

**“THE RIGHT BLOOD TYPE”**

**MATTHEW 26:28**

**INTRODUCTION**

**EVEN THOUGH WE ARE LIVING IN A VERY SCIENTIFIC AGE,  
MANY PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THEIR BLOOD TYPE.**

**EVEN WORST, MANY PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THE  
SIGNIFICANCE OF BLOOD TYPES.**

**THOSE OF US WHO HAVE BEEN HOSPITALIZED OR DONATED  
BLOOD, HAVE PROBABLY LEARNED OUR BLOOD TYPE.**

**MOST PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY THE YOUNG, ARE NOT AWARE  
OF THEIR BLOOD TYPE OR ITS IMPORTANCE.**

**THERE IS AN OLD TRUE SAYING:**

**“ANY RED BLOOD WILL DO,  
BUT THIS IS NOT ENTIRELY TRUE,  
RED BLOOD IS NOT RED, IT'S REALLY BLUE.  
JUST ANY OLD BLOOD WILL NOT DO.**

**ILLUSTRATION**

**THERE WAS A MAN WHO WAS THE VICTIM OF A SERIOUS  
ACCIDENT IN A REMOTE VILLAGE WITHOUT THE BENEFIT  
OF MODERN MEDICINE.**

**THE MAN HAD LOST A LOT OF BLOOD AND THE VILLAGERS  
FEARED HE WOULD DIE.**

**AS A LAST MINUTE ACT, THE VILLAGE CHIEF ORDERED THE  
PEOPLE TO FIND BLOOD FOR THE MAN FROM SOMEWHERE.**

**AFTER A SHORT WHILE, A MAN RETURNED WITH A  
CONTAINER OF BLOOD.  
IT WAS INFUSED, BUT MORE BLOOD WAS NEEDED.**

**A SECOND CONTAINER OF BLOOD WAS BROUGHT BY ANOTHER MAN.**

**FINALLY, A THIRD CONTAINER WAS BROUGHT BY A THIRD MAN.**

**AFTER SEVERAL DAYS, THE MAN MIRACULOUSLY RECOVERED.**

**BUT A FEW DAYS LATER, THEY NOTICED STRANGE BEHAVIOR ON THE PART OF THE MAN.**

**IT WAS CONFUSING TO THE VILLAGERS, FINALLY, THE CHIEF CALLED IN THE MEN WHO SUPPLIED THE BLOOD AND ASKED WHERE IT CAME FROM.**

**THE FIRST MAN SAID, "I GOT IT FROM MY STALLION IN THE PASTURE."**

**THE SECOND MAN SAID, "I GOT MINE FROM A PIG IN THE PEN OUT BACK."**

**THE THIRD MAN SAID, "I GOT MINE FROM A CHIMPANZEE IN THE JUNGLE."**

**THE CHIEF SAID, "THAT EXPLAINS WHY THIS MAN HAS BEEN RUNNING LIKE A HORSE, EATING LIKE A PIG, AND ACTING LIKE A MONKEY ALL DAY LONG."**

**MY BROTHERS AND MY SISTERS, "JUST ANY BLOOD WON'T DO!"**

#### **TRANSITION**

**SINCE 1900. MODERN SCIENCE HAS DIVIDED HUMAN BLOOD INTO GROUPS OR TYPES.**

**SCIENTISTS NOTICED THAT CERTAIN GROUPS OR TYPES OF BLOOD WOULD CAUSE CLOTS IF THEY WERE MIXED WITH**

**OTHER GROUPS OR TYPES.**

**THEY ISOLATED THE TYPES INTO GROUPS CALLED A, B, AB, AND O.**

**WHILE THERE WERE SOME EXCEPTIONS, THEY GENERALLY RECOMMENDED THAT IF BLOOD IS EXCHANGED FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER, THAT BOTH PARTIES SHOULD HAVE THE SAME BLOOD TYPE, OTHERWISE, THE RECIPIENT OF THE FOREIGN BLOOD COULD DIE.**

**AS CHRISTIANS, WE HAVE RECEIVED AN INFUSION OF BLOOD THAT GIVES US A NEW SPIRITUAL LIFE IN CHRIST.**

**THERE ARE MANY SOURCES OF BAD BLOOD IN THE WORLD THAT WANT TO GIVE US A TRANSFUSION.**

**HOWEVER, WE MUST CONSTANTLY BE ON OUR GUARD AGAINST ALLOWING BAD SPIRITUAL BLOOD INTO OUR LIFE STREAM.**

**JESUS GAVE US THE RIGHT TYPE. IN MATTHEW 26:28, JESUS SAID THIS IS “MY BLOOD.” “NOT JUST ANY BLOOD, BUT IT’S THE BLOOD THAT IS SHED FOR THE REMISSION OF SIN.”**

