

The Cancer of Sin
The Power of the Blood
Hebrews 9:11-14

The preaching of the blood of Jesus is hated by the world. Liberal theologians reject the idea of Christ's blood paying for our sins. They accuse those who preach the blood of Christ as proclaiming a "slaughter house religion."

George Bernard Shaw was a famous playwright once wrote, "It is saturated with the ancient and to me quite infernal superstition of atonement by blood sacrifice, which I believe Christians must completely get rid of, if it is to survive among thoughtful people."

More dictators and rulers than I can ever try to adequately count has tried stifle, block, burn, ban, outlaw, and eradicate the message of the blood of Jesus over the centuries and to their shame and surprise, the harder they tried the more the message spread like wild fire!

So why this harsh treatment of the best news ever known to man? Answer: Because it proclaims the greatest VICTORY over sin that mankind has ever heard of!!! 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 says, "Where, O death is your victory? Where, O death, is your victory? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ."

Here is what the blood of Jesus does: First it saves us.

1 Peter 1:18-19

"For you know it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you by your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect."

In the New Testament there are 290 references to the love of God, 290 times when God had declared his love for man. But in the same chapters and verses there are more than 1,300 references to the atonement, 1,300 assurances that salvation can be had through the blood of Jesus.

Good works, prayers, weeping bitter tears, cannot save you. It is the blood of Jesus, His blood alone that has the power to redeem!! The so-called sacraments cannot save you. Neither baptism, confirmation, communion, church membership, philanthropy nor morality has the slightest milligram of saving power. There is nothing in heaven or earth, nothing in all of eternity but the blood of Christ that can save!!

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

The blood of Jesus also sanitizes. Frederick A. Tatford said, “The sin of humanity demanded the blood of Calvary.”

Isaiah 1:18 “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

The blood of Jesus Sanctifies.

Hebrews 13:12 “And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gates to make the people holy through His blood.”

Jesus suffered outside the gate of Jerusalem as he hung on the cross. We have been called out by his blood to be identified with him.

The blood of Jesus secures us as His.

Revelation 12:11 “And they overcame him by the blood of Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they loved their lives not unto death.”

This is the last reference in the Bible to the blood of the Lord Jesus. Here it is, enabling believers to withstand the deceptions and accusations of Satan. There are 43 references to the blood of Christ in the New Testament, all testifying to its great importance not only in the salvation but also in the daily life of believers.

In closing: Everyone must decide what to do with Christ. His blood is either in your heart and on your life, or it's on your hands and under your feet.