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CHAPTER 1

THIS BLOOD COVENANT STUDY IS DESIGNED TO HELP US UNDERSTAND EXACTLY WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR US. I WANT YOU TO REALIZE SOMETHING: IT WAS NOT AN ACCIDENT THAT JESUS DIED. THEY DID NOT TAKE HIS LIFE FROM HIM; HE LAID IT DOWN. HE WAS THE LAMB SLAIN FROM THE FOUNDATION OF THE WORLD.

In Hebrews 9:24 He begins to lay a foundation for this study.

HEB. 9:24 "FOR CHRIST IS NOT ENTERED INTO THE HOLY PLACES MADE WITH HANDS, WHICH ARE THE FIGURES OF THE TRUE; BUT INTO HEAVEN ITSELF, NOW TO APPEAR IN THE PRESENCE OF GOD FOR US."

Jesus was always in the presence of God and He was with Him in the form of the Word (**John 1:1**), but the Word was made flesh (**John 1:14**). He came to be a sacrifice for sin, but He did not do it for Himself. He did it for us. Now He appears in the presence of the Father, and He liveth ever to make intercession for us (**Heb. 7:25**).

A lot of times when we take communion, we think we're doing it because we're good enough to do it. We are thinking that we haven't sinned or we haven't done anything wrong this week, so we can take communion. That isn't it at all, friends.

We need to realize it was the work that He did. It was His broken body. It was His blood that was shed (I Cor. 11:24-26). It wasn't any religious act at all. It was the willful work of Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to give His life for us. He shed the blood. His blood was not spilled. Spilled is an accident. Shed means "on purpose". He shed His blood for the remission of sins (Matt. 26:28).

Hebrews 9:24-25

Heb 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:

Heb 9:25 Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others.

HE DIDN'T DO IT EVERY YEAR. HE'S NOT GOING TO DO IT EVERY YEAR. IF WE'RE GOING TO HAVE THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN, WE'RE GOING TO ACCEPT ONE SACRIFICE. THERE IS NOTHING YOU CAN DO FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SIN EXCEPT TO RECEIVE THE WORK THAT IS ALREADY DONE.

A lot of times we think we can do something to receive forgiveness of sin outside the work Jesus did. **NO!** It's all in the blood covenant. **HE DID IT!** He did it one time and He appeared before the Father.

Heb 9:26 For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world...

"For then must He often have suffered (or died) since the foundation of the world (if He was going to do it more than once): but now once (and I want you to underline this), in the end of the world..."

We have a problem with that connotation, but it means the end of sin dispensation. We are no longer born of flesh and blood; we are born of the will of the Father. Whenever a work was finished, it was finished; it was the end of that work. He put away sin. For you to live in sin means you have to transgress the work that God did.

Let's read what John 1:12-14 says:

John 1:12 But as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on His name:

"...to them gave He power (or authority or the right)..."

John 1:13 Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

When He said "the end of the world" in Heb. 9:26, He was talking about sacrifices being made for sin. There would no longer be a man priesthood. There would no longer be the Aaron priesthood. There would no longer be a Levitical

priesthood. From now on there would be one priesthood and that would be the priesthood of Jesus Christ. That would be a priesthood that would end once and for all, all the sacrifices and offerings for sin.

GOD LOOKED UPON THE BLOOD OF JESUS WHEN HE TOOK IT INTO THE ETERNAL HEAVENS, AND HE SAID, "I AM SATISFIED. THIS WILL COVER THE PRICE FOR SIN. THIS WILL CAUSE MEN TO BE SET FREE FROM SIN. IT IS THE END OF THE WORLD OF SIN."

It's hard for us to realize this because we are so flesh oriented. We still live to the lust of the flesh, satisfying flesh, that we walk under a guilt complex, but He came to purge your conscience from dead works, to serve the Living Christ (**Heb. 9:14**).

If the blood has had an effective work in your life, sin is exceedingly sinful (**Romans 7:13**). There is no more sin offering for it, and you cannot willfully live in it any longer. It is a world that is passed away, and there will be no more sin offering for it. This is why He tells us that willful sin has such a tremendous penalty.

Heb. 10:26 (AMP. BIBLE)

Heb 10:26 For if we go on deliberately and willingly sinning after once acquiring the knowledge of the Truth, there is no longer any sacrifice left to atone for {our} sins - no further offering to which to look forward.

They are not talking about things that your old flesh gets into when it gets out of hand. Paul said, "That's just sin that remaineth in my flesh. No good thing dwelleth in our flesh" (**Rom. 7:17-18**). No matter who we are, it is still corrupt. The blood has brought me out from under condemnation (**Rom 8:1-2**), and brought me into Jesus Christ. It has brought me into an absolute forgiven state, justified by the blood of Jesus, sanctified, washed clean (**I Cor. 6:11**). I am a new creature (**II Cor. 5:17**). I have never, ever been before. I am not recycled. I am not a recycled being. I am a **NEW CREATURE** in Christ, a creature that was not born of sin, or of the world of sin, but born in the **NEW KINGDOM** - the **KINGDOM OF GOD**. We should be truly thankful for that.