#### **EXPOSITION OF THE TEXT**

**THE WORDS OF THIS TEXT CONSIDERS BLOOD AND THE TYPES THAT WERE REQUIRED FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN IN BOTH THE OLD AND NEW COVENANTS.**

**THERE HAS ALWAYS BEEN A LEVEL OF IMPORTANCE PLACED UPON BLOOD IN THE SCRIPTURE, PRIMARILY BECAUSE LIFE ITSELF IS DERIVED FROM THE BLOOD.**

**BLOOD AND LIFE ARE CLOSELY ASSOCIATED.**

**THE HEBREWS OF OLD TESTAMENT TIMES WERE PROHIBITED FROM EATING BLOOD. (DEUT. 12:23-24) “*ONLY***

***BE SURE THAT THOU EAT NOT THE BLOOD: FOR THE BLOOD IS THE LIFE; AND THOU MAYEST NOT EAT THE LIFE WITH THE FLESH. THOU SHALL NOT EAT IT; THOU SHALL POUR IT UPON THE EARTH AS WATER.”***

**FOR AGRICULTURE PEOPLE, THIS COMMANDMENT STRESSED THE VALUE OF LIFE.**

**THOUGH DEATH WAS EVER PRESENT, LIFE WAS SACRED, AND WAS NOT TO BE REGARDED CHEAPLY.**

**EVEN WHEN THE OLD TESTAMENT SPEAKS OF ANIMAL SACRIFICE AND ATONEMENT, THE SACREDNESS OF LIFE IS EMPHASIZED.**

***LEVITICUS 17:11. “FOR THE LIFE OF THE FLESH IS IN THE BLOOD: AND I HAVE GIVEN IT TO YOU UPON THE ALTAR TO MAKE AN ATONEMENT FOR YOUR SOULS: FOR IT IS THE BLOOD THAT MAKETH AN ATONEMENT FOR THE SOUL.”***

**IN GIVING WHAT WAS OF GREAT VALUE, THE PERSON OFFERING THE SACRIFICE SHOWED THAT RECONCILIATION WITH GOD INVOLVES LIFE WHICH IS THE BASIC ELEMENT OF HUMAN EXISTENCE.**

**ATONEMENT WAS COSTLY, AND ONLY THE NEW TESTAMENT COULD SHOW HOW COSTLY.**

**NOT ONLY WAS THE BLOOD REQUIRED, BUT CERTAIN TYPES OF BLOOD WERE REQUIRED FOR CERTAIN TYPES OF SINS.**

**MOREOVER, SOCIAL STRATA ALSO DECIDED THE TYPE OF BLOOD REQUIRED.**

**LEVITICUS CHAPTERS 4 AND 5 DESCRIBES TWO CATEGORIES OF SINNERS AND TYPES OF BLOOD REQUIRED FOR FORGIVENESS OF EACH.**

**IN THE CONTEXT OF THIS MESSAGE, THAT MIGHT EASILY**

**BE DESCRIBED AS TYPE “A” AND TYPE “B”.**

**(I). TYPE “A” CAN BE DESCRIBED AS THE SINS COMMITTED OUT OF IGNORANCE.**

**(A). THESE WOULD INCLUDE MISTAKES, BLUNDERS, OVERSIGHTS, AND MISINFORMATION.**

**(1). WHEN THE PRIEST SINNED, HE WAS REQUIRED TO BRING A YOUNG BULLOCK AND SACRIFICE IT TO GOD. (LEVITICUS 4:3)**

**(a). NO OTHER BLOOD OFFERED WOULD BE SUFFICIENT.**

**(B). WHEN THE PEOPLE , AS A COMMUNITY OR NATION SINNED OUT OF IGNORANCE, THEY WERE ALSO REQUIRED A YOUNG BULLOCK (*LEVITICUS 4:13*).**

**(C). WHEN A LEADER OF AN OFFICIAL SINNED THROUGH IGNORANCE, THEY ARE REQUIRED TO BRING A YOUNG MALE GOAT FOR HIS ATONEMENT. (LEVITICUS 4:22).**

