

Gospel Lighthouse Church

"The Blood of Jesus" Twenty One Day (21) Prayer and Fasting Guide 2019

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The purpose of this 21-day guide is to enrich our time of prayer and fasting, establish understanding of the overwhelming mercy and grace of Jesus (His death and shed blood) for us. The 21 days in 3-day increments. Each 3-day increment will focus on one of seven things that Jesus' death and His blood provides for us. Study and meditate on the provided scriptures. Use the space provided to write the impact, change and mind renewal the Holy Spirit will speak to you. Remember, the abstinence of food is dependent on three things: your health, God's leading and common sense.

Deliverance

<u>Day 1</u>

Scriptures: Exodus 11: 1, Exodus 12: 1-13, Exodus 12: 29-33

1. What happened in houses not covered by the blood?

- 2. What determined life or death?
- 3. In what way(s) has the blood of Jesus on *your* "door" delivered you?
- Pray Psalm 116 as a thanksgiving for deliverance. Other Notes, Prayer Requests & Answered Prayers: _____

Day 2

Scriptures: 1 Peter 1: 13-21, Revelation 1: 4-6

• Pray Psalm 138 in honor of God's goodness and faithfulness. Other Notes, Prayer Requests & Answered Prayers:

Day 3 Scripture: Isaiah Chapter 53 (foreshadow of the suffering Messiah):

1. Verses 4-5 and 11-12 cite benefits that Jesus' death and shed blood provides for us. Write them down <u>with</u> the specific thing Jesus endured to make it available._____

- 2. Memorize and meditate on verses 5-6 throughout the day?
- Pray Psalm 30 in thanksgiving to the "Healing Savior."

Forgiveness

Day 4

Scriptures: Leviticus 16: 29-34; Hebrews 9: 19-22

These passages refer to the Day of Atonement and Covenant Ceremony outlined in the Old Testament.

- 1. According to these passages, what was required for forgiveness?
- 2. Why should we rejoice with gratitude every time the LORD forgives us?
- 3. Write down some areas that God has forgiven you.
- Read aloud Psalm 32 with Joy for God's forgiveness.

Other Notes, Prayer Requests & Answered Prayers:

<u>Day 5</u> Scriptures: Matthew 26: 26-30; Luke 22:14-20 These passages record Jesus's institution of a new blood covenant. 1. In Matthew 26: 26-30, what promises does Jesus make?

2. Is there any area that you need forgiveness? Write it down and ask the LORD for it (1 John 1:7-9)

• Pray Psalm 130 in gratitude for God hearing your prayer.

Other Notes, Prayer Requests & Answered Prayers:

<u>Day 6</u>

Scriptures: Luke 6: 27-31, Matthew 6: 14-15, Ephesians 1: 3-8

1. Write down people that you need to forgive._____

- 2. Forgiving can be demanding. Where is the help you need to forgive?
- Read and meditate on Hebrews 4:14-16 and receive strength to forgive.

Covering and Cleansing

<u>Day 7</u> Scriptures: Leviticus 17: 11, Leviticus 16: 29-31, Hebrews 9: 19-22

These scriptures refer to *atonement*, which literally means "to cover."

1. How would you summarize the above scriptures regarding atonement?

- 2. According to Leviticus 16: 31a, atonement being made for us should result in experiencing a humble rest. Humility, because you recognize your sins and the cost paid to purify you. Rest, because you have been cleansed.
- Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you reflect and rest in the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus.

Other Notes, Prayer Requests and Answered Prayers:

<u>Day 8</u>

Scriptures: 1 John 1: 7-9, Hebrews 9: 11-14, Romans 5: 9, Hebrews 10: 17

- According to these passages, the blood of Jesus cleanses us from ______(1John 1: 7) and our _____(Heb. 9: 14).
- We learned on day 7, we are covered (atoned) with the blood of Jesus. Based on Romans 5: 9, we are also
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- 3. Based on the truths of these verses, guilt over <u>repented</u> sin is a "no-no" for Christians. Has your mind, other people, and/or the devil accused you of repented sins to make you feel guilty? If so, deal with this guilt once and for all based on God's word.

- Write the forgiven sin(s) on a sheet of paper. Then lay your hands on the paper and "plead the blood of Jesus."
- Consider doing something ceremonial with the paper: burying it, burning or throwing it into the garbage, etc.
- <u>Praise</u> the Lord according to Psalm 103. Meditate on verse v12.

