The Azusa Street Papers – Atoning Blood, Our Battle Cry February 20th, 2022 - Message 8

"Love, Faith, Unity" are our watchwords, and "Victory through the Atoning Blood" our battle cry. The blood of Jesus is our battle cry today. The blood that Jesus shed on the cross for you and me provides forgiveness for all races and excludes none of them, and the blood of Jesus does not only bring atonement, which, under the Old Testament, the sacrificial animal offerings were a temporary covering for their sins, but in the New Testament it removes our sins from us as far as east is from the west, never to be remembered against us again. Never.

Even if you come to Jesus about confessed sin and say, 'but Jesus, what about what I did last week?' He replies, 'what did you do last week, I don't remember it, I don't hold it against you?' That's the loving God we serve. That's what the blood of Jesus does. It's not that He doesn't 'remember' it, but He doesn't remember it against you. He doesn't bring up all the sins of the past a little farther on down the road. He doesn't say, yes, but this is what you did on such and such a date...that's not Jesus. The blood of Jesus cleanses your sin, never to be remembered and removed as far as the east is from the west when it is repented of.

Hebrews 10:11-18 talks about how Christ's death perfects the sanctified life; "11 And every priest stands ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. 12 But this Man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God, 13 from that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are being [a]sanctified. 15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before, 16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them," 17 then He adds, "Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more." 18 Now where there is [b]remission of these, there is no longer an offering for sin."

In John 1:7, Jesus says this; "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."

When a saint died under the Old Testament law, they did not go to heaven, but rather went to a place called Abraham's Bosom, which would have been a type and shadow of heaven and it was called Paradise. They would remain there till Jesus died, shedding His blood to atone for their sins as a final sacrifice, and then they were able to enter into heaven. In fact, they say according to the Bible, that Paradise and hell were side by side, having a great chasm that separated them.

A good example of an Old Testament saint dying and going to Abraham's bosom can be found in the story about the Rich Man and Lazarus found in <u>Luke 16:19-31</u>, where it clearly shows what the place of Paradise was for the Old Testament saints. It wasn't purgatory.

An obvious demonstration of the power that is found in the blood of Jesus is that found in the Book of Acts and at the Azusa Street Revival, which is the forgiveness of sins for every race of people, and shows no partiality to any race, rich or poor, for they all were saved and filled with the Holy Ghost. At Azusa Street, it wasn't an all-black church, although the pastor was black, all ethnic groups were there, Indian, Chinese, Japanese...people came from all over the world. They all worshiped and prayed together, no distinctions.

Acts 2:1-13 says; "1 When the Day of Pentecost had fully come, they were all [a] with one accord in one place. 2 And suddenly there came a sound from heaven, as of a rushing mighty wind, and it filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 Then there appeared to them [b] divided tongues, as of fire, and one sat upon each of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. 5 And there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under

heaven. 6 And when this sound occurred, the multitude came together, and were confused, because everyone heard them speak in his own language. 7 Then they were all amazed and marveled, saying to one another, "Look, are not all these who speak Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each in our own [c]language in which we were born? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites, those dwelling in Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya adjoining Cyrene, visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, 11 Cretans and [d]Arabs—we hear them speaking in our own tongues the wonderful works of God." 12 So they were all amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "Whatever could this mean?" 13 Others mocking said, "They are full of new wine."

We read about a similar outpouring of the Holy Spirit in the AZUSA PAPERS; "The work began among the colored people. God baptized several sanctified wash women with the Holy Ghost, who have been much used of Him. The first white woman to receive the Pentecost and gift of tongues in Los Angeles was Mrs. Evans who is now in the work in Oakland. Since then multitudes have come. God makes no difference in nationality, Ethiopians, Chinese, Indians, Mexicans, and other nationalities worship together."

I'd like to read something from the Christian History Institute about the Azusa Street Revival.

"The revival's leaders believed that if Christians could come together in racial unity across unbiblical social divisions (race, class, gender, nationality) the Holy Spirit would give them the power through Jesus's victorious atoning death on the cross to carry out signs and wonders via divine healings, miracles, and other supernatural manifestations that would in turn enable them to help bridge the racial divide and help usher in the Second Coming of Jesus Christ.

The revival encouraged biblically based interracial worship, friendships, relationships, and the laying on of hands to pray for divine healing. This profound belief in the power of prayer and the power of the atonement prompted people to gather together in integrated services to sing, worship, and testify. Eyewitness Frank Bartleman famously quipped that the "colorline was washed away in the blood" of Jesus. Seymour also crossed lines of gender, class, and nationality. He allowed men and women, poor and rich, and citizens and immigrants alike to worship freely together and lay hands on and pray for one another."

You have to remember that during this time, the early 1900's, the persecution of the black people in the USA was at it's worst. So for them all coming together, with all ethnic groups, was really a miracle.

As Christians, we are sanctified by the blood of Jesus, and I know that this is a key word that is used by those who are not Christians, who make mocking statements referring to Christians like; "they are so sanctimonious, who do they think they are?" We've all heard it, haven't we?

Let's look at what Seymour taught about Sanctification.

