

A Portrait Of The Blood



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INTRODUCTION

WITHOUT BLOOD THERE CANNOT BE LIFE IN THE PHYSICAL BODY. THAT IS JUST AS TRUE IN THE BIBLE.

BLOOD FLOWS THROUGH THE BIBLE JUST AS IT DOES THROUGH OUR VEINS.

THE BLOOD OF CHRIST KEEPS CHRISTIANITY ALIVE.

SOMEONE HAS SAID, “CUT THE BIBLE ANYWHERE AND IT WILL BLEED.”

THE BLOOD IS SPOKEN OF 427 TIMES IN OUR BIBLE, SO IT IS EASY TO SEE, THIS IS NOT A MINOR THEME.

WITHOUT THE BLOOD, THE GOSPEL IS DEAD AND WE ARE DEPRIVED OF ETERNAL LIFE.

JESUS SAID, “*FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE NEW TESTAMENT WHICH IS SHED FOR MANY FOR THE REMISSION OF SINS.*” [MATTHEW 26:28]

PAUL ADDED, “*AND ALMOST ALL THINGS ARE BY THE LAW PURGED WITH BLOOD; AND WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD IS NO REMISSION.*” [HEBREW 9:22]

HE ALSO EXPLAINED, “*WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH THE BLOOD, EVEN THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS.*” [COLOSSIANS 1:14.]

PETER ADDED, “*WE ARE NOT REDEEMED WITH SILVER AND GOLD, AND PRECIOUS STONES, BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST.*” [I PETER 1:18]

THEN JOHN AGREED WITH PETER AND PAUL, HE WROTE, “THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN.” [I JOHN 1:7].

THE EARLY CHURCH UNDERSTOOD THE BLOOD

THE (22) SERMONS RECORDED BY THE FOUR PREACHERS IN THE BOOK OF ACTS ALL GIVE THE SAME MESSAGE, THE DEATH, BURIAL AND RESURRECTION OF JESUS CHRIST.

THEY UNDERSTOOD THAT HIS DEATH AND THE PROVISION OF “COVERING BY THE BLOOD” WAS THE ESSENTIAL INGREDIENT OF THE GOSPEL.

THE IDEA OF PAYMENT TO COVER AS WELL AS HIDING IT FROM SIGHT

CAN YOU SEE THIS PORTRAIT OF THE BLOOD?

IT’S HARD TO SEE BLOOD...IT’S INTERNAL. TO MAKE IT EXTERNAL HURTS...YOU HAVE TO BE CUT OR INJURED.

BUT THE BIBLE PAINTS IN BROAD STROKES THE BLOOD ON A CANVAS, AND THEN IN MINUTE DETAIL GOD’S WORD BREAKS IT DOWN TO THE CELLULAR LEVEL, THE IMPORTANCE OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST!

WE CAN SEE THIS TODAY...BUT EVEN MORE IMPORTANT IS THAT GOD SEES THE BLOOD APPLIED TO OUR LIVES, AND PASSES OVER US!

LET’S PUT THE BLOOD OF CHRIST UNDER THE MICROSCOPE AND DO SOME FORENSIC STUDY...THEN WE’LL GET THE COMPLETE PICTURE—A PORTRAIT OF THE BLOOD.

LET US LOOK AT THE BLOOD FROM SEVEN DIFFERENT ANGLES; FROM THE ANGLES OF ...

- 1. ANALYSIS**
- 2. APPLICATION**
- 3. ACTION**
- 4. ACCOMPLISHMENT**
- 5. ACQUITTAL**
- 6. APPRAISAL, AND**
- 7. AGGRESSION**

I. IN ANALYSIS: THE BLOOD IS PERFECT THE 'VIRGIN BIRTH' OF CHRIST ESTABLISHED HIS RIGHTEOUSNESS.

JUDAS CRIED OUT. "I HAVE BETRAYED INNOCENT BLOOD."

PAUL EXPLAINED, "FOR HE (GOD) HATH MADE HIM (JESUS) TO BE SIN FOR US, WHO KNEW NO SIN, THAT WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM."

