



-- Revelation 5:9 highlights the centrality of the **BLOOD** of Christ to God's eternal purposes.

- Christ alone is worthy to accomplish God's purposes because He was slain and by His blood He ransomed people for God from sin.
- It is in the shedding of Christ's blood that the actual **TRANSACTION** of our redemption takes place.

Why must this new covenant be a covenant in His blood?

-- The **ABRAHAMIC** Covenant

- By passing through the pieces alone, God was telling us that He would assume upon Himself the whole penalty for our transgressions (Genesis 15).
- All the way back in the Abrahamic Covenant, we see God pointing our hearts to the new covenant that would be purchased by Christ's blood.

-- The **MOSAIC** Covenant

- The Bible makes very clear that sacrifices of animals for the remission of sin were merely "shadows," of the better covenant to come (Heb. 9:22-23).
- God put **LIFE** in the blood so that blood could make atonement for our lives (Leviticus 17:10, Hebrews 10:4).
- The blood of the Mosaic Covenant pointed forward to the ultimate blood covenant that would be made through Jesus Christ (Hebrews 9:26-28).

-- The **NEW** Covenant

- God's promises to choose a people for Himself and bless them are dependent upon the shedding of blood.
- The sin of man brought the death of man, and it could only be restored by the life of man, which is in the blood of man.
- Christ alone is worthy because His blood alone makes **SUFFICIENT** atonement for our sin (Revelation 5:9).

-- The cup of the new covenant in Christ's blood is the cup of eternal life, because the life of Christ is in the blood of Christ, and the blood of Christ is (symbolically) in the cup.