

"THERE'S POWER IN THE BLOOD"

We are all sinners

1 John 1:8-10

8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from **all** unrighteousness.

10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar, and His word is not in us.

- Sin separates man from God

Isaiah 59:1-2

1 Behold, the Lord's hand is not shortened,
That it cannot save;
Nor His ear heavy,
That it cannot hear.

2 **But your iniquities have separated you from your God;
And your sins have hidden His face from you,
So that He will not hear.**

- Before we can know God's power in our lives sin must be put away from between God and us.

Hebrews 9:26 . . . but now, **once** at the end of the ages, He has appeared **to put away sin** by the sacrifice of Himself.

- **We must know the power of the blood for Revival to come**
 - We cannot know the power of the Holy Spirit without it
 - We cannot know the power of God's Word without it
 - We cannot know and experience the true extent of God's love without it.
- **We must remind ourselves daily of our position in Christ because of the blood**
- **We must share the news that the Blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin and sets us in right position with Christ.**

7 points about The Blood:

1. The Blood of Jesus is FULL payment for our sin.

Romans 3:23-25

23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
24 being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus,

25 **whom God set forth as a propitiation (payment in full) by His blood, through faith**, to demonstrate His righteousness, because in His forbearance God had passed over the sins that were previously committed,

- How amazing is it to realize that **a HOLY PERFECT God that hates sin has been fully appeased in the shed blood of Jesus!**

2. Through Christ's Blood we have our redemption, our complete forgiveness

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

- Forgiveness is ours NOW!
 - Not something we have to look forward to in the future
 - **"We HAVE redemption . . ."** – present tense
 - Redemption is fully ours!
 - Secured at the cross
 - It can be yours NOW – by faith received and forgiven by HIS blood.

3. His blood cleanses us of ALL sin!

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

Revelation 1:5-6

5 To Him who loved us and **washed us from our sins in His own blood,**
6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

- **ALL SIN!**

- **R.A. Torrey:** “Christ on the cross saves us from the guilt of sin, Christ on the throne saves us from the power of sin, and Christ coming again will save us from the presence of sin.”

- **His blood cleanses us from ALL the guilt of sin!**

- Your past may be horrible!
- You may have sinned with the worst of them
- BUT – Jesus’ blood cleanses you of ALL sin!

Isaiah 1:18

18 “Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the Lord,
“Though your sins are like scarlet,
They shall be as **white as snow**;
Though they are red like crimson,
They shall be **as wool.**”

- Everyone one of us have sinned – everyone of us need to be washed in the blood of Jesus!
- **So now:**
 - No one can lay a charge to God's elect
Romans 8:33 Who shall bring a charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
 - No condemnation to the saved in Christ
Romans 8:1-2
1 There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.
2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.
 - More than conquerors in Christ!
Romans 8:37-39
37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.
38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to

come,

39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

4. We are Justified through His Blood:

Romans 5:9 Much more then, **having now been justified by His blood**, we shall be saved from wrath through Him.

- **Forgiveness is a negative thing** – in that it **removes** from us all of our sin and unrighteousness
- **Justification is a positive thing:**
 - It **applies** the righteousness of Jesus Himself upon us
 - We are declared positively righteous
 - Perfect righteousness is ours
 - Treated by God as though we had never sinned!
- It is the power of the BLOOD that does this great thing!

5. The BLOOD cleanses us from DEAD WORKS!

Hebrews 9:14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, **cleanse your conscience from dead works** to serve the living God?

- **Dead Works** (Religious Works):
 - Cleanses us from all self-works
 - Cleanses us from all need to earn His forgiveness
 - Cleanses us from all need to ever pay Him back for what He has done
 - No penance ever necessary
 - No Lent ever necessary
 - No amount of Fasting will ever make you more holy or righteous
 - No amount of giving will ever make you more right than the Blood.

R. A. Torrey once said: “ A friend of mine once said to another friend who was seeking peace by doing: “‘You have a religion of two letters, my religion is a religion of four letters’ He replied, ‘How so?’ **He answered, ‘Your religion is do, and my religion is done!’**”

6. Jesus purchased us with His BLOOD:

Acts 20:28 Therefore take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God **which He purchased with His own blood.**

Revelation 5:9-10

9 And they sang a new song, saying:
“You are worthy to take the scroll,
And to open its seals;

For You were slain,

And have redeemed us to God by Your blood

Out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

10 And have made us kings and priests to our God;
And we shall reign on the earth.”

- We are not our own – we have been purchased by the BLOOD of Jesus.
- We are now God's property!
 - Brings us responsibility and security

7. The BLOOD takes us into the Holy Of Holies – into the very presence of God!

Hebrews 10:19-20

19 Therefore, brethren, **having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,**

20 by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh,

- **The Blood gives us “boldness”** – into the presence of Almighty God.
 - Powerful entrance into the Most Holy Place – where men still fear to tread