



PRE-DIG

First Blood

THE LAMB

What did God say he would do when he saw the blood on the houses?

TAKING IT INWARD



Broken and Spilled

As you read these passages, see what you can learn about Jesus' sacrifice as the Lamb of God. Be sure to make notes in the space below each verse reference.

John 1:29	1 Peter 1:18-21	Revelation 5:9-13

Look back at your notes about the Passover lamb and its blood. (See Pre-Dig above.) What did the lamb's blood protect the people of Israel from?

If you've accepted Jesus' sacrifice for your sins, what does his blood protect you from?

Picture this: Imagine Jesus' blood pouring down his body—from the nails in his hands, the crown of thorns on his head, the spear in his side, the slaps in his face, and the floggings. At the base of the cross, a pool of blood is forming—and in that pool is a drop of blood with your name on it. Take a moment to create something that expresses to Jesus what that drop of blood means to you: Write a prayer, a poem, a song lyric, or a simple thank-you note. If you're artistically inclined, draw a picture or create some type of artistic representation of your gratitude.

Let's get personal. 1 Peter says that Jesus' blood redeems us from an "empty way of life." How would you define an empty way of life? How does your definition compare to how you've been living?

How have you changed as a result of Jesus' sacrifice for you? To help you answer, read 1 Peter 1:22–2:3 from your Bible. (It's a continuation of the passage you just read.) As you read, look for two things and list them below:

1. Look for any benefits you can experience as a result of Jesus' sacrifice.
2. Look at what your behavior should look like because of Jesus' sacrifice.

Benefits	Behavior

Awesome, isn't it—that list of benefits? If you're really grateful for all these benefits—made possible by Jesus' sacrifice for you—then your life is bound to change. Peter gave some serious commands connected with Jesus' sacrifice. Lock in on one of those commands. Learn it, love it, live it. Let it be a starting point in allowing Jesus' sacrifice to transform you daily.

In what ways have you tried to build your own bridge to God apart from Jesus?

Now finish this sentence—but don't just slot something in! Be as detailed and specific as possible.

Because Jesus' sacrifice has cleansed me and bridged the gap between God and me, I will...

[Insert your action here. Maybe it's changing an attitude, or maybe God has impressed on you an action you need to take, such as asking someone for forgiveness or helping an elderly person with a task.]