PILATE SAID, "I FIND IN HIM NO FAULT AT ALL." [JOHN 18:38]

JESUS HIMSELF SAID, "WHICH OF YOU CONVINCETH ME OF SIN?" [JOHN 8:46]

HE WAS SPOKEN OF AS, "HOLY, HARMLESS, UNDEFILED, SEPARATE FROM SINNERS, AND MADE HIGHER THAN THE

HEAVENS.” [HEBREWS 7:26]

AGAIN, “WHO DID NO SIN, NEITHER WAS GUILE FOUND IN HIS MOUTH.” [I PETER 2:22]

JOHN ADDED, “IN HIM IS NO SIN.” [I JOHN 3:5]

A NATURAL FATHER WOULD HAVE IMPARTED THE SIN-NATURE OF ADAM TO CHRIST AND HIS DEATH WOULD NOT HAVE PROVIDED REDEMPTION.

THE VIRGIN BIRTH IS ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO THE SALVATION OF OUR SOULS.

THE BIBLE CLEARLY TEACHES THAT JESUS WAS BORN OF A VIRGIN AND DID NOT HAVE ORIGINAL SIN.

MATTHEW QUOTES ISAIAH THE PROPHET SAYING, [MATTHEW 1:23] “BEHOLD, AN VIRGIN SHALL BE WITH CHILD, AND SHALL BRING FORTH A SON, AND THEY SHALL CALL HIS NAME EMMANUEL, WHICH BEING INTERPRETED IS, GOD WITH US.”

JEREMIAH THE PROPHET HAD SPOKEN YEARS BEFORE ON THIS. HE SAID, “THE LORD HATH CREATED A NEW THING UPON THE EARTH, A WOMAN SHALL COMPASS A MAN.” [JEREMIAH 31:22]

IT CERTAINLY WAS A NEW THING FOR A WOMAN WITHOUT A MAN TO GIVE BIRTH TO A CHILD.

THE ADAMIC NATURE IS PASSED TO THE OFFSPRING BY THE BLOOD LINE OF THE MAN.

THERE WERE NO IMPURITIES IN THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. EVERYTHING ABOUT CHRIST WAS PERFECT INCLUDING HIS BLOOD.

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II. IN APPLICATION: THE BLOOD IS PURE.

ONE OF THE REASONS WE USE GRAPE JUICE IN OUR COMMUNION SERVICE INSTEAD OF WINE IS BECAUSE WINE HAS TO GO THROUGH A PROCESS OF FERMENTATION.

THE PROCESS OF FERMENTATION IS ACTUALLY BACTERIA WORKING IN THE JUICE. IT IS A ROTTING PROCESS. THIS COULD NEVER GIVE A PROPER PICTURE OF THE SINLESS BLOOD OF CHRIST.

FOR ALL THAT IS HOLY, SATAN HAS HIS COUNTERFEIT... AND COMMUNION IS NO EXCEPTION!

PURE GRAPE JUICE IS THE TRUE SYMBOL OF THE PURE BLOOD OF THE LORD JESUS, JUST AS THE BREAD IS TO BE WITH 'OUT LEAVEN.

WHEN DR. CURTIS HUTSON WAS STRUGGLING WITH CANCER, ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS HE WENT THROUGH A TREATMENT CALLED "KEYLATION."

KEYLATION IS SIMILAR TO DIALYSIS IN THAT THE BLOOD IS REMOVED FROM THE BODY AND SENT THROUGH A MACHINE THAT CLEANSSES THE IMPURITIES FROM IT AND THEN PUMPS IT BACK INTO THE BODY.

THIS TREATMENT PROLONGED DR. HUTSON'S LIFE FOR A GOOD LONG TIME.

AFTER HIS BLOOD HAD BEEN PURGED OF GERMS, DISEASE, AND BAD CELLS, IT WAS THEN ABLE TO WORK AGAINST THE ENEMY CELLS THAT WERE AT WAR WITH HIS SYSTEM.

THE WRITER OF HEBREWS STATED, “FOR IF THE BLOOD OF BULLS AND OF GOATS, AND THE ASHES OF AN HEIFER SPRINKLING THE UNCLEAN, SANCTIFIETH TO THE PURIFYING OF THE FLESH: *“HOW MUCH MORE SHALL THE BLOOD OF CHRIST WHO THROUGH THE ETERNAL SPIRIT OFFERED HIMSELF WITHOUT SPOT TO GOD, PURGE YOUR CONSCIENCE FROM DEAD WORKS TO SERVE THE LIVING GOD?”* [HEBREWS 9:13,14]

WHEN THE PURE BLOOD OF THE SAVIOUR IS APPLIED TO THE SINNER, IT PROVIDES CLEANSING.

