

# SEVEN WONDERS OF THE WORD



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## WONDER 5: THE BLOOD

Medical science has discovered what the Bible has taught to be true – that ‘life is in the blood’ (**Leviticus 17:11a**).

Blood, that vital red liquid that runs in our veins contains properties that provide life to the body. The first Biblical record that infers that blood was shed is found in **Genesis 3:21**.

*Also, for Adam and his wife the LORD God made tunics of skin, and clothed them.*

**Genesis 3:21**

God covered Adam and Eve’s shame with the hides and skins of animals. The blood of the innocent animal covered the sin of the guilty so that “life” could be restored to the repentant sinner.



### ATONEMENT



Blood on the altar of sacrifice was for the atonement of sin.

*For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'*

**Leviticus 17:11b**

If sin brings death and destruction (**Romans 6:23**), then blood for sin restores life (**Hebrews 9:22**).

### WHAT IS ATONEMENT

Repayment, restitution and unity! It is best described as **at-one-ment**. The Hebrew word ‘kaphar’ means to cover (the Jews call it Yom Kippur). The Greek word for atonement is ‘hiloskomai’.

The Greek word for blood is ‘haima’ from which we get the English word ‘haemo’, as in haemophilia (bleeding) and haemorrhage (a ruptured blood vessel).

## BLOOD IN HEBREW

The Hebrew word for blood as used in **Genesis 4:9-10** is 'dam.'

*Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?"  
He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" And He  
said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's  
blood cries out to Me from the ground."*

**Genesis 4:9-10**



Our English word blood is derived from an old Germanic word 'blod.'

## ABSTAIN FROM BLOOD

*Therefore, I judge that we  
should not trouble those from  
among the Gentiles who are  
turning to God, but that we  
write to them to abstain from  
things polluted by idols, from  
sexual immorality, from things  
strangled, and from blood.*

**Acts 15:19-20**

The Israelites were commanded to abstain from the pagan custom of consuming, drinking or eating blood (**Leviticus 17**).

Congeaed blood of animals carried disease and contamination compounded by the hot desert temperatures. This commandment is one of the few included in the New Testament as forbidden:

The Jews eat Kosher meat (blood drained from animal when slaughtered). The Islam's eat Halaal meats (the animal is

slaughtered without being stunned so that the blood can be drained).

## CONTAMINATION OF BLOOD

If life is in the blood and sin brings death, then Adam's sin runs in our veins because we are the offspring of Adam. Our collective guilt is hereditary and we have all been made of this one blood.

*And He has made from one  
blood every nation of men to  
dwell on all the face of the  
earth, and has determined  
their pre-appointed times and  
the boundaries of their  
dwellings....*

**Acts 17:26**

|                         | Halal<br><small>et aliy law</small>                                                                                                                                                                               | Kosher<br><small>et aliy law</small>                                               |
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| <b>Etymology</b>        | "Halal" in Arabic means permissible or lawful.                                                                                                                                                                    | Derived from the Hebrew word "Kashrut," which means proper or fit.                 |
| <b>Roots</b>            | Quran                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Torah                                                                              |
| <b>How to Slaughter</b> | Quick and swift at single point on the throat; blood has to be completely drained.                                                                                                                                | Quick and swift at single point on the throat; blood has to be completely drained. |
| <b>Slaughterer</b>      | Animal must be slaughtered by a Muslim. With certain conditions, an animal slaughtered by a <a href="#">Jew</a> or <a href="#">Christian</a> ("Ahla e Qitab" or People of the Book) can also be considered Halal. | Animal must be slaughtered by a Jew.                                               |
| <b>Prayer</b>           | Requires prayer to Allah before every slaughter.                                                                                                                                                                  | A blessing is said before and after the slaughter.                                 |

## THE CORRUPT SEED

Sin of diverse kinds and perversions affects not only the mind and morals of man, but also contaminates the blood released through the body, resulting in disorders of various kinds.

*All of us have sinned and lost God's  
image and glory,  
for all have sinned and fall short of  
the glory of God,  
**Romans 3:23***

## INNOCENT BLOOD

The Old Testament principle of innocence for guilt, is by divine order. That which is contaminated cannot purify or purge the guilty. In Old Testament times the animal being sacrificed had to be unblemished and uncontaminated.

## THE VIRGIN BIRTH

The virgin birth of Christ was God's means of redeeming mankind. If all humanity has sinned, how could Christ Jesus become human and remain pure. The seed planted within Mary did not come from Joseph or any man. The Holy Spirit performed the miracle (**Matthew 1:20**).

*Not with the blood of goats and  
calves, but with His own blood  
He entered the Most Holy Place  
once for all, having obtained  
eternal redemption. For if the  
blood of bulls and goats and  
the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling  
the unclean, sanctifies for the  
purifying of the flesh, how  
much more shall the blood of  
Christ, who through the eternal  
Spirit offered Himself without  
spot to God, cleanse your  
conscience from dead works to  
serve the living God?*

**Hebrews 9:12-14**

## THE PHENOMENON

At no time does the mother's blood mingle with that of the foetus. Although fed through the umbilical cord, and supplied with nutrients, the embryo develops its blood derived from the seed. Any nursing journal or natal manual will confirm this fact.

## THE BLOOD OF JESUS OUR LORD

The blood of Jesus our Lord was pure and uncontaminated. He was God's spotless Lamb (**Isaiah 53:6-7**).

## INNOCENT BLOOD

Even Judas knew that Jesus was innocent.



*If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9*

*For when we were still without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.*

**Romans 5:6-10**

### UNIQUE AND EXCLUSIVE

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| Saved from the penalty of sin  | Justification  | Past    |
| Saved from the power of sin    | Sanctification | Present |
| Saved from the presence of sin | Glorification  | Future  |

The Christian gospel is exclusive and unique. No other religion claims or purports to have a leader or prophet who saves his subjects from their sin through his merits and impeccability. The message of the blood is a great wonder of the Word.

**LOOK UP THE FOLLOWING WORDS AND WRITE OUT THE DEFINITION BASED ON YOUR RESEARCH:**

**Justification:** .....  
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**Sanctification:** .....  
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**Glorification:** .....  
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