**(D). WHEN THE COMMON PEOPLE SINNED, THEIR ATONEMENT REQUIRED THE BLOOD OF A YOUNG FEMALE GOAT. (LEVITICUS 4:27-28).**

**(II). TYPE “B” CAN BE DESCRIBED AS SINS THAT WERE COMMITTED WITH FULL KNOWLEDGE THAT THEY WERE AGAINST GOD’S LAW.**

**(A). THESE ARE CALLED TRESPASS SINS AND USUALLY INVOLVE OFFENSES AGAINST EITHER GOD OR ANOTHER PERSON.**

**(1). THESE WOULD INCLUDE SWEARING, STEALING, LYING, AND OTHER NON-CAPITAL OFFENSES.**

**(2). THOSE GUILTY OF SWEARING WERE REQUIRED TO SACRIFICE A FEMALE LAMB OR GOAT. (LEVITICUS 5:6).**

**(3). THOSE WHOSE OFFENSES WERE AGAINST HOLY THINGS AND COMMANDMENTS SUCH AS FAILING TO GIVE A TITHE, FIRST FRUIT OFFERINGS, AND OTHER LAWS, REQUIRED A RAM PLUS 20 PERCENT INTEREST. (LEVITICUS 5:16).**

**(4). THOSE GUILTY OF STEALING MUST MAKE FULL RESTITUTION PLUS 20 PERCENT INTEREST TO THEIR VICTIMS AND THEN BRING A YOUNG RAM BEFORE GOD. (LEVITICUS 6:4-5).**

**(5). IN SOME CASES THE EXTREMELY POOR WERE ALLOWED TO BRING PIGEONS AND TURTLE DOVES FOR THEIR TRESPASS OFFERINGS. (LEVITICUS 5:7).**

**(B). REGARDLESS TO WHETHER THE SIN WAS COMMITTED OUT OF IGNORANCE OR OUT OF WILLFULNESS, THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD WAS REQUIRED.**

**(1). BUT JUST ANY BLOOD WOULD NOT DO.**

**(2). WHILE BRINGING THE BLOOD OF TWO PIGEONS FOR LYING WOULD BE ACCEPTABLE, THEY WERE UNACCEPTABLE FOR THEFT.**

**(3). IN THE CASE OF MURDER, THE ONLY BLOOD TYPE THAT WAS ACCEPTABLE WAS THE SUSPECT'S OWN BLOOD.**

**(4). BLOOD OFFERED HAD TO HAVE THE RIGHT**

**TYPE TO BE ACCEPTABLE FOR THE  
FORGIVENESS OF SIN.**

**(C). WHEN JESUS INAUGURATED THE NEW COVENANT AFTER HIS LAST PASSOVER WITH HIS DISCIPLES, HE DECLARED: “THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WHICH IS SHED FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.” (MATTHEW 26:28).**

**(1). JESUS, THE GOD-MAN, GAVE UP HIS LIFE AND EXPERIENCED THE REALITY OF DEATH SO THAT THOSE WHO IDENTIFY THEMSELVES WITH HIM MIGHT EXPERIENCE HIS LIFE AND NEVER TASTE DEATH AS HE DID.**

**(2). HE SHED HIS BLOOD, WHICH WAS A UNIVERSAL TYPE, FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS OF MANY CATEGORIES AND TYPES OF PEOPLE.**

**(3). HIS BLOOD COVERS ALL SINS.**

**(III). LET US TAKE A MOMENT AND LOOK AT THE MANY BLOOD TYPES AMONG US.**

**(A). TODAY WE KNOW THAT BEFORE WE CAN ENTER THE KINGDOM OF GOD, WE MUST HAVE THE RIGHT BLOOD TYPE.**

**(1). IN I CORINTHIANS 15:50, PAUL REMINDS US THAT: “FLESH AND BLOOD CANNOT INHERIT THE KINGDOM OF GOD; NEITHER DO TH CORRUPTION INHERIT INCORRUPTION.”**