JOHN EXPLAINED, *“THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST HIS SON CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN.”* [I JOHN 1:7B].

**“WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SIN?
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS
WHAT CAN MAKE ME WHOLE AGAIN?
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS
OH, PRECIOUS IS THE FLOW
THAT MAKES ME WHITE AS SNOW
NO OTHER FOUNT I KNOW
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS.**

**PETER WROTE, *“FORASMUCH AS YE KNOW THAT YE WERE NOT REDEEMED WITH CORRUPTIBLE THINGS...BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, AS OF A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH AND WITHOUT SPOT.”* [I PETER 1:18, 19]
AND BECAUSE IT IS PURE, IT IS PURIFYING!**

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**THE ANIMAL SACRIFICES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT WERE
CONTINUOUS YEAR AFTER YEAR.**

**THE BLOOD OF BULLS AND GOATS PROVIDED
FORGIVENESS AND PARDON TEMPORARILY ONLY BECAUSE
IT POINTED TO THE SACRIFICE OF CHRIST AND HIS BLOOD
BEING SHED FOR THE COVERING OF OUR SIN.**

**THE WRITER OF HEBREWS SPEAKS OF CHRIST AS ONE,
"WHO NEEDETH NOT DAILY, AS THOSE HIGH PRIESTS, TO
OFFER UP SACRIFICE, FIRST FOR HIS OWN SINS, AND THEN
FOR THE PEOPLE'S: FOR THIS HE DID ONCE, WHEN HE
OFFERED UP HIMSELF." [HEBREWS 7:27]**

**AGAIN PAUL TELLS US THAT IT WAS, "NEITHER BY THE
BLOOD OF GOATS AND CALVES, BUT BY HIS OWN BLOOD HE
ENTERED IN ONCE INTO THE HOLY PLACE, HAVING
OBTAINED ETERNAL REDEMPTION FOR US." [HEBREWS 9:12]**

**THEN AGAIN, "BUT NOW ONCE IN THE END OF THE WORLD
HATH HE APPEARED TO PUT AWAY SIN BY THE SACRIFICE OF
HIMSELF." [HEBREWS 9:26]**

**THE BIBLE STATES, "BUT THIS MAN, AFTER HE HAD
OFFERED ONE SACRIFICE FOR SINS FOR EVER, SAT DOWN ON
THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD." [HEBREWS 10:12]**

**THE DEATH OF CHRIST SET INTO MOTION A CONTINUOUS
CLEANSING FOR THOSE WHO TRUST IN HIM.**

**WE ARE GIVEN THE GIFT OF ETERNAL LIFE THAT HE
PURCHASED WITH HIS BLOOD.**

**THANK GOD WE ARE WASHED ONCE AND FOR ALL,
FOREVER.**

**THE BIBLE SPEAKS OF THE “BLOOD OF THE EVERLASTING
COVENANT.” HEBREWS 13:20.**

**OUR FAITH IN HIS BLOOD IS ALL IT TAKES TO SETTLE IT
FOREVER AND EVER.**

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THE SONG WRITER WROTE:

**WOULD YOU BE FREE FROM THE BURDEN OF SIN?
THERE IS POWER IN THE BLOOD
WOULD YOU OVER EVIL A VICTORY WIN?
THERE'S WONDERFUL POWER IN THE BLOOD
THERE IS POWER, POWER WONDER WORKING POWER
IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB
THERE IS POWER, POWER WONDER WORKING POWER
IN THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF THE LAMB**

JOHN WROTE, “*THOU HAST REDEEMED US TO GOD BY THY BLOOD.*” [REVELATION 5:9]

IT TAKES AMAZING POWER TO DO THAT!

WE ARE TOLD THAT, “*THEY OVERCAME THE WICKED ONE, SATAN, BY THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB.*” [REVELATION 12:11]

IT TAKES A LOT OF POWER TO DO THAT, TOO!

FALSE RELIGION HAS ALWAYS DENIED THE BLOOD AND ITS POWER.

MARY BAKER EDDY OF THE CHRISTIAN SCIENCE MOVEMENT WROTE, “THE MATERIAL BLOOD OF JESUS IS NO MORE EFFICACIOUS TO CLEANSE FROM SIN WHEN IT WAS SHED UPON THE CURSED TREE THAN WHEN IT WAS FLOWING THROUGH HIS VEINS.”

