

Extravagant Provision

The Blood of Jesus

Romans 5:17 (NIV)

For if, by the trespass of the one man, death reigned through that one man, how much more will those who receive **God's abundant provision** of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man, Jesus Christ.

I. Authority

Matthew 8:5-13

When Jesus had entered Capernaum, a centurion came to him, asking for help. ⁶ "Lord," he said, "my servant lies at home paralyzed and in terrible suffering."

⁷ Jesus said to him, "I will go and heal him."

⁸ The centurion replied, "Lord, I do not deserve to have you come under my roof. **But just say the word, and my servant will be healed.** ⁹ For I myself am a man under authority, with soldiers under me. I tell this one, 'Go,' and he goes; and that one, 'Come,' and he comes. I say to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does it."

¹⁰ When Jesus heard this, he was astonished and said to those following him, "I tell you the truth, I have not found anyone in Israel with such great faith. ¹¹ I say to you that many will come from the east and the west, and will take their places at the feast with Abraham, Isaac and Jacob in the kingdom of heaven. ¹² But the subjects of the kingdom will be thrown outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

¹³ Then Jesus said to the centurion, "Go! It will be done just as you believed it would." And his servant was healed at that very hour.

God has given us remarkable authority!

A. Authority over sin

Romans 6:14 (NIV)

For sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

B. Authority over sickness & disease

Matthew 10:1

He called his twelve disciples to him and gave them authority to drive out evil spirits and to heal every disease and sickness.

C. Authority over the satanic kingdom

Luke 10:19

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

D. Authority over our carnal nature

Romans 6:6 (NIV)

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin--

E. Authority to make disciples of all nations

Matthew 28:18-19

Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

II. The Basis of Our Authority

A. The Blood of Jesus

Hebrews 9:12-15 (The Message)

He also bypassed the sacrifices consisting of goat and calf blood, instead using his own blood as the price to set us free once and for all. ¹³ If that animal blood and the other rituals of purification were effective in cleaning up certain matters of our religion and behavior, ¹⁴ think how much more the blood of Christ cleans up our whole lives, inside and out. Through the Spirit, Christ offered himself as an unblemished sacrifice, freeing us from all those dead-end efforts to make ourselves respectable, so that we can live all out for God.

¹⁵ Like a will that takes effect when someone dies, the new covenant was put into action at Jesus' death. His death marked the transition from the old plan to the new one, canceling the old obligations and accompanying sins, and

summoning the heirs to receive the eternal inheritance that was promised them. He brought together God and his people in this new way.

Romans 3:25

God presented him as a sacrifice of atonement, through faith in his blood. He did this to demonstrate his justice, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished--

Hebrews 2:17

For this reason he had to be made like his brothers in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people.

B. The Passover Lamb

Exodus 12:21-23

Then Moses summoned all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Go at once and select the animals for your families and slaughter the Passover lamb. ²² Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the blood in the basin and put some of the blood on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. Not one of you shall go out the door of his house until morning. ²³ When the LORD goes through the land to strike down the Egyptians, he will see the blood on the top and sides of the doorframe and will pass over that doorway, and he will not permit the destroyer to enter your houses and strike you down.

C. Our Application: Jesus was our Passover lamb

John 1:29

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

Hebrews 9:12

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, having obtained eternal redemption.

Revelation 12:11

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

Prayer:

I, _____, testify as to what the Word of God says the blood does for me;

Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil;

Through the blood of Jesus, all my sins are forgiven;

The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, continually cleanses me from all sin;

Through the blood of Jesus I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God;

My body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, redeemed, cleansed **by the blood of Jesus**;

Therefore, satan has no place in me, no power over me, **through the blood of Jesus**.

Revelation 12:11 *They (the believers on earth) overcame him (satan) by the Blood of the Lamb (Jesus Christ), and by the word of their testimony. (That is, they testified to what the Word of God says about the blood of Jesus)*

Ephesians 1:7 *In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.*

Psalms 107:2 *Let the Redeemed of the Lord say so, whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy.*

1 John 1:7 *But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.*

Romans 5:9 *Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*