John the Baptist, as great as God said he was through Jesus Christ, was not as great as the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. He was a man that came preaching righteousness, a man that came preaching repentance and the Kingdom of God, yet was not in the Kingdom of God. He said, "None greater than John the Baptist was born among women, yet I say unto you that he that is least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he" (**Luke 7:28**).

Until the blood of Jesus was shed, there was no entrance into that Kingdom of heaven, even though the Jews had the kingdom. Even though the Jews had the ability to claim the right to the Kingdom of God, it was taken from them (**Matt. 21:43**), because Jesus Christ had to become the door back into the presence of God. So without the

shedding of blood, there is no remission of sin (**Heb. 9:22**), but once that blood was shed, it ended the powers of sin over mankind.

We have a hard time with it. I am free from sin. I reckon myself dead to sin, but alive unto God (**Romans 6:11**). The reason I can say that today is because the end of the world had come. The end of the sinful world that had power over men had come. There was a new power that had been brought in through the blood of Jesus called the Holy Ghost of God. Instead of us dwelling in a sin conscious state, we can dwell in a Christ conscious state.

When that blood was shed, it became the end of the world. For you to live in sin means you're living in death. It means you're dwelling in death (**James 1:12-15**). It means you are constantly **IN** death. That's why the world cannot understand what you're rejoicing in. When the sentence was passed here, when the world was judged here, when the blood of Jesus Christ came here, all were reconciled to God through the blood (**Romans 5:10**) but those outside of that blood were in death. They were dead in their sins and in their trespasses (**Eph 2:1**).

We are laying ground-work here, so we will cover all of these scriptures we are talking about in detail. But I want you to realize something: if you are still in a carnal realm, if you're in a death world realm, you cannot understand what I am saying to you. It's impossible to you (**I Cor. 2:14; Romans 8:6-8**). When you teach the word of God, it goes to the spirit man, not to the carnal man. We've had too much bible teaching that has just appealed to the natural, carnal mind. What we need is that heart knowledge, the kind of knowledge that will cause you to realize that sentence was passed on sin and it ended.

The power of sin ended, and for a man to live in that, my friend, means he has to transgress the very power that redeemed him. That's why Paul said in **I Cor. 9:27** "I'm going to bring this body and keep it under subjection. I'm going to put that thing down. I'm not going back in there under the law. I'm not going back in there to try to make myself look religious. I'm going to accept the finished work of **Jesus Christ**. I can add nothing to that. I am redeemed totally upon the work and the merit of that which **HE** has done through the blood that **He** shed." Amen!

So when you see here in Heb. 9:26 where it says "...once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself," sin is ended.

I'd like you to go to **Genesis 22**. Abraham had his only son, Isaac, and was commanded of God to make him a sacrifice or an offering. That's a lot harder than it sounds, I'm sure, but too many times we think, "Well, Abraham, it was easy for him." **NO!** That was the dearest thing he had to his heart.

It wasn't easy for God to give Jesus Christ either. I don't care what anybody says, it was not easy for God to make His mind and His heart settle on the fact that His Son would become a sin offering. But not only would He become a sin offering,

He would become literal sin. A man who knew no sin would become sin in the end of a sinful world and generation.

In **Genesis 22:7-8** the young man was looking around for an offering. They had the wood, they had the knife (the sacrifice tool), but there wasn't any offering. This young man was looking around, and asked his father:

Gen 22:7 And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My Father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold, the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?

Isn't it amazing how he knew it was going to be a lamb? They didn't carry one up there. They didn't bring a lamb with them, but yet in Isaac's heart, he knew it was a lamb that God wanted.

Gen 22:8 And Abraham said, My son, God will provide HIMSELF a lamb for a burnt offering.

When Jesus died on the cross, it was God's lamb, it was God's sacrifice. No longer was man able to bring a sacrifice to God that was going to please Him. That's why it is going to be so terrible in the day of judgment for a man that has trampled underfoot the blood of Jesus Christ, and counted that blood wherewith they were redeemed of no value (**Heb. 10:29**).

Heb 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

When that blood came out, when that precious blood came out, friends, I want to tell you first of all, it was for the soul. The soul that sinned, it died, and the soul was born dead in every man from then on. **God said, "That blood will enter into the eternal heavens and it will cleanse the SOUL of man and make the SOUL alive."** The **REAL** you, the **REAL** man, the **NEW** creature, the **SPIRIT** man, the **SOUL**, will be **PURGED** and made clean and will be made alive. Hallelujah!