R. B. THEIME, A BIBLE TEACHER IN TEXAS, DECLARED, “THE RED LIQUID THAT RAN THROUGH THE VEINS AND ARTERIES OF JESUS’ MORTAL BODY IS NOT RELATED TO OUR SALVATION.”

OF COURSE, THESE TEACHERS AND MANY LIKE THEM STAND IN COMPLETE OPPOSITION TO THE BIBLE THAT DECLARES, “*WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO REMISSION.*” [HEBREWS 9:22]

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V. IN ACQUITTAL: THE BLOOD IS PERMANENT.

JOKE—WOMAN AT PHOTOGRAPHY STUDIO: “DO ME JUSTICE”/PHOTOGRAPHER REPLIED, YOU DON’T NEED JUSTICE, YOU NEED MERCY!

“ACQUIT” IS A HEAVY WORD...IT MEANS TO PAY OFF, TO FREE, TO CLEAR, TO ABSOLVE. IT HAS A FAR REACHING MEANING EXTENDING FROM THE PAST ALL THE WAY TO THE FUTURE.

ILLUSTRATION

O J SIMPSON WAS ACQUITTED OF MURDER, AND IT CAN NEVER COME BACK ON HIM NOW IN A COURT OF LAW. NOT EVEN “NEW EVIDENCE” CAN BE PRESENTED.

YOU SAY, YEAH, BUT I DON’T BELIEVE JUSTICE WAS DONE. WELL, MAYBE NOT... BUT YOU AND I ARE GUILTY AND WE KNOW IT...

AND WE DON’T WANT JUSTICE, WE WANT MERCY! AND WE NEED IT TO BE PERMANENT...SINS FORGIVEN AND FORGOTTEN! “HIS MERCIES ARE NEW EVERY MORNING,” THE BIBLE SAYS.

NOT ONLY OUR PAST SIN WAS COVERED, BUT ALSO OUR PRESENT AND FUTURE SINS ARE PUT UNDER THE BLOOD WHEN WE TRUST IN CHRIST AS SAVIOR.

JESUS' BLOOD CLEANSSES FROM OUR PAST SINS.

ISAIAH SAID, "I HAVE BLOTTED OUT, AS A THICK CLOUD, THY TRANSGRESSIONS, AND, AS A CLOUD, THY SINS: RETURN UNTO ME; FOR I HAVE REDEEMED THEE." [ISAIAH 44:22]

DAVID SPOKE TO THIS WHEN HE STATED, "AS FAR AS THE EAST IS FROM THE WEST, SO FAR HATH HE REMOVED OUR TRANSGRESSIONS FROM US". [PSALM 103:12]

HE PROMISED NOT TO REMEMBER THEM AGAIN. "I WILL REMEMBER THEM NO MORE AGAINST YOU FOREVER."

JESUS' BLOOD COVERS OUR PRESENT SINS, BOTH THE SINS OF OMISSION AND THE SINS OF COMMISSION.

WHETHER IT BE THINGS WE OUGHT TO BE DOING AND ARE NOT DOING OR WHETHER IT BE THINGS WE ARE DOING THAT WE OUGHT NOT TO BE DOING. THESE ARE COVERED FULLY BY HIS BLOOD ATONEMENT.

JESUS' BLOOD CONTINUES TO ATONE FOR FUTURE SINS.

THIS IS NOT TO SAY WE CAN JUST GO AHEAD AND SIN...A TRULY SAVED PERSON WON'T HAVE THAT ATTITUDE.

BUT WE CAN KNOW THAT DESPITE OUR VERY BEST EFFORTS, WE ARE SINNERS, AND WILL YET SIN, BUT WE DON'T HAVE TO GET SAVED AGAIN.

DO WE NEED TO CONFESS IT TO GOD AND MAKE IT RIGHT? OF COURSE! AS WE CONTINUE TO WALK THRU THIS LIFE WE'LL NEED DAILY FOOT WASHINGS,

BUT PRAISE GOD THAT ONE TIME "ALL OVER BATH" SECURES US FROM ALL SIN: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE!

“THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN.” [I JOHN 1:7]

JESUS’ BLOOD CONQUERS ALL SIN!

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WE LOVE TO SING,

**“OH PRECIOUS IS THE FLOW,
THAT MAKES ME WHITE AS SNOW.
NO OTHER FOUNT I KNOW,
NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS.”**

PETER USED THE TERM PRECIOUS TO DESCRIBE THE BLOOD OF CHRIST.

