed us** from our fallen condition back to God and to God's full blessing.
  - The Lord's **blood**, having **satisfied God's righteousness**, enacted the **new covenant**.
  - **In this new covenant God gives us**
    - forgiveness,
    - life,
    - salvation, and
    - all spiritual, heavenly, and divine blessings.

Luke 22:20 and Matthew 26:28 both indicate that Christ's blood was poured out.

- From the **human point of view**, (related to persecution)
  - the Roman soldiers **pierced the Lord's side**, and His blood came out.
- But from **Christ's point of view**, (related to redemption)
  - **He poured out His blood for redemption.**
    - refers to the blood that poured out of His side,
    - not to the blood that issued from the wounds in His hands and feet.

Often, we speak of the **shedding of Christ's blood on the cross**. The Lord Jesus, **however**, said that His blood was poured out. **He poured out His blood** -

- **not** for the **suffering of persecution**
  - **but** for the **accomplishing of redemption**.
- **It may seem** that the Roman soldiers -
    - **took the initiative to pierce the Lord's side to cause His blood to come out.**
  - **Actually**, the Lord Jesus -
    - **took the initiative to pour out His blood.**
  - **If** the pouring out of the Lord's blood had resulted from the piercing by the soldiers,
    - it might only have been **for the suffering of persecution**.
  - **But** according to the Lord's own word,
    - the pouring out of His blood was **for redemption**.

There is a great difference between these two things.

- **If** the pouring out of Christ's blood was a matter of His being pierced by the soldiers, **then** this would have been a work accomplished by the soldiers.
- **But** the pouring out of Christ's blood was **not** the work of Roman soldiers.

**In the sight of God this was Christ's work in His death.**

The Lord did a great work when He poured out His blood for us.

- This did not take place during the **first three hours** of His crucifixion when **He was persecuted by man**.
- Rather, it happened during the **last three hours** when **He was working to accomplish redemption for us**.

**Yes**, Christ's pouring out of His blood took place **through** the **piercing by the soldiers**.  
**But** **the pouring out of His blood** for our redemption was **actually Christ's own work**.

*(The Conclusion of the New Testament Ch. 70, point 4)  
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