

Why Did Jesus Have to Shed His Blood?

1 Peter 1:18-19, et al.

Leviticus 4:6

**“And the priest shall dip his finger
in the blood, and sprinkle of the
blood seven times before the
LORD, before the vail of the
sanctuary.”**

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1 Corinthians 15:50

**“Now this I say, brethren, that
flesh and blood cannot inherit the
kingdom of God; ...”**

Ephesians 6:12

**“For we wrestle not against flesh
and blood, but against
principalities, against powers,
against the rulers of the darkness
of this world, ...”**

Hebrews 2:14

“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;”

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- 2. Shed blood is a sign of life being lost.**
- 3. Shed blood indicates a substitutionary sacrifice.**

Leviticus 17:11

“For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”

Hebrews 9:22

“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission.”