**(2). TO BE ACCEPTABLE TO GOD, WE NEED TO ASSURE OURSELVES THAT WE HAVE THE RIGHT BLOOD TYPE.**

**(B). THERE ARE MANY WHO HAVE ADOPTED**

**ATTITUDES TOWARD LIFE THAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS “A-NEGATIVE”, “B-NEGATIVE” OR “O”.**

- (1). A NEGATIVE ATTITUDE IS DESTRUCTIVE, ESPECIALLY WHEN IT RELATES TO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**
- (2). NEGATIVITY FORCES US TO CONCENTRATE OF WHAT IS WRONG, NOT ON WHAT IS RIGHT.**
- (3). IT DRAINS OUR ENERGIES FROM A “WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO NEXT” ATTITUDE TO A “WHY WE CAN’T DO IT” MODE.**

**(C). WHETHER IN OUR PERSONAL LIVES OR WITH THE CHURCH, THOSE WHO CONSTANTLY DISPLAY NEGATIVE ATTITUDES DO MORE DAMAGE TO THEMSELVES THAT ANYONE ELSE.**

#### **ILLUSTRATION**

**IT’S LIKE THE LITTLE BOY WHO STANDS ON THE TRACK AND PLAYS CHICKEN WITH THE TRAIN.**

**HE SAYS, “I’M NOT GOING TO MOVE” AND THE TRAIN CAN’T STOP.**

**WHO DO YOU THINK WILL FEEL THE MOST HURT BY HIS ATTITUDE?**

- (1). MANY LOSE OPPORTUNITIES BECAUSE OF THEIR NEGATIVE ATTITUDES.**
  - (2). MANY SHOOT THEMSELVES IN THE FOOT AND DOOM THEMSELVES TO FAILURE AND FRUSTRATION BECAUSE OF THEIR NEGATIVE ATTITUDES.**
- (D). GENERALLY, “A -NEGATIVE” PEOPLE THINK**

**NEGATIVELY, AND B-NEGATIVE” PEOPLE ACT NEGATIVELY.**

- (1). THESE ARE THE KIND OF PEOPLE WHO THINK AND TALK DESTRUCTIVELY.**
- (2). “B-NEGATIVE PEOPLE RARELY ACT ALONE.**
- (3). THEY ARE MISERABLE, ANGRY AND FRUSTRATED, AND THEY WANT OTHERS TO FEEL JUST AS ANGRY, MISERABLE AND FRUSTRATED AS THEY ARE.**
- (4). THEY GENERALLY BRING IN AS MANY PEOPLE AS THEY CAN TO SHARE THEIR MISERY BECAUSE “MISERY LIKES COMPANY.”**
- (5). “B-NEGATIVE” PEOPLE USUALLY MAKE PHONE CALLS AND VISITS, ENCOURAGING OTHERS TO TAKE NEGATIVE ACTION.**
- (6). CHRISTIANS SHOULD EXERCISE CARE AS THEY DECIDE WHETHER OR NOT TO BE INFLUENCED BY NEGATIVE VOICES.**
  - (a). ACTS 5:38-39, HOLDS THE KEY, IF A MATTER IS FROM MEN, IT WON’T GO ANYWHERE: IF IT IS FROM GOD, NOTHING CAN BE DONE TO DEFEAT IT.**
  - (b). “AND NOW I SAY UNTO YOU, REFRAIN FROM THESE MEN, AND LET THEM ALONE: FOR IF THIS COUNSEL OR THIS WORK BE OF MEN, IT WILL COME TO NOUGHT: BUT IF IT BE OF GOD, YE CANNOT OVERTHROW IT; LEST HAPLY YE BE FOUND EVEN TO FIGHT AGAINST GOD.”**
- (7). NEGATIVE ACTIONS INDICATE “B-**

**NEGATIVE” BLOOD.**

**(E). “O” PEOPLE ARE ON THE SIDELINES. THEY COULD GO EITHER WAY.**

- (1). THEY RARELY TAKE AN ACTION FOR OR AGAINST ANYTHING.**
- (2). THEY ARE NOT “O” POSITIVE OR “O” NEGATIVE, THEY ARE JUST ON THE SIDELINE.**
- (3). THEY ARE WHAT THE BIBLE DESCRIBES AS “LUKE-WARM, NEITHER HOT NOT COLD.”**
- (4). “O” IS ALSO NOT ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE REVELATION 3:16 SAYS, “BECAUSE THOU ART LUKE WARM, AND NEITHER HOT NOR COLD, I WILL SPUE THEE OUT OF MY MOUTH.”**

