What does it mean to "plead the blood"?



Romans 3:24-25 King James Version (KJV)

Introduction

Andrew Murray once said, "Faith simply comes by knowledge." If your knowledge is limited then your Faith and expectations will also be limited.

Romans 10:17 King James Version (KJV)

¹⁷ So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God.

"Pleading the blood" is actually a legal term.

Think of it like a lawyer pleading his case before the judge. He presents evidence and facts to support his case.

We have examples of this term in the Old Testament (1 Samuel 24:15; Psalm 43:1).

1 Samuel 24:15 New International Version (NIV)

⁵ May the LORD be our judge and decide between us. May he consider my cause and uphold it; may he vindicate me by delivering me from your hand."

²⁴ Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

²⁵ Whom God hath <u>set forth to be a propitiation</u> through <u>faith in his blood</u>, to declare <u>his righteousness</u> <u>for the remission</u> (the cancellation of a debt, charge, or penalty) <u>of sins</u> that are past, through the <u>forbearance</u> (patient self-control; restraint and tolerance) of God;

Psalm 43:1 New International Version (NIV)

¹ Vindicate me, my God, And <u>plead my cause</u> Against an unfaithful nation. Rescue me from those who are Deceitful and wicked.

When the accuser says we're guilty, our plea before God, the Righteous Judge, is the blood of Jesus. It changed everything.

The blood of Jesus established a new and better covenant between us and a holy God (Hebrews 8:6-7)

Hebrews 8:6-7 New International Version (NIV)

⁶ But in fact the ministry Jesus has received is as superior to theirs as the covenant of which he is mediator is superior to the old one, since the new covenant is established on better promises.

⁷ For if there had been nothing wrong with that first covenant, no place would have been sought for another.

Hebrews 9:11-14 New International Version (NIV)

The Blood of Christ

¹¹ But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. ¹² He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. ¹³ The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

Hebrews 9:22 King James Version (KJV)

²² And almost <u>all things are by the law purged with blood</u>; and without shedding of blood is no remission.

Hebrews 12:24 King James Version (KJV)

²⁴ And to Jesus the <u>mediator of the new covenant</u>, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

The blood is our defense. It declares we are not guilty but free from all penalty of sin. The blood also gives us the authority and dominion to resist Satan and put him out of all the affairs of our lives and our families' lives.

Because of Jesus' sacrifice at Calvary, the devil has no legal right to interfere in our lives anymore. He says we're guilty; we "plead the blood!"

James 4:7 New International Version (NIV)

⁷ Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

1 John 3:8 New International Version (NIV)

⁸ The one who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work.

Luke 10:19 New International Version (NIV)

¹⁹ I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you.

We have every right and provision to walk in victory through the precious blood of the Lamb.

Romans 3:25 New International Version (NIV)

²⁵ God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—<u>to</u> <u>be received by faith.</u> He did this to demonstrate <u>his righteousness</u>, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished.

Every day you have the right to exercise that authority by pleading what the blood of Jesus has done for you.

Refuse to give the enemy even one small inch of territory. Satan is a defeated foe and through the precious blood of Jesus we are victorious!

How to Plead the Blood of Jesus

Have you ever wondered what it means to plead the blood of Jesus? You can learn to take the power of the blood and apply it to any situation! Here's how.

The attacks of the enemy can often seem relentless. He comes to attack our money, our homes, our children, our health and even our morality through temptation.

But here's something he doesn't want you to know—he has no legal right to any part of your life.

When Jesus shed His blood on the cross, He accomplished more than Redemption and remission of sins. The blood of Jesus reversed <u>every part of the curse</u>. That includes sickness, disease, poverty, lack, depression, strife, addiction or any type of bondage to sin. It's done. Finished. Over. History. Those things have no legal right to be in your life any longer.

Why?

The blood of Jesus covered it all.

Revelation 12:11 tells us that believers <u>overcome Satan by the blood of the Lamb</u> and by the word of our testimony, or confession.

- So, when Satan comes to attack in any area, you plead the blood of Jesus.
- When He tries to tempt you, you plead the blood.
- When he tries to bring fear or torment, you plead the blood.

The term "pleading the blood" might sound like begging, but it isn't begging at all.

As we have already stated, "Pleading the blood" is actually a legal term. Think of it like a lawyer pleading his case before the judge. He presents evidence and facts to support his case.

Our evidence? - The blood of Jesus covers it all.

Another way to describe pleading the blood of Jesus is to apply the blood to a situation in our lives.

- There's protection in the blood.
- There's deliverance in the blood.

When you plead the blood, you have laid down your case and put your entire confidence on an oath that is covenant-sworn by Almighty God.

To effectively plead the blood of Jesus, you need to know what you're doing. You can make pleading the blood of Jesus part of every day! Here are some ideas to get you started:

- You can plead the blood of Jesus over any person or situation. As your children walk out the door, lay your hands on their heads and say, "In the Name of Jesus, I plead the blood of Jesus over [call their name]."
- As you drive, say, "In the Name of Jesus, I plead the blood of Jesus over this vehicle and all who are in it. We will go and come back in perfect safety."
- You can plead the blood of Jesus over your health. There was once a woman who was stung by a venomous scorpion. Everyone around her expected her to quickly become ill. But, instead, she pled the blood of Jesus against any harm coming to her, and she walked away completely untouched! That's the power of the blood!
- You can plead the blood of Jesus over your home. When you apply the blood of Jesus to your home and property, you are disarming the devil and every planned attempt against you. It stops demons in their tracks and removes all wrong spirits from working against you or your family.
- You can plead the blood as often as you like. Plead the blood of Jesus over your family, ministry, home and town every day. Here is an example of what to say:

Kingdom of darkness, you listen up right now. My Father told me in Colossians that I am translated out the authority of the kingdom of darkness and into the Kingdom of Light.

Now, listen to me. I take that authority over you. And here's who you don't bother today. I plead the blood of Jesus over my children: (call their names, their mates and their children. In the Name of Jesus, I plead the blood of Jesus over the good works God has ordained I should walk in. You stay away from my ministry and my church and my town.

When you learn how to plead the blood of Jesus, you are taking the power and authority granted to you by God Himself and putting it to work in your life, just as He intended.

Nothing can stand against the power of the blood! So, start pleading the blood of Jesus in your life with confidence and boldness, and watch the devil flee!