In **Galatians the second chapter**, when Peter went down to speak on the things of God, he found some Jews down there, so he tried to bring the Gentiles under the Jewish law because he was afraid of them. No wonder Paul stood up and rebuked him. No wonder Paul withstood him face to face in front of the congregation and said, "We could not even live under the law. There was no righteousness under that law itself, and what are you trying to do to bring these people back under a law that could not save them." Paul said later on to the Galatian church in **Gal. 3:1-3**: "You foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that you have begun in the Spirit, to think that you shall be made perfect in the flesh."

OUR PERFECTION IS IN THE SPIRIT. THE WORK OF GOD IS IN THE SPIRIT.

The work of Jesus Christ first of all principally was a Spirit work, but it had to be a physical lamb that had life in it, without spot, without blemish, without wrinkle, and that was Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen!

It is strange how Isaac would ask a question, "Where's the lamb? Where is the lamb?" Abraham said, "God will provide a lamb. God will provide **HIMSELF**," and He did, didn't He. **God actually provided Himself on the cross of Calvary. The Creator died for His creation.**

I don't think we understand the blood of Jesus Christ. We would never feel sorry for ourselves again if we really understood the power and the work of that precious blood of Jesus Christ. The thing about it is, the blood of Jesus is eternal. Anything eternal does not diminish in power. It is just as powerful today as it was when it was first offered. The power of Christ is just as eternal now and just as powerful now as it was then. It hasn't lost one ounce of its power. It will still cleanse any man that will avail himself of that blood.

So he said in **Hebrews 9:26**: **"...once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself."** No wonder Paul said in **Gal. 4:9** "Don't desire again to come back under the weak and beggarly elements of this world They are all dead."

I Cor. 6:19 says that our body is the temple of the Holy Ghost. People should be able to look at you and see every action of your life and say, "That's what Jesus is like." They ought to look at your body and see the temple of the Holy Ghost. They ought to hear the words of your mouth and know what Jesus is thinking, know what God is saying. You want to manifest Christ? You're going to do it first of all in **His wisdom, His understanding, His knowledge**. You're going to have a body that is able to present Christ to the world. **Everything we do should be that we can give glory to God for it.** Amen! He hath appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. He's not going to take any more sacrifices. That was the end of it.

Hebrews 9:27-28

Heb 9:27 And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment:

Heb 9:28 So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for him shall he appear the second time without sin unto salvation.

I'm not afraid of death anymore when I read this scripture. Heb. 2:9 says that He tasted death once for all men. He took all mens judgments that were judged against mankind and He said, "I'm going to die for them. I'm going to be separated from the Father for them."

It's no wonder that when Jesus talked to Martha and she was worried about Lazarus (he was dead), Jesus said, "He'll rise again" (**John 11:23**). "Oh, yeah, sure, in the last day," and the **LAST DAY** was standing there. The **END OF THE AGE** was standing there. I am no longer in holy days, and months, and seasons, and sabbaths. I am born of the Spirit of God. I'm eternal (and so are you), an eternal creature. We should begin to think in eternal terms. We're wearing a temporal house; it will fall off, but that is not death. Death is separation from God. I will never have to know it.

Let's look at John 11:23-26, 40

John 11:23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again.

John 11:24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection at the last day.

John 11:25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live:

John 11:26 And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?

John 11:40 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?

Up until the time Jesus came, men knew separation from God. They went to the bosom of Abraham and waited for the coming of the Lord (**Luke 16:19-31**). Isn't that something? But now when we depart from this fleshly body, we go from absent from the body to be present with the Lord (**II Cor. 5:8**). There is no such thing as separation now, because Jesus bridged that gulf. Hallelujah!

The blood spanned it, the blood covered it, the blood defeated death, and He put away the appointment that every one of us had. The appointment that everyone had to appear and to be sentenced and to die, has been disannulled today. Praise God!

If I lay this physical body down, it's not going to be death. It will be the greatest liberty I've ever known. It will be the greatest freedom I've ever known. It will be the greatest escape that's ever been performed, greater than anything Houdini could do.

He is trying to show us what the work of that blood has done. No one around the world who has accepted Christ as his Lord and Saviour would ever have to know

separation from God. We'll never have to cry the cry that Jesus did. We'll never have to know the agony of that moment when **He said, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me" (Matt. 27:46; Mark 15:34).**

It doesn't seem like much to us because it's words written, but I'm going to tell you something: He had never known a moment of being separated from the presence of God the Father. He had never known sin that separated Him from the Father.

HE ALWAYS WALKED WITH GOD AND THE FATHER DWELLED IN HIM AND HE DWELLED IN THE FATHER.