HE SAID, “*BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, AS OF A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH AND WITHOUT SPOT.*” [I PETER 1:19]

ILLUSTRATION

RECENTLY I READ A STORY OF A VERY WEALTHY OLD MAN WHO HAD AN ELABORATE COLLECTION OF VAN GOGH AND MONET PAINTINGS.

HIS ONLY SON SHARED HIS FATHER'S INTEREST IN THE RARE PAINTINGS.

THEY TRAVELED AROUND THE WORLD BUYING THESE PAINTING WHEREVER THEY COULD FIND THEM.

THE SON ENLISTED IN THE ARMY AND WAS PLACED IN THE MEDICAL CORPS.

IN A SEVERE BATTLE, WHILE CARRYING A WOUNDED SOLDIER TO SAFETY, THE SON WAS SERIOUSLY WOUNDED HIMSELF AND DIED.

THE MOTHER WAS DEAD ALREADY AND THE NEWS OF THE TRAGEDY DEVASTATED THE OLD FATHER. HE GRIEVED IN LONELINESS FOR MONTHS.

ONE DAY A KNOCK CAME AT HIS DOOR AND WHEN HE RESPONDED HE FOUND A YOUNG MAN WITH A PACKAGE.

THE YOUNG MAN EXPLAINED THAT HE WAS ONE OF THE SEVERAL SOLDIERS THAT THE SON HAD CARRIED TO SAFETY.

KNOWING OF HIS INTEREST IN PAINTINGS HE HAD PAINTED A PICTURE OF THE SON AND PRESENTED IT TO THE FATHER.

THE PAINTING WAS NOT RARE BUT WAS VERY PRECIOUS TO THE OLD MAN BECAUSE IT WAS A GOOD RESEMBLANCE OF HIS SON.

THE MAN MOVED A VERY VALUABLE PAINTING FROM THE MANTLE AND PLACED THE PICTURE OF HIS SON IN ITS PLACE.

HOUR AFTER HOUR HE SAT IN A ROCKER AND GAZED UP AT THE IMAGE OF HIS BELOVED SON.

WHEN DEATH CAME THE ART COLLECTION WAS PUT UP FOR SALE BY AUCTION.

HUNDREDS OF COLLECTORS CAME TO BID. THE AUCTIONEER ANNOUNCED THAT THE WILL STATED THAT THE PICTURE OF HIS SON WAS TO BE AUCTIONED FIRST.

A MOAN OF DISAPPOINTMENT COULD BE HEARD FROM THE CROWD. "LET'S GET ON WITH THE REAL PAINTINGS," ONE WAS HEARD TO SAY.

THE SON'S PICTURE WAS HELD UP AND THE AUCTIONEER CRIED, "WHO WILL GIVE \$100.00, \$50.00, \$25.00. THERE WAS NO RESPONSE.

A KIND OLD GENTLEMAN IN THE BACK ASKED, "WILL YOU TAKE \$10.00." "SOLD," SAID THE AUCTIONEER. "GOOD", CRIED THE CROWD. "NOW WE CAN GET ON WITH THE AUCTION."

"LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, THAT CONCLUDES THE AUCTION," ANNOUNCED THE AUCTIONEER.

THE CROWD WAS PUZZLED AND UPSET. THEN THE STATEMENT WAS GIVEN.

THE WILL DECLARED THAT THE SON'S PICTURE WAS TO BE SOLD AND THE PERSON WHO TOOK IT WOULD GET ALL THE REST.

THE OLD MAN WHO PAID \$10.00 FOR THE PICTURE OF THE SON WAS SUDDENLY AMAZED AT THE FACT THAT HE NOW OWNED ALL THE VALUABLE PAINTINGS.

WHEN A PERSON TAKES THE SON OF GOD, EVERYTHING GOD HAS IS INCLUDED.

WE BECOME HEIRS OF GOD AND JOINT HEIRS WITH JESUS. THE PRECIOUS BLOOD HAS MADE IT ALL POSSIBLE.

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- VI. IN APPRAISAL: THE BLOOD IS PRECIOUS!
- VII. IN AGGRESSION: THE BLOOD IS PROTECTIVE!

IN [EXODUS 12] THE BLOOD WAS SPRINKLED ON THE DOOR POSTS OF THE JEWISH HOMES JUST AS THE LORD HAD INSTRUCTED THEM.

