

# Life is in the Blood

The Significance of Blood · The Blood in Scripture

Scripture declares that the life of the flesh is in the blood. This is why God prohibited eating blood—the blood represents the life, and life belongs to God alone. Blood is sacred because life is sacred. When blood is shed, life is poured out. This biological and theological truth underlies the entire sacrificial system. Atonement is made by blood because atonement requires the giving of life. The blood of Christ is precious because it represents His perfect, sinless life given for us. Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins.

## Key Verses

### **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.

### **Leviticus 17:14**

For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

### **Genesis 9:4**

But flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

### **Hebrews 9:22**

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

### **1 Peter 1:19**

But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

**Deuteronomy 12:23**

Only be sure that thou eat not the blood: for the blood is the life; and thou mayest not eat the life with the flesh.

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