ASUZA PAPERS; "We receive sanctification through the blood of Jesus. "Wherefore Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate." Sanctified from all original sin, we become sons of God. "For both he that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren." Heb. 2:11. (It seems that Jesus would be ashamed to call them brethren, if they were not sanctified.) Then you will not be ashamed to tell men and demons that you are sanctified, and are living a pure and holy life free from sin, a life that gives you power over the world, the flesh, and the devil. The devil does not like that kind of testimony. Through this precious atonement, we have freedom from all sin, though we are living in this old world, we are permitted to sit in heavenly places in Christ Jesus."

It's powerful to know that we are seated in heavenly places although our feet are still on this earth. Jesus isn't ashamed of us, because we're sanctified through Him. We're not sanctimonious and above reproach, but we

should try to live above reproach, but the devil will always try to bring something up in your life from the present or past. When he does bring something up, just say to him, 'there is therefore no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh but after the Spirit.' Speak the Word of God.

The devil mocks a sanctified life, because he knows that there is Holy Ghost power that he cannot overcome, and this is all the more reason to live a life that is holy and set apart unto God.

The blood of Jesus not only saved our souls, and sanctifies our lives, but also heals our body's.

I've met Christians who say that the sickness that they have is hereditary, and therefore it's their lot in life and they just have to live with it, and say that God's grace is sufficient, so it must be His will for my life.

Let's read what Seymour taught about how the blood of Jesus heals our bodies.

AZUSA PAPERS; "Healing of our bodies. Sickness and disease are destroyed through the precious atonement of Jesus. O how we ought to honor the stripes of Jesus, for "with his stripes we are healed." How we ought to honor that precious body which the Father sanctified and sent into the world, not simply set apart, but really sanctified, soul, body and spirit, free from sickness, disease and everything of the devil. A body that knew no sin and disease was given for these imperfect bodies of ours. Not only is the atonement for the sanctification of our souls, but for the sanctification of our bodies from inherited disease. It matters not what has been in the blood."

We see that the healing of our bodies goes beyond the generational diseases that have come from your parents, grand-parents or great-grand-parents, Jesus' blood heals it all.

We read what Isaiah the prophet said about Jesus when he prophesied this about him in **Isaiah 53:4-5**; "4 Surely He has borne our [a]griefs And carried our [b]sorrows; Yet we [c]esteemed Him stricken, [d]Smitten by God, and afflicted. 5 But He was wounded[e] for our transgressions, He was [f]bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes[g] we are healed."

As Christians, we should refrain from confessing hereditary diseases over our lives, and put an end to saying, "Grampa had this disease, Dad had it, and now I have it, it's just something that's in our blood and I have to live with it, and more than likely my children will inherit it also." What we should be doing is stopping the devils curse of sickness and disease in its tracks, and not allow it to be a part of our lives or future generations to come, by taking up healing scriptures and confess them over our lives, instead of agreeing with what the devil has done in the past. Let's agree with what the Bible says about the healing found in the blood of Jesus. Come into agreement with what Jesus did instead of agreeing with the lies the devil has spewed out in the past. Stop speaking the evil words of disease over yourself, your family and children. Speak the atoning blood of Jesus and healing scriptures. Declare that you will not inherit any disease regardless if it's in your blood or not. You have the authority and power in Jesus' name to bind the spirit of infirmity, sickness and disease.

AZUSA PAPERS; "Every drop of blood we received from our mother is impure. Sickness is born in a child just as original sin is born in the child. He was manifested to destroy the works of the devil. Every sickness is of the devil.

Man in the Garden of Eden was pure and happy and knew no sickness till that unholy visitor came into the garden, then his whole system was poisoned and it has been flowing in the blood of all the human family down the ages till God spoke to his people and said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee."

Isaiah 53:5 says, "5 But He was wounded[a] for our transgressions, He was [b] bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes[c] we <u>are</u> healed."

You notice it says in the past tense, 'are healed', meaning it's done.

The Apostle Peter, speaking of Jesus he says in **1 Peter 2:24**; "24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness—by whose [a]stripes you were healed."

James 5:15-16 says; "15 And the prayer of faith <u>will</u> save the sick, and the Lord <u>will</u> raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he <u>will</u> be forgiven.16 [a] Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, [b] fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

By confessing these scriptures over your life, you are submitting yourself to God and resisting the devil's affliction, he must flee in Jesus name. When sickness attacks your body, confess healing scriptures over your life, submit yourself to Jesus' final authority.

AZUSA PAPERS; "The children of Israel practiced divine healing. David, after being healed of rheumatism, (perhaps contracted in the caves where he hid himself from his pursuers,) testified saying, "Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless his holy name, who forgiveth all thine iniquities, who healeth all thy diseases." David knew what it was to be healed. Healing continued with God's people till Solomon's heart was turned away by strange wives, and he brought in the black arts and mediums, and they went whoring after familiar spirits. God had been their healer, but after they lost the Spirit, they turned to the arm of flesh to find something to heal their diseases."