WHEN THE DEATH ANGEL CAME, ON THAT FAITHFUL NIGHT, WITH THE AWFUL JUDGMENT OF DEATH TO THE FIRST BORN, THE JEWS WERE PROTECTED BY THE BLOOD.

IT WAS ACTUALLY THEIR FAITH THAT BROUGHT PROTECTION.

THEY BELIEVED THE WORD THE LORD HAD GIVEN TO MOSES.

THEY BELIEVED IT ENOUGH TO ACT ON IT. BY FOLLOWING THE DIRECTIONS JUST AS THE LORD INSTRUCTED, THEY REAPED A GREAT BENEFIT.

GOD HAD SAID, “*THE BLOOD SHALL BE TO YOU FOR A TOKEN UPON THE HOUSES WHERE YE ARE: AND WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD, I WILL PASS OVER YOU, AND THE PLAGUE SHALL NOT BE UPON YOU TO DESTROY YOU, WHEN I SMITE THE LAND OF EGYPT.*” [EXODUS 12:13]

WE STILL SPEAK OF BEING “UNDER THE BLOOD.”

THE JUDGMENT WILL NOT FALL ON THOSE WHO HAVE PLACED THEIR FAITH IN CHRIST AND ACCEPTED HIM AS THEIR SAVIOR.

IF YOU HAVE NOT GOTTEN UNDER THE PROTECTION OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, I BEG YOU TO DO SO NOW BEFORE THE DEATH ANGEL COMES TO YOUR HOUSE.

DO YOU GET THE PICTURE TODAY? CAN YOU SEE CHRIST’S BLOOD? MORE IMPORTANTLY, CAN GOD SEE IT?

IF NOT, ALL HE SEES IS YOUR SIN.

MAKE SURE YOU’RE COVERED...ONE APPLICATION WILL DO!

CONCLUSION

MANY YEARS AGO IN DETROIT, MICHIGAN, THE WELL-KNOWN EVANGELIST, DR. CHARLES FINNEY, PREACHED ON THE TEXT "THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD’S SON, CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN" SEE [I JOHN 1:7].

AFTER THE SERVICE A STRANGER ASKED DR. FINNEY TO WALK HOME WITH HIM.

ADVISED AGAINST IT BY CHURCH OFFICIALS WHO KNEW THE MAN, DR FINNEY WENT WITH THE MAN.

USHERING THE PREACHER INTO THE REAR OF A BUILDING, THE STRANGER LOCKED THE DOOR, PUT THE KEY IN HIS POCKET, AND SAID, "DON'T BE AFRAID. I'M NOT GOING TO HURT YOU. I JUST WANT TO ASK A FEW QUESTIONS.

DO YOU BELIEVE WHAT YOU PREACHED TONIGHT?"

DR. FINNEY SAID, "I MOST CERTAINLY DO."

THE MAN CONTINUED, "WE'RE IN THE BACK OF A SALOON. I'M SOLE PROPRIETOR. MOTHERS COME IN HERE, LAY THEIR BABIES ON THE COUNTER, AND BEG ME NOT TO SELL LIQUOR TO THEIR HUSBANDS.

I TURN A DEAF EAR TO THEIR CRY. WE SEE TO IT WHEN A MAN LEAVES HERE HE'S WELL UNDER THE INFLUENCE.

MORE THAN ONE NIGHT, A MAN LEAVING HERE HAS BEEN KILLED BY THE EXPRESS AT THE TRACKS.

DR. FINNEY,. TELL ME, CAN GOD FORGIVE A MAN LIKE ME?"

DR FINNEY REPLIED, "I HAVE BUT ONE AUTHORITY THE WORD OF GOD WHICH SAYS, 'THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN.'"

"BUT THAT'S NOT ALL,' ADDED THE MAN. "IN ANOTHER ROOM WE RUN A GAMBLING HALL. IF A MAN DOESN'T SPEND ALL HIS MONEY ON LIQUOR, WE BRING HIM BACK HERE AND WITH MARKED CARDS SEE TO IT THAT HE'S FLEECEED OUT OF HIS LAST DOLLAR. WE SEND HIM HOME PENNILESS TO A HUNGRY FAMILY. DR. FINNEY, I'M SOLE OWNER. TELL ME HONESTLY CAN GOD FORGIVE A MAN WITH A HEART LIKE THAT?"