The works He did, He did by the Father. Then here came an agonizing cry from the cross, "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?" Saints, for a moment of time God was separated from Jesus Christ, but I'll never have to say that. When I leave this body, I can say, "Father, Father, I love you. Hallelujah! Here I come."

He took our judgment. The blood that He shed that day forgave us of our sin, and ended that judgment that was against us. It ended a judgment that was righteously against us because of sin. We were appointed one day to die, to be separated from God, and then after that the judgment. But now God has brought it into a new realm. I'm walking in God's judgments every day, for the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether (**Ps. 19:9**). The blood of Christ has canceled a debt I owed, and I will never have to say, "Father, Father, why hast thou forsaken me." I'll never have to know that.

Heb. 9:28: "So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation."

That's not His literal coming. He appeared the first time to take away sin. Now when a person looks for Him and receives Jesus Christ as his personal Saviour, then he comes to Him without sin, without sin unto salvation. When they first saw Him, He became sin. When they first saw Him, He was murdered. He was killed. He gave His life and shed the precious blood that He bore in His veins for the remission of sin (**Heb. 9:22**). When I looked for Him, I didn't look for a man on the cross. I didn't look for one that was dead. I looked for one that had triumphed over sin, and He appeared unto me without sin unto salvation.

I want to tell you, it's a **now** thing that God is doing. He is coming, hallelujah! He is coming with all the angels, all the saints that are left. He is coming to set up a literal kingdom that will be made manifest upon the earth. But I'm saying to you today, He has appeared unto me already without sin **UNTO** salvation.

I get to thinking about the work He has done for me. He didn't do it for Himself; He did it for me. He didn't take the blood of others, but He took His own blood. What a

great work! You see, there was a judgment after death and He went and took that judgment.

I like to read the word of God, because the word of God will show you that it wasn't a work that was just easily done or accomplished. From the garden to the cross there was a battle.

Let's go to Colossians 1:19-20

Col 1:19 For it pleased the Father that in him should all fulness dwell;

Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

There was no other peace made, was there? There was no other way to make peace. All the laws that God gave could not make peace. All the commandments God gave could not make peace, because man was a sinner by nature. There was no new birth, there was no regeneration. There was no way that man could walk in oneness with God. There was no way that man could walk in the absolute completeness of God that you and I have today.

Through the cross, it became the **POWER** of God. The preaching of the cross is the power of God to them that believe unto salvation (**Romans 1:16**). It is foolishness to them that perish but to us that believe, it is the power of God (**1 Cor. 1:18**).

So without the blood of Jesus, religion doesn't have a chance. There are many religions, but any religion that denies the blood of Jesus Christ is just a religion. There is only one true and undefiled religion before God, and that is the one which Jesus Christ brought into effect Himself.

Col 1:20: "And, having made peace..."

He's already done it. I don't have to make brownie points to have peace with God.

Col 1:20 "And having made peace (it was an article He had to make) through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven."

Talk about the power of that blood. It took care of heaven and earth, didn't it. It took care of every saint that had already departed. It took care of every one that would ever come.

The power of that blood reached from the beginning of creation to the end of it. The power of that blood was already predestinated before the foundation of the world. It was already, in the heart of the Father, applied. Now all that had to be done was to be manifested, and when that blood was manifested, He cleansed, and purged, and reconciled things in heaven and earth. He took care of all that had already departed, and all that would come. You talk about a past, present, and future God; He is all of it. He is that one which WAS, and which IS, and which IS TO COME. He is omnipresent.

Rev 1:8 I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.

God is trying to teach us something: that we can begin to walk at peace with God where men could not walk at peace with God. But we can never do it if we deny the one thing that brought that peace: the cross of Christ, the death of Christ. In His death, when that blood was shed, it was finished (**John 19:30**). There was nothing to add to it. The resurrection only proved Him to be the Son of God. **Read John 20th chapter.** There were many men that died on the cross, but only one of them raised. Only one of them raised without sin. Only one of them was righteous enough and pure enough in God to go down the corridors of death, and hell, and the grave, and call out His people and have them purged from all their sins, and cleansed as white as snow.

You see, even those that believed in God, when they died before Jesus Christ, could not come into the presence of the Lord. They went into Abraham's bosom and waited there for that great event, that day when the cross would be stood up on the hill of Golgotha. Jesus would be battered, and beaten, and torn, and the blood would be shed from Him, running out of every portion of His body until men would literally despise the very looks of His appearance (**Isaiah 53:1-12**).

But oh, thank God, when He shouted! Thank God, when that blood was shed! Thank God, friend of mine, all that waited on Him, from Job and the rest of them, said, "**I shall be satisfied when I awake with Thy likeness**"(**Psalm 17:15**).