**(F). WELL, PASTOR, WHAT IS THE RIGHT BLOOD TYPE?**

- (1). PHYSICALLY, WE CANNOT CHANGE OUR BLOOD TYPES.**
  - (a). IF WE ARE BORN WITH “A-NEGATIVE BLOOD”, THEN WE WILL DIE WITH “A-NEGATIVE BLOOD.”**
- (2). BUT THANK GOD, THIS IS NOT TRUE SPIRITUALLY.**
  - (a). WE CAN DEVELOP A NEGATIVE SPIRIT AND IT CAN BE CHANGED INTO “A-POSITIVE SPIRIT” BY THE WORKING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

**(3). THE RIGHT TYPE OF BLOOD FOR THE**

**CHRISTIAN IS NOT “A-NEGATIVE BUT A “A-POSITIVE.**

**(a). “A-POSITIVE” GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE.**

**(b). “A-POSITIVE” VIEWPOINT IN LIFE.**

**(c). “A POSITIVE” VIEW OF YOURSELF**

**AND**

**OTHERS.**

**(4). THE RIGHT BLOOD TYPE FOR THE CHRISTIAN IS NOT “B-NEGATIVE, BUT “B-POSITIVE”.**

**(a). “B-POSITIVE” ABOUT ACTIONS THAT WILL BUILD THE KINGDOM OF GOD.**

**(b). “B-POSITIVE” ABOUT THE POSSIBILITIES OF ACCOMPLISHING THE IMPOSSIBLE WITH THE HELP OF GOD.**

**(c). “B-POSITIVE” ABOUT OUR COMMITMENT TO THE WORK IN THE VINEYARD.**

**(G). THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN CRIPPLED BY NEGATIVE AND DEFEATIST BLOOD, NEED AN INFUSION OF NEW BLOOD.**

**(1). IF YOUR POTENTIAL HAS BEEN STIFLED BY LAGGING SELF CONFIDENCE, YOU NEED SOME NEW BLOOD.**

**(2). IF YOUR POTENTIAL HAS BEEN STIFLED BY PESSIMISM, YOU NEED SOME NEW BLOOD.**

**(3). IF YOUR POTENTIAL HAS BEEN STIFLED BY**

**NEGATIVE SELF TALK, YOU NEED SOME  
NEW BLOOD NOW.**

- (4). THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN LITERALLY  
DESTROYED SPIRITUALLY BECAUSE OF THE  
BAD BLOOD, NEED NEW BLOOD.**

**CONCLUSION**

**WELL, I THINK I CAN CLOSE THIS WHEN I ANSWER THREE  
QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS NEW BLOOD:**

**(A). WHAT IS THIS NEW BLOOD?**

- (1). THE SONG WRITER HEARD THE QUESTION,  
“WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SINS?**

**(a). AND HE ANSWERED, “NOTHING BUT  
THE BLOOD OF JESUS.”**

- (3). WHAT CAN MAKE ME WHOLE AGAIN?**

**(a). AND HE ANSWERED, “NOTHING BUT  
THE BLOOD OF JESUS.”**

**(b). “OH PRECIOUS IS THAT FLOW THAT  
MAKES ME WHITER THAN SNOW, NO  
OTHER FOUNT I KNOW, NOTHING BUT  
THE BLOOD OF JESUS.”**

**(B). WHERE CAN IT BE FOUND?**

- (1). THOSE WHO ARE SEARCHING FOR IT, I  
REMINDE YOU, “THERE IS A FOUNTAIN  
FILLED WITH BLOOD DRAWN FROM  
IMMANUEL’S VEIN. SINNERS PLUNGED  
BENEATH THAT FLOOD, LOSE ALL THEIR  
GUILTY STAINS.”**

**(C). HOW MUCH DOES THE RIGHT BLOOD TYPE COST?**

**(1). TO THOSE WHO ARE WORRIED ABOUT HOW MUCH IT COST, LET ME REMIND YOU THAT:**

**“JESUS PAID IT ALL,  
ALL TO HIM I OWE.  
SIN HAD LEFT ITS CRIMSON STAIN,  
BUT HE WASHED IT WHITE AS SNOW.”**

**“THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD,  
WONDER WORKING POWER.”**

**(D). IF YOU NEED A BLOOD TRANSFUSION, I DARE YOU TO TRY JESUS.**

**(1). HE DIED OUT ON CALVARY.**

**(2). HE WAS BURIED IN JOSEPH'S NEW TOMB.**

**(3). BUT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, HE ROSE WITH ALL POWER IN HIS HAND.**

**(4). TRY JESUS, AND GET THE RIGHT BLOOD TYPE.**