AGAIN DR FINNEY REPLIED, "I HAVE BUT ONE AUTHORITY, THE WORD OF GOD WHICH SAYS, 'THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN.'"

THE MAN SPOKE AGAIN. "THAT'S NOT ALL. ACROSS THE STREET IS MY HOME WHERE I LIVE WITH MY WIFE AND LITTLE DAUGHTER. NEITHER ONE HAS HAD A KIND WORD FROM ME FOR FIVE YEARS. THEIR BODIES BEAR MARKS OF MY BRUTAL ATTACKS. DR FINNEY, DO YOU THINK GOD COULD FORGIVE A MAN WITH A HEART LIKE THAT?"

DR FINNEY'S HEAD LOWERED. HIS EYES FILLED WITH TEARS AS HE SAID, "MY FRIEND, YOU HAVE PAINTED ONE OF THE DARKEST PICTURES I HAVE EVER GAZED ON, BUT I STILL HAVE ONE AUTHORITY WHICH SAYS, 'THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN.'"

THE MAN OPENED THE DOOR, USHERED THE PREACHER INTO THE NIGHT, THEN NEVER LEFT THAT ROOM TILL DAYBREAK—NOT BEFORE RIPPING UP DECKS OF CARDS AND POURING THE CONTENTS OF BOTTLES DOWN THE SINK.

ACROSS THE ROAD AT HOME HE SAT IN HIS LIVING ROOM. HIS LITTLE GIRL CALLED, DADDY, MOTHER SAYS BREAKFAST IS READY"

WHEN HE ANSWERED HIS LITTLE GIRL KINDLY SHE RAN BACK TO HER MOTHER, "DADDY SPOKE KIND TO ME! SOMETHING IS THE MATTER!"

THE MOTHER FOLLOWED HER LITTLE GIRL TO THE LIVING ROOM. THE MAN BECKONED THEM BOTH. TAKING ONE ON EACH KNEE, HE EXPLAINED TO THEIR AMAZEMENT THAT THEY HAD A NEW HUSBAND AND DADDY.

HE ENDED, "I'M DONE WITH THAT BUSINESS ACROSS THE STREET!"

THE MAN LATER BECAME A MEMBER, THEN AN OFFICIAL IN A LEADING DETROIT CHURCH.

WHEN ASKED TO TELL HOW HIS LIFE WAS CHANGED, HE WOULD REPLY "THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, CLEANSETH US FROM ALL SIN."

'WHAT CAN WASH AWAY YOUR SIN? NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS! WHAT CAN MAKE YOU WHOLE AGAIN? NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS! OH, PRECIOUS IS THE FLOW THAT MAKES ME WHITE AS SNOW, NO OTHER FOUNT I KNOW. NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS. "

ARE YOUR SINS UNDER THE BLOOD OF JESUS TODAY?

THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY SOURCE OF SPIRITUAL LIFE.

HE TOOK HIS FLESH AND BONES BACK WITH HIM WHEN HE WENT BACK TO HEAVEN.

HIS BLOOD IS THE ONLY PART OF HIS HUMAN BODY THAT HE LEFT HERE UPON EARTH.

CHRIST DID NOT SPILL HIS BLOOD BECAUSE TO SPILL SUGGEST AN ACCIDENT, AND JESUS' DEATH ON THE CROSS WAS NO ACCIDENT.

HE WAS THE LAMB, SLAIN BEFORE THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

SO HE DID NOT SPILL HIS BLOOD, BUT HE SHEDDED HIS BLOOD

I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH BLOOD HE SHEDDED AT CALVARY, BUT I DO KNOW THAT IT WAS ENOUGH TO:

- 1. HEAL THE SIN SICK SOUL**
- 2. MAKE THE WOUNDED WHOLE.**
- 3. SAVE A WRETCH LIKE ME.**
- 4. GIVE HOPE TO THE WANDERER.**

5. WAKE UP THE DEAD ON RESURRECTION MORNING.

NOT ONLY DID HE SHED HIS BLOOD, BUT EARLY SUNDAY MORNING, HE ROSE WITH ALL POWER IN HIS HAND.

MY DEAR FRIENDS, IF YOU ARE NOT SAVED, PLEASE TURN LOOSE OF WHATEVER IT IS THAT HOLDS YOU BACK AND COME TO JESUS RIGHT NOW.