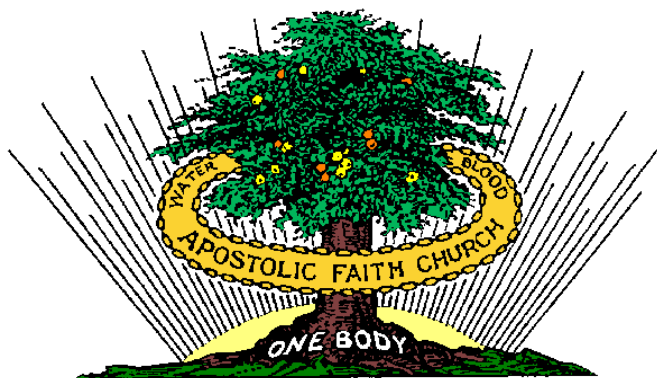


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# Showers of Blessing

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## The Power of the Blood of the Lamb of God

The shedding of the blood of Jesus Christ on the cross represents the greatest act of love ever extended to humanity, where the Son of God willingly lay down His life for us, for the salvation of many – all those who believe. “There is no greater love than to lay down one’s life for one’s friends”. These were the words spoken by the Lord Jesus Christ, according to the book of John 15:13 (NLT).

John exclaimed at the river Jordan when he saw Jesus approaching and said: “Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29, NKJV). He took away the sin of the world by the shedding of His precious blood on Calvary. As the Bible records, “...without the shedding of blood there is no remission” of sins (Hebrews 9:22, NKJV). It is through His precious blood that sinners who believe are redeemed, cleansed, forgiven, reconciled, protected and empowered to live victorious lives.

In studying the transforming power of the blood of the Lamb of God, the Lord Jesus Christ, we discover how as believers, we can live daily in the reality and victory of this power.

### **1. Redemption and Forgiveness.**

At the very core of the Christian faith is the work of atonement by the blood of Jesus shed once and for all, for our redemption and the forgiveness sins. Colossians 1:14 speaks to the redemptive work of Christ, “in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” Ephesians 1:7 states that “In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God’s grace”.

The emphasis of Scripture is clear – that believers in the Lord are freed from the bondage of sin and death, having received forgiveness through Christ’s ultimate sacrifice.

### **2. The Blood took away all Guilt, shame, or Condemnation.**

Because of your faith in Christ and His finished work on the cross through His precious blood, you don’t have to walk and live under guilt, shame, or condemnation. No matter how deep the stain of sin, the blood of Jesus washes it clean. The Word declares in Romans 8:1 that, “There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus”.

There is a fountain filled with blood;  
Drawn from Emmanuel’s veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,  
Lose all their guilty stains:

The dying thief rejoiced to see;  
That fountain in his day;  
And there have I, though vile as he,  
Washed all my sins away:

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood;  
Shall never lose its power,  
Till all the ransomed House of God;  
Are saved, to sin no more:

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### **3. Justification, Sanctification and Daily Cleansing.**

The blood of Jesus doesn't just save us, it continues to work in our lives, making us more like Him through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Justification is to declare someone charged with an offence innocent – to make just, or declare righteous. Christ was delivered for our offences and was raised again for our justification (Romans 4:25, KJV); and the sinner is justified freely by His grace and His precious blood, whom God hath set forth to be the propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins (Roman 3:24-25, KJV).

Sanctification is the process of being set apart and made holy, to be separated or to be set apart (What We Believe In, page 67, GAMM, AFC). "Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate" (Hebrews 13:12, NKJV). Sanctification is obtained by faith and is also an ongoing work as we hear the Word of truth, receive the blessing through the revelation of Christ and declare it in our lives by faith as we walk in it. And as we keep walking in the light of God's Word, "... the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7, KJV).

### **4. The Blood is an Expression and the Evidence of God's Love and Covenant through Christ.**

The blood of Jesus is the ultimate expression of God's love. It is the Seal of the New Covenant through Christ that is eternal, unbreakable, and written in the very life of His Son. The Bible says, "But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8, KJV).

The Lord Jesus declared: "This is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins" (Matthew 26:28, KJV). And when we take the Holy Communion, we are not just participating in an ordinance or "ritual," we are remembering and exercising our faith in partaking in the divine love that sealed our covenant in God forever established through Christ in which we are beneficiaries of the sacrifice agreed between God and Christ, as Christ cried out – "It is finished". The ultimate Price was paid, by the Blood.

(To be continued.)

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