Other Notes, Prayer Requests & Answered Prayers:

<u>Day 9</u>

Scriptures: Hebrews 13: 12, 1 John 1: 5-10, Hebrews 9: 13-14

1. Yesterday we focused on dealing with guilt from past sins. Today we turn our attention to any <u>present</u> sinful behavior or attitudes. Ask the LORD what "dead works" He wants you to address. Write them here.

- 2. According to 1 John 1: 7-9, what does God expect from us and what does He promise to give in return?
- Pray Psalm 51, confess, repent and embrace the cleansing of the blood of Jesus. Pray for strength to walk in the light of your repentance.

<u>Day 10</u>

Scriptures: Leviticus 17: 10-12, Matthew 26: 26-28, John 6: 53-58 1. According to Lev. 17: 11, why is the blood so important?_____

2. Based on these passages, why is the blood of Jesus so powerful?

Pray Psalm 27 and thank God for being your strength.
 Other Notes, Prayer Requests and Answered Prayers: _______

<u>Day 11</u>

Scriptures: Exodus 12: 5-10, John 6: 53-58, Luke 22: 14-20

- 1. There is an interesting contrast between the Passover in Exodus and the Passover in Luke. The blood isn't over a physical house but in us by faith.
- 2. What does Jesus promise the person who eats His flesh and drinks His blood in John 6:54-57?
- 3. In what areas do you lack satisfaction and strength? Bring your hunger and weakness to the feet of Jesus and receive the food for your soul.

• Pray a thanksgiving prayer based on Acts 17:28.

Other Notes, Prayer Requests & Answered Prayers:

<u>Day 12</u>

Scriptures: Exodus 12: 3-8, Luke 22: 14-20, 1 Corinthians 10: 16

- The life and strength that Jesus' body and blood provides is to be *shared* with others.
- 1. Spend the majority of time praying for others (make a list) and "plead the blood" of Jesus on their behalf.
- 2. Make a point today to share the life of Jesus with others through kind gestures, generosity, encouragement, etc. Consider giving to others time, money, or another resource that you would normally keep yourself.
- Pray according to II Timothy 2:1-4 and Galatians 6:10.

Other Notes, Prayer Requests and Answered Prayers:

Covenant

Covenant = an agreement or contract in which one or more parties make <u>binding</u> promises or commitments (Cp. "Covenant series," tape #1 GLC, Jerry D. Fryar, 1998). In the Old Covenant, God remained faithful to His promises. Israel didn't keep their promise to obey the Law. Therefore, God promised to make a new and everlasting covenant.

<u>Day 13</u>

Scriptures: Genesis 15: 1-21, Exodus 24: 1-8, Matthew 26: 26-28

1. <u>Blood was the basis of these covenant ceremonies</u>. God doesn't deal on the basis of what we deserve but on the merits of Jesus's blood.

God remains faithful and intensely committed to us based on the fact that we are covered and filled with the blood of Jesus. Praise Him!

- 2. The covenant ceremonies of God with Abraham (Gen. 15) and Jesus with the disciples (Matt. 26: 26-28) differ from the ceremony of Moses and Israel (Ex. 24: 1-8). Ask the Holy Spirit to show you these differences, write them along with anything else He shows you.
- 3. Why is the New Covenant everlasting?
- Praise God according to Psalm 105 for being a covenant keeper.

Other Notes, Prayer Requests & Answered Prayers:

<u>Day 14</u>

Scriptures: Hebrews 9: 14-18, Mark 8: 31, Psalm 103

- 1. According to today's scriptures, what *had to* happen to Jesus?
- 2. The New Covenant established by Jesus' blood is one of tender mercies. What are some ways God has shown you His tender mercies?
- 3. The New Covenant is of faithful love and grace? How has God demonstrated His unwavering commitment by giving you what you could not earn?

• Sing Psalm 103 to the Lord. Make it personal.