Let's go to Job 19:25-27

Job 19: 25 For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:

Job 19:26 And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God:

Job 19:27 Whom I shall see for myself, and mine eyes shall behold, and not another; though my reins be consumed within me."

Sin had reigned over the world. Because of one man's sin, death entered into the world. BUT BY ONE MAN, BY THE MAN JESUS CHRIST, LIFE ENTERED. Glory to God!

God is simply saying to my heart not to despise ever the work of the cross. Why? Because it was the point upon which hinged all the works of God. The redemption of man was on that cross. The purging of consciences was on that cross. The reconciliation of God and man was on that cross. It was the power point between heaven and earth.

Thank God for Jesus Christ. Thank God for a man that was willing to lay His life down, and when that blood was brought out of that body and gathered up and taken back to the Father, there was nothing else to do but rejoice and be thankful. The work was done. He is not on the cross anymore. He is not in the tomb. **HE IS RISEN!** He lives in heaven right now, and sitteth on the right hand of God and makes intercession for us (**Romans 8:34**). If we have a Christ-like nature, we're going to make intercession for others, aren't we. We're going to desire to have intercessory lives that are given over to the things of God.

Let's go to Colossians 1:20-23

Col 1:20 And having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things unto Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

Col 1:21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind...

You see, all the sacrifices men could do could not purge the conscience. All the works that men could do could never purge the conscience. But here He says that's where you were alienated. In your minds, in your very soul nature, you were alienated from God, and no amount of sacrifices could ever purge the conscience.

Col 1:21 ...and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath He reconciled.

In that cross, every man's sins were paid for. EVERY MAN! Yet there will be many that will go directly to hell, because they will look at the cross and despise it. They will look at the blood and reject it, and they will go of their own free choice into the pit. The devil could not drag them down there. God would not desire to send any man there. Man will go there because he himself rejected the finished work of Jesus Christ.

Isn't it something that His blood was shed for the sin of the world. Every man of the world is saved. If a man rejects it he's going to have to go across the blood line of

Jesus Christ and say, "I don't want it. I will not accept it. I reject totally all the work that Jesus Christ did."

Col 1:22 In the body of His flesh through death (that's how He did it),
to present you holy and unblamable and unproveable in His sight:

Col 1:23 If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven; whereof I Paul am made a minister."

"What kind of work do I have to do Lord, to have salvation imparted to me?" "To believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. To believe on the finished work of Calvary "**(John 3:16-17)**. Isn't it funny how we always try to tack something on **AFTER** the cross that will make us saved. No! Salvation comes through the blood of Jesus and a man believing in that and accepting that, and believing in his heart that God raised up Christ Jesus from the dead, and confessing with his mouth unto salvation **(Romans 10:9-10)**.

Isn't that great!

The beginning of growing starts with the cross. I have news for you: all of the sin had to remain on the other side of the cross. Now, if you will begin to walk with the Lord, you'll find out that there is a wall now that separates you from sin, and the farther you walk away from that wall, there's not nearly as much temptation to fall back in it. When you walk on now, from the place that Jesus purchased your redemption, and begin to let that blood continually work in your life, you will come to the place where sin appears exceedingly sinful **(Romans 7:13)**. You will want to bring the body under subjection **(I Cor. 9:27)**. I don't care who it is. Any of us. The blood of Jesus has an effectual working in our lives to make us the temple of the Holy Ghost **(I Cor. 6:19)**. Amen!

Let's go to Colossians 2:9-19. We're talking about the blood of Jesus, friends.

Col 2: 9 For in Him dwelleth all the fulness of the Godhead bodily.

We stop there but He doesn't.

Col 2:10 And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principality and power:

Now if you're complete in Him, and He's the head of all principality and power, then it means you have principality and power in your life.

Col 2:11 In whom also ye are circumcised with the circumcision made without hands, in the putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ.

That is why I tell everybody that I preach to that there are two of you. You've got to put one of them away. You have to put that old body of sin away. There's been a circumcision made. When that blood of Jesus Christ left that body, it did a circumcising work. It cut off the old man, but I have to take him off. Paul writes later on in the third chapter, **(Col.3:9-10)** I have to take him off. I have to acknowledge that he is dead. He has no more power over me. That was the end of his world.

Col 2:11 In whom also you are circumcised (or cut off; circumcision means to have something cut off) ***with the circumcision made without hands, in putting off the body of the sins of the flesh by the circumcision of Christ:***

Col 2:12 Buried with Him in baptism, wherein also ye are risen with Him through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised Him from the dead.

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath He quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.

For me to live to the flesh, the dead man, is ignorance. It means I'm living to dead lusts. It means I'm living to fulfilled death. But if I've simply put him off, and begin to live to the new man, I'm going to be renewed daily. I'm going to begin to grow. If the inward man is the one that's being fed, and I recognize him as being the one that's alive today, then I'm going to concentrate on eternal things. He is going to grow into the stature and the fulness of the Son of God **(Eph. 4:13)**, but I must first of all recognize that in my flesh there dwelleth no good thing **(Romans 7:18)**.

