

# The Blood Of Jesus

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**Jesus Fulfilled the Atonement  
When He sprinkled His own Blood  
..On the Altar (Cross) (Exodus 24: 6-8)  
..Round About The Cross (Exodus 29:12 -16)  
..On The High Priests Garments (Exodus 29: 20, 23)  
On The High Priests Ear, Thumb, and Toe (Lev. 8:23-24;30)  
Sprinkled His Finger Seven Times For Perfection (Lev. 8:11)  
On The Bottom of The Cross (Lev. 4:6, 7)  
On The Side of The Cross (Lev. 5:9)  
Round About The Cross And On The Earth Beneath (Lev. 7:2)  
And Seven Times Before The Tabernacle (Numbers 19:4)**

What kind of pressure is a man under when blood will actually pour out of his sweat ducts and run down his forehead? When the stress is so great the nervous system will react in the muscles, and in the skin the tiny hair-line blood vessels will come under so much stress the vessels will break and literally leak into the sweat ducts. That's the stress Jesus felt.

In the garden of Gethsemane, Jesus was resisting the coming horror. He knew where He was going. It wasn't the Cross He was thinking of. You see, many have died terrible deaths. They've had their fingernails and toenails pulled out one by one; they've been nailed to crosses just as He had been. They have been forced to stand naked in the zero weather of the North for hours on end, just to be drug back in to thaw, cast in a damp, rat infested dungeon, and finally dragged right back outside in freezing temperatures once again. Most have already given up.

It wasn't the long walk from Jerusalem to Golgotha that terrified Jesus. Not the intense scourging and beating, not the six hours on the Cross. That was the easy part of the penalty He was to pay for our sins. It was the three day trek that terrified our Lord; and He went the entire distance of separation from His Father.

## The Blood

Blood is a strange substance. Never has man understood the life-giving substance in blood. Man knows nothing about life. He cannot create life. God created man in His likeness. Psalm 139:14 states that man was fearfully and wonderfully made by our God. "The Life of the flesh is in the blood" (Leviticus 17:11).

The make-up of Jesus' Blood was perfect. Peter rightly describes it as "Precious Blood" (1 Peter 1:19). It is God's price for the redemption of the whole human race. Picture in your mind the scene at Calvary. No artist has ever pictured Calvary as it really was. There was no loin cloth. No courtesy was given there!

The crown of thorns was put roughly on His head. Many thorns, up to one-and-a half inches long jabbed into His scalp, producing such serious wounds that blood spurted out and ran into His hair and beard, matting both in dark red. The spikes were driven into the palms of His hands, and His Blood coursed down His arms and was literally sprinkled by His own fingers onto the ground beneath in behalf of the sins of the entire world. Later, the spear was thrust into His side and the Blood spurted out and ran down the sides of the Cross to the ground below. His feet were driven through with spikes and more **Blood** ran down the sides of the Altar. "*As many were astonished at thee; His visage was so marred more than any man, and His form more than the sons of men*" (Isaiah 52:14).

Every bone was out of joint (Psalm 22:14). His face was dreadful to look upon. Those who looked on Him saw only **Blood**. He was a spectacle of Blood. His body was mangled so badly that He no longer looked human. His hair and beard were soaked in His own Blood; His back from 39 stripes was lacerated and covered in His Blood: the Cross was covered in His Blood. The earth beneath the Cross was soaked. It was Blood, Blood, Blood. Every single type of the atonement was fulfilled in Christ that day. Jesus cried out. "It is finished", and the veil was rent from the top to the bottom and the way was opened for every man to enter the Holy of Holies.