Doesn't this sound familiar today. As Christians, we shouldn't be putting our hope in the arm of the flesh (Pharmakeia, medical drugs to heal us), for they are for the most part directly or indirectly linked to the practice of witchcraft and sorcery in one way or another.

Here is a quote from <u>Called Out Believers</u> speaking about medical drugs or 'pharmakeia', "*The Greek word* pharmakeia is used in Galatians 5:19... The Greek dictionary defines it as: "witchcraft, magic, the use of spells and potions of magic, often involving drugs–a magic spell. It is a fact that witchcraft and magic in the Greek world often involved the use of drugs–either by the witch or the one on whom the magic is worked.

Revelation chapter 18 gives a description of the fall of Babylon and in verse 23 it gives us the reason why all nations were deceived. This may be shocking for many people. Let's read what the Bible says. Referring to the fall of Babylon Revelation 18:23 says "And the light of a candle shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the great men of the earth; for by thy sorceries were all nations deceived."

By the "sorceries" of Babylon all nations were deceived. The Greek word for "sorceries" in verse 23 is "pharmakeia" [far-mak-i'-ah]! According to the Thayer Greek Dictionary "pharmakeia" is "the use or administering of drugs; poisoning; and sorcery, magical arts, often found in connection with idolatry and fostered by it." If you put the original Greek word "pharmakeia" in place of the English word "sorceries" the end of verse 23 would say, "For by thy pharmakeia were ALL nations deceived"! "Pharmakeia" is where we get our English word "pharmacy"! Pharmacy is a well organized and professionalized system that administers poisonous drugs."

This expose of drugs and their intentions, is exactly what is happening today with the 'jab' that the governments are trying to force and coerce the world to take. Right now, all the nations are being deceived by this 'jab'.

AZUSA PAPERS; "Thank God, we have a living Christ among us to heal our diseases. He will heal every case. The prophet had said, "With his stripes we are healed," and it was fulfilled when Jesus came. Also "He hath borne our griefs," (which means sickness, as translators tell us.) Now if Jesus bore our sicknesses, why should we bear them? So we get full salvation through the atonement of Jesus."

The <u>Christian History Institute</u> says the following; "The Apostolic Faith newspaper reported many different types of healing and miracles either at the mission itself or its daughter missions around the world. Conditions reported as healed included abscesses; addictions to alcohol, tobacco, or drugs, including opium and morphine; asthma; cancer; chills; deafness; demonic manifestations; eczema; epilepsy; eye problems, including blindness and cataracts; fever; hemorrhage; hernia; injury or malfunction of an ankle, foot, head, heart, leg, muscle, shoulder, spine, or wrist; mental illness; paralysis; pneumonia; poisoning; rheumatism; skin diseases; tuberculosis—and many others!" We've also heard that the creative miracle of limbs growing out transpired there.

In closing today, a good question to ask your self is; are you saved? If you died today, would you go to heaven because Jesus is Lord of your life?

Are you sanctified? Are you living a holy life? Living holy is what you do as a Christian, living holy is what your heart wants to do and even if you fall, you confess your sins, repent, get up and go on.

Are you healed? Have you experienced healing in your body?

Are you filled with the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking tongues? Do you prophesy, do you have the gift to interpret tongues? Are you allowing the Holy Spirit to use you in all the nine gifts that He gives?

All of these are available to you. Salvation, sanctification, healing, and being baptized in the Holy Spirit with the evidence of speaking in tongues. All of these are for you. Remember and keep in mind, by His stripes you're healed. Quote the Word of God to the devil, remind him of what Jesus did for you through His blood. Healing is the children's bread and you can freely partake of it. The blood that flowed down Jesus' back has healed you. The Word of God is your sword, fight the devil with it. Instead of rolling over and taking the sickness, speak the Word and declare what Jesus did for you at the cross. Remind the devil of what Jesus did for the saints in the Book of Acts and Azusa Street.

The weapons of our warfare are not carnal but are might to the pulling down of strongholds, taking every thought captive to the obedience of Jesus. By doing this, you're getting rid of the stinking thinking that the world, the flesh and the devil are trying to put on you by this medical system and swapping it out for the Word of God. Out with the old and in with the new.

So the next time your doctors says you have this and that disease, although you may have this and that disease, but whose report are you going to believe? Are you going to believe the report of what Jesus did on the cross or the report from the doctor? Are you going to believe the prophecy that Isaiah spoke about Jesus, even before Jesus was born, that He was going to bear the sins of the world and by His stripes heal you?

Jesus' will for you is to have life and life more abundantly. It's all found in His Word, it's not found in medication, pharmakeia, in witchcraft and sorcery, it's all found in the Bible. In Ephesians it talks about the Bible – the Word of God – being a sword, it's called the sword of the Spirit and with you destroy the lies and fears of the devil. All the rest of the armour mentioned in Ephesians 6 is defensive, but the Word of God is offensive and is a double-edged sword. The defensive armour, your feet shod with the gospel of peace, the belt of truth, the helmet of salvation, the breastplate of righteousness are declarations of our protection and the shield of faith to be held to deflect the fiery darts, but it's the sword that gives the final blow.