Other Notes, Prayer Requests & Answered Prayers:

<u>Day 15</u>

Scriptures: Jeremiah 32: 37-41, Matthew 16: 24-25, Romans 5: 1-11

- 1. Though the New Covenant is based on grace through the life, blood, and sacrificial death of Jesus, there is a response required from us. What is it?
- Our relationship with God should be of <u>covenant love</u>. However, We as Christians can fall into the trap of treating our relationship with God like a <u>contract</u>. We may obey, serve, sing, pray, give, etc. in order to gain God's favor or acceptance. Ask God to show you any areas where you may be relating to Him this way.
- 3. According to Romans 5: 1-11, what are some things we have available to help us "take up our crosses" and follow Jesus with the right motives?
- Pray that God help you grow according to Romans 12:1-2.

Access For Intimacy With God

<u>Day 16</u>

Scriptures: Genesis 1:26-27, Psalms 63, Hebrews 9: 6-8, Hebrews 10: 19-22, Ephesians 2: 13.

1. How did God design us to relate to Him?

2. Who provided and with what to restore access to God?

3. Do you have a yearning for God? If so, what are some things that seem to hinder fulfillment?

• Pray for God to make Psalm 63:1-8 a reality for you.

Other Notes, Prayer Requests & Answered Prayers:

<u>Day 17</u>

Scripture: Psalm 63:1-8

In revisiting this Psalm, pray and reiterate on life application according to David's demonstration of passion for God. Meditate on each. Asked God to:

1. Help you develop a yearning for Him-v1.

- 2. Awaken and sharpen your spiritual senses-v2.
- 3. Give you new values and priorities-vv.3-4.
- 4. Help you experience new levels of satisfaction and fulfillment in Him-vv.5-6.
- 5. Help you experience growth in trust and dependence-vv.7-8

List things the Holy Spirit revealed to you regarding the above statements (use more paper if needed).

Other Notes, Prayer Requests & Answered Prayers:

<u>Day 18</u>

Scriptures: Psalm 63:1-8

The blood of Jesus gives us access to God. Day 17 emphasized David's pattern of developing intimacy in Psalm 63. To maximize the benefits of the blood, we need to understand that building intimacy requires the following:

- 1. Time with God.
- 2. Two-way communication.
- 3. Vulnerability-transparency determines the depth of intimacy.
- 4. Shared interest-not self centered prayers. Share God's interests.
- Pray to God for growth in the above statements.
- List things revealed by the Holy Spirit for enhancement in all the areas.

Community

<u>Day 19</u>

Scriptures: Colossians 1: 19-20 (comprehensive peace), Ephesians 2: 11-16 (the blood has ended all hostility and unifies us), Exodus 12: 3-8, Luke 22: 14-20 (Passover and Communion are community celebrations), 1 Corinthians 10: 16

It's important how we view relationships within the church community. Our understanding determines the shape of our lives. The New Testament Greek word for churchcommunity is **ekklessia**, means "the called out ones." Like Israel the church community is a covenant community. We share a commonality.

- 1. We share the same history-redeemed by the blood of Jesus.
- 2. We share responsibilities-support each other and a witness to the world.
- 3. We aren't perfect but growing in maturity.
- 4. We are responsible.

Pray:

- Ask God to help you see others as valuable based on the blood of Jesus.
- For God to cleanse you of any influence from the world's culture that places emphasis on *individualism* and not the collective *community*.
- For God to give you a fresh sense of calling for the body/ community as depicted in I Corinthians 12:12-27.
- For God to help you grow as you value and serve His body-the covenant community.

List things the Holy Spirit revealed about community, its care and your uniqueness to serve.

<u>Day 20</u>

Deuteronomy Day

The Old Testament book of Deuteronomy means "this second law. It was a recapitulation of Israel forty years in the wilderness. It exhorted the people to observe the instructions that God gave Moses. It concludes with exclusive allegiance to the one true God, Jehovah and the importance of repentance.

In keeping with the pattern described in Deuteronomy, give application of this prayer and fasting time.

** Use a notepad

- 1. Start from the first day; review and reflect on instructions and insights revealed by the Holy Spirit.
- 2. Write additional insights as a result of the review, reflection and revelation from the Holy Spirit.
- 3. Write specific goals motivated by this time of prayer and fasting.
- 4. Decide what you are willing to share with others for support and accountability.
- 5. Write how the things identified will help you enhance your relationship in the covenant community.
- 6. Pray and ask God to deposit these deep in your heart.

<u>Day 21</u>

Scripture: Psalm 136

Make it a day of praise and celebration!

Give God the glory for the victory during this time of prayer and fasting. Purpose to go forward with what the Holy Spirit has revealed.

Notes