You say, "Well, now Brother Krider, I looked in the mirror this morning; I looked pretty good." Look at a picture you took about twenty-five years ago, and see how good you are looking today. You don't think it's deteriorating? Oh how we deceive ourselves sometimes. How we try to deceive ourselves and say, "Lord, reverse the process." No! God said it still is an unrighteous, unholy thing, because of the birth of it. It was born of flesh, it was born in corruption, it was shaped in corruption, and it'll be corrupt until God changes it. You might as well get excited about it.

When you get in the right perspective, it makes it a lot more fun being a Christian. When you find out that the only guy you have a problem with is yourself, the only one that can give you any kind of a problem is **YOU**, you're going to say, "Hey, praise God, I thank God that the blood circumcised me. The death circumcised me, and the resurrection made the full circle, and cut the old man away." It's written right here. I'm not preaching something new. I'm teaching you the word of God.

Col 2:13 And you, being dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, hath he quickened together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses.

You see, as long as you live to the flesh, you shall of the flesh reap corruption (**Gal. 6:8**). You can't change it. That's God's word. Here He said that before Jesus Christ, every man lived to the flesh, and they died in it. When they died, their soul was separated and sent over to another place. But Jesus Christ brought a circumcision that freed me from the power of the flesh, freed me from the old man. He freed me from the lusts of that flesh and brought me into a likeness of Him. And then inside of each one of us is a Christ-like nature, a person like the Lord. Praise God!

Col 2:14 Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to His cross.

No matter how good you were in the flesh, you were still a sinner. You were still separated from God.

Col 2:15 And having spoiled principalities and powers, he made a shew of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

Col 2:16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat,, or in drink, or in respect of a holy-day, or of the new moon, or of the sabbath days:

Col 2:17 Which are a shadow of things to come; but the body IS OF CHRIST.

He said, "Don't try to get religious like Peter did by going back to the law and trying to bring people under the law." There's always a group of people running around, especially then, that would say you had to have a circumcision of the flesh. The flesh profiteth nothing (**John 6:63**).

That new creature came into manifestation through the blood of Jesus, and was brought in and planted in the hearts of believers. For me to keep a certain day, or a certain time, or a certain season, is vain. I am now an eternal person. I am now one that has passed from death unto life, according to God's word, (**I John 3:14**), not according to man's doctrine. I've already **PASSED** from it. I was separated and alienated from God. I was already cut off. But when Jesus came, He restored me. Praise the Lord! I've got news for you: He didn't restore the flesh. He made a healing for it. He made a provision for it to be taken care of but I can hardly wait to get out of it.

Isn't it funny how we go to a certain point, and then all of a sudden we want to go somewhere else. Your flesh is rotten. Look at it. If you don't think it's rotten, quit fellowshiping for about three weeks. Get out of the word of God for awhile. I'm going

to tell you something, you'll get mad just like that. You'll get angry just like you always got angry. You'll holler just like you always hollered.

Be careful because you can get yourself righteous in this thing. God hates self-righteousness. (**Romans 3:10; Isaiah 64:6**). My body is the temple of the Holy Ghost (**I Cor. 6:19**), but friend, I've got news for you: it has to be changed. No flesh shall glory in the presence of the Lord (**I Cor. 1:29**). You may give it a bath six times a day, but God isn't communicating with your flesh, I don't care what anybody tells you.

GOD IS TALKING TO YOUR SPIRIT, FOR GOD IS A SPIRIT. He hasn't changed His rules. They that worship Him must worship Him in Spirit and in truth (John 4:24).

He's saying, "I have given you a **SECRET** that the world doesn't know. I have given you power through my blood to lay down the old man which has been crucified already with Him."

Col 2:18 Let no man beguile you of your reward in a voluntary humility and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which he hath not seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind.

Col 2:19 And not holding the Head...

Not putting the right emphasis where it belongs. Jesus Christ receives **ALL** the glory. Jesus Christ receives **ALL** the glory, not any man. **JESUS CHRIST RECEIVES ALL THE GLORY**. When we start puffing up men, we're puffed up. When we start building up men, we have failed to recognize what Paul simply stated to the Corinthian Church. He said, "Who is Paul? Who is Apollos?" (**I Cor. 3:5**). He said, "They are men by whom the gift of God was given to you."

Isn't it amazing when John fell down to worship an angel (**Rev. 22:8-9**), the angel said, "See that you do it not, for I am of thy brethren, the prophets." We're trying to give glory to men continually, and the first man we give glory to is **OURSELF**.

