

SOUL: The Bloodline of Christ

The Bible says the Christ Jesus came “by water and blood” with the Spirit bearing witness. **This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth. For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.** *1 John 5:6-8 (Emphasis added)*. Here again, we need to know the context of the “Spirit” for a proper understanding of the Word. For today, the reference to “the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth...” in *1 John 5:6 above* is the Holy Ghost as the Spirit of truth which bears witness to the Word.

As explained previously, we know the “Spirit” generally is the Father, the Word (Son), and the Holy Ghost (*1 John 5:7 and Matthew 28:19*). They are one, but each is the Spirit too. ...**But when the Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the Spirit of truth, which proceedeth from the Father, he shall testify of me:** *John 15:26*. Back in the time of Christ when the Holy Ghost was not yet given to man, “the Spirit” was the Word only because the Holy Ghost had not been given to any man other than Jesus.

With reference to *1 John 5:6-8 above*, the Word is represented by the “water” and the associated cleansing it gives. **Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.** *Ephesians 5:25-27 (Emphasis added)*. The Word is also referred to as “living water”. **Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence then hast thou that living water?** *John 4:10-11 (Emphasis added)*.

Knowing the scriptures are the Word, and they must be timeless, the “living water” could not mean the Holy Ghost at the time of Christ and before. Recall, the Holy Ghost had not yet been given as Jesus had not been glorified. *John 7:39*. (Consider how confusing this would be if we arbitrarily called the “Holy Ghost” the “Holy Spirit”.)

In this comparison of the Spirit, bearing witness in earth, “the Father” (*1 John 5:7*) and the blood (*1 John 5:8*) respectively, remain unaccounted for. We could make the association by default, based on what was presented previously, but doing so would cause us to pass by an opportunity for further edification—proof of the connectivity between the Father and the blood of Jesus is definitely

a worthy pursuit.

We begin with the understanding nobody has seen the Father, and Jesus declares Him. **No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.** *John 1:18*. If we think of Jesus as Emmanuel (*Matthew 1:23*), and remember His own “Son of man” reference to Himself, we know the flesh and blood of Emmanuel is Jesus the man. Thus, the “declaration” of the Father by Jesus (*John 1:18 above*) is because: 1.) Jesus is a man of flesh and blood, and 2.) He is God in the spirit/Spirit as the Word. **Hereby know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: 1 John 4:2.**

But note, for human procreation there must be two (2) parents of the opposite sex. The conjugation of them initiates the formation of the blood in the context of the “life juice” in human veins. Of course, human blood is made in the womb as part of the natural procreative process established in humans.

Stated another way, the combination of the two life giving contributions of the parents provides the impetus for the natural, procreative, genesis of human flesh and blood. As to blood *type*, both the mother and the father give input into the resultant blood type of the human offspring. In the case of Jesus, the bloodline of Jesus is human, but also of the Father—God! (If Jesus could have been “blood typed” as we use science today, I wonder if His blood type would be all of the types possible because He is the “Son of man”!))

As humans, we know that which keeps the human soul alive *is* our blood, simply because our own blood donations can keep the body of a person alive. The blood in Jesus performed the same function in Him and for us. If we desire the will of God from our heart, personally and individually, we are drawn to the bloodline of the Father initiated in Jesus. Those of us who live in Him by the same Holy Ghost that conceived Him, *share His blood* which was shed for us as we now live in *His body* by the Spirit.

Hence, the blood of Jesus is the manifestation of the will of God for all mankind and keeps the flesh alive if we *choose to live* by it. The Holy Ghost bearing witness therewith keeps our soul alive in Him, and the entire bloodline of the Father is obedient to His will. Stated another way, Jesus shed His blood from His Father and from man as the “Son of man” on the altar of the earth to wash away our sins as part of the atonement. As such, we have the “power to become” the sons of God by an ability to know the Father’s will by the Word *through His blood*. (Remember, His will was restored to us after mankind was disconnected from God’s will by the first transgression.)

By the Holy Ghost we know the Father’s will *personally* as His children, and *do* His will by the quickening power of the Holy Ghost as a member of the royal family bloodline. **For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.** *Matthew 12:50*. **For whosoever shall do the will of God, the same is my brother, and my sister, and mother.** *Mark 3:35*. (Nobody can do the will of God personally without the Holy Ghost, and the Holy Ghost makes us part of the body of Christ Jesus.)

Thus, the blood in Jesus is the other physical witness to whom He is as the *begotten son* of the Father. His dad/father is God the Father—the soul (life) of God in heaven as the source of all life in the beginning (*John 1:2-3*). Therefore, by the sacrifice of His body according to the will of the Father, the flesh of Jesus is a form of sustenance for our flesh as our sins are forgiven. The blood of Jesus is a form of sustenance for our soul as we are alive again in the Spirit. No other religion, no other alleged prophet, no other deity in any polytheistic or monotheistic culture or society anywhere or at any time makes this claim, or could make this claim, EVER!

A life in Him by the Holy Ghost means we are of the bloodline of Christ Jesus!

This bloodline distinction of flesh and spirit is the source of the metaphorical hard saying “except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you” that turned away many of the followers of Jesus. Now, however, there is no excuse to turn away or mock the Word because of that saying.

Here it is: **Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me. This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live for ever. These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum. Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is an hard saying; who can hear it? When Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at it, he said unto them, Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before? It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him. And he said, Therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father. From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. *John 6:53-66.***

For reproof, we may now testify of Him *as His brethren*, because we have His witness in us—the Spirit (the Holy Ghost), the water (the Word), and the blood (the will and love of God) as we live in Him perfected in the Spirit by Him as He is! **And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one. If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son. He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son. *1 John 5:8-10 (Emphasis added).***

Furthermore, as God is love, the Father's will must *always* be "loving." Because the Word is the statement of His will for all mankind, the Word is also the "first love" for all mankind who would live forever by Him as explained previously. The Holy Ghost bears witness to the Word in our heart as our place of love in the Spirit as the Father's children, personally and individually. As the heart is that "thing" that maintains our physical life by pumping blood to keep us alive, the heart of the child of God pumps the will of God in their own blood as part of the body of Christ Jesus! This is the quickening of the body by the Holy Ghost—an attribute of the bloodline of the Father to the saving of the soul.

Therefore, we can think of the blood of Jesus as being the *love of God per se* as the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost (*Romans 5:5*), and His love gives eternal life to those that love Him *because of* the blood of Jesus, the offspring of our Father! When we do the Father's will as a member of His family by our love for Him, our heart pumps His blood as we are members of His bloodline living as the body of Christ. **For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother.** *Matthew 12:50.* **And it was told him by certain which said, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without, desiring to see thee. And he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these which hear the word of God, and do it.** *Luke 8:20-21.* **If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself.** *John 7:17.* (At a minimum, is there any doubt the Father can cure the "incurable" blood diseases of mankind.)

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