There's nothing you can do today, friends, to earn what God has done. **"If you sow to the flesh, you shall of the flesh reap corruption, but if you sow to the Spirit, you will of the Spirit reap life everlasting" (Gal. 6:8)**. It's that simple.

The blood has brought a power of choice that we did not have. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is Liberty (**II Cor. 3:17**). The word "**liberty**" means "**the power of choice or freedom**". I serve the Lord today because I love Him, not because I'm a robot.

I had a man tell me one time, "Brother Krider, I want to give you a vacation." I said, "That sounds good. When do you want to give it to me?" When he told me, it conflicted with a date of a meeting I had. I said, "I can't do it." He said, "But you need a

rest." I said, "No! My Father has told me to be over there. If I go on vacation, I've made the wrong choice." I can go, God will let me go, but I've made the wrong choice, and it will not please God.

So here the Lord is saying that blood when it was applied, did a lot more than we know. It did a lot more than we ever hear about. That blood put a partition between flesh and God completely, absolutely. Cut it off. Jesus did everything He did for you in a flesh body. He purchased your healing in a flesh body. He made provision for the flesh man as long as you need Him, but His emphasis was not on the flesh man. It was on the work that He was doing for the souls that were dead that had already sinned, and for those that would sin against God, so that they could be reconciled unto Him. It's easy. It's beautiful! I like it! The work of that precious blood has given me power now to put the old man away.

Let's go to Col. 3:1-5

Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ...

And certainly none of your flesh men are risen with Christ. My spirit man is; the new man is. The one that was dead in sins and trespasses has now been risen with Him. I acknowledge that. But the way I acknowledge it is this:

Col 3:1 If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Now remember, He took the blood and He ascended into heaven, and there the Father accepted that blood. He sat down on the right hand of the Father and became our High Priest, and He liveth ever to make intercession for me (**Eph. 1:20; Heb. 8:1; Heb. 7:25**). If I truly believe that (and when I say believe, it means trust in the Lord with all my heart), I'm going to begin to seek those things that are from heaven, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God.

Col 3:2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth.

Col. 3:3 For ye are dead, (that's all you can say to your flesh body) and your life is hid with Christ in God.

MY REAL LIFE IS IN GOD. IT'S IN CHRIST. MY REAL LIFE IS IN HIM.

Col 3:4 when Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with Him in glory.

Col 3:5 Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry:

Nobody knows what I'm really like and neither do you. I don't even really know. But I know one day, I will be like Him, for I will see Him as He is.

That's what He says in I John 3:1-2

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.

I Cor. 1:29 No flesh shall glory in the presence of the Lord

He goes on and tells you to get rid of the things of the earthly body, because it's already dead. Do not let it have preeminence over you. That means me or anyone else. If I'm going to argue with the word of God, then I'm in trouble and will never receive the benefits of God, or the blessings. But if I believe it like it's written, I'll just rejoice in it. How many know that to be true?

Isn't it wonderful, that power of the blood. Do you realize that God has looked upon you through the blood of Jesus, not on the good works of your flesh. Do you realize today, that the power of that precious blood is what God sees you through right now. He sees you as a son of God, and not as a weak, failing, vessel. Not as a weak-kneed outfit. That's what I tell people. I don't care if you're two hundred years old, or you're five years old, or if you're male or female; it doesn't make one bit of difference to God. **He is looking at that one inside of you. He does not judge after the flesh or the seeing of the eye, or the hearing of the ear. He judges according to the heart (I Samuel 16:7).**

No matter how religious I became, before I accepted the blood of Christ, it was all vanity, and it was all in vain. That's why I tell people, "What do you want to go to church for if you're not saved." You say, "wait a minute! That's backwards." No! It's a millstone around their necks. You ought to get saved, and then you'll want to go to church. You've got it backwards. People are trying to go to church to get saved, when all they need to do is realize the blood of Jesus will meet them wherever they are. That work of God can be in a front-room, it can be in a bath-room, it can be in a bedroom, it can be on the highways, it can be anywhere. Don't you realize that you have the power to introduce people to Jesus Christ through that blood today, for He has made you priests. The only ones that have the right today, to handle the salvation of God, are the priests.

Let's go to Genesis 9:4

We are laying a little foundation we're going to build on. He told what they could eat, what they could have, and then in the 4th verse, He said:

Gen 9:4 But flesh with the LIFE thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat.

Please go to Deut. 12:23

God doesn't change His mind. I'm not talking about physical eating now. I'm talking about spiritual eating.

Deut 12:23 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.

Now let's go to Leviticus 17:11-14

Lev 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.

ATONEMENT = Conc. #3722. kaphar, kaw-far'; a prim. root; to cover (spec. with bitumen); fig. to expiate or condone, to placate or cancel:--appease, make (an) atonement, cleanse, disannul, forgive, be merciful, pacify, pardon, to pitch, purge (away), put off, (make) reconcile (-liation).

An atonement was a covering but Jesus did something more than cover it. He blotted it out. Covering means it's still there so when the blood was made for an atonement in the old priesthood, the sin remained. It was still there, but when Jesus Christ shed His blood, it blotted sin out.

Isa 43:25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

Heb 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

Heb 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Heb 10:18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

You were justified just as if you'd never sinned. Amen! Isn't that great! So when the enemy tries to dig something up on you, he's having to work on your imagination

and your memory, because God doesn't remember it. That's why your conscience should be purged today from dead works, from old past sins, and everything else.

Heb 9:14 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?

LET GOD PURGE YOUR CONSCIENCE.

Lev 17:11...for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.

Lev 17:12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood.

Lev 17:13 And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among you, which hunteth and catcheth any beast or fowl that may be eaten; he shall even pour out the blood thereof, and cover it with dust.

Lev 17:14 For it is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh: for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.

Yet Jesus said in John 6:53-57

John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you.

John 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

John 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

John 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

If you look at the little words that appear in these verses in Gen, Deut, and Lev. you'll find out that there's a word called the **LIFE**. In Leviticus He opens it up and He said the life is **IN** the blood. You see, the blood is the carrier of life. There are people that have heart attacks and the blood is still in the veins but the life is gone. **LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD. THERE IS NO LIFE OUTSIDE OF THE BLOOD.** If it was possible to

create a human being there wouldn't be any life in him unless you give him some sort of blood to carry it through that system. The blood was the carrier. The life was **IN** the blood.

The new testament is **IN** the blood. The Lord is trying to show us something very simple and very clear. **What came out of Jesus was His LIFE.** His life that was **IN** that blood that day. People saw a death, didn't they? They saw a cross and a dead man. The Spirit saw **LIFE** come out of that body. All of hell saw **LIFE** come out of that body. All the powers of darkness saw **LIFE** come out of that body. Every demonic force, and every infirmity of hell, saw **LIFE** come out of that body.

**The angelic hosts of heaven did not weep over that dead body. They rejoiced!
The work was finished! Hallelujah!**

The blood, the **LIFE** that was in that blood, came out. Every time a drop would go to the ground, it was **LIFE**. It was **LIFE** to the captive; it was death to sin. Every drop that came out was healing, and death to the infirmity.

You see, in that blood there was life, and when He gave up His life, when He laid it down, He was giving you life. He was giving you a transfusion. He was giving you an infusion. Fusing you together, your soul being fused to His. Your spirit being fused to His Spirit. When that blood, the life that was in that blood, began to pour out of Him, He was infusing you together. Not at the resurrection, but He did it through the blood that was shed. That life began to leap from Him through that blood, and it began to leap into heaven right into the souls of men in paradise, in the souls of men that would be born after Christ.

HALLELUJAH! THE BLOOD OF JESUS HATH CLEANSED US FROM ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS (I JOHN 1:9).

I don't know how you can preach without the blood. I don't know how we can even think of salvation without the blood. I don't know how you can think about power without the blood. You can make a body, but if you take the blood out of it, it has no power in it because there's no life in it. And for a person to receive the Holy Ghost of God in their life, they must first of all have the blood of Christ applied to their life. There must be that power of the cross of God infused into them, and they come alive, and then they can take the power of the Holy Spirit into that being.

THERE MUST BE THE POWER OF GOD. AMEN!

BLOOD COVENANT

CHAPTER 2

IN THIS CHAPTER I WANT TO SHOW THE IMPORTANCE OF JESUS CHRIST TO US; THAT NONE OF THIS WORK COULD EVER HAVE BEEN ACCOMPLISHED BY MEN AND BY RELIGION. IT HAD TO BE DONE BY THE VERY SON OF GOD WHO COULD BE BLAMELESS, WITHOUT SPOT, AND WITHOUT BLEMISH.

Let's look at Exodus 12:1-14

Exo 12:1 And the Lord spake unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying,

Exo 12:2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months...

Until the blood is applied to a man's life, there is no beginning. You can tell people to do certain things, to act certain ways, but until the blood of the covenant of Jesus Christ has been applied to a man there is no beginning. He is still in the end of the world. He is still in the death sentence. But when that blood comes, it is the beginning. **IT IS THE BEGINNING.**

Exo 12:2 This month shall be unto you the beginning of months: it shall be the first month of the year to you.

It will be the beginning.

Exo 12:3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, In the tenth day of this month they shall take to them every man a lamb, according to the house of their fathers, a lamb for an house:

Exo 12:4 And if the household be too little for the lamb, let him and his neighbor next unto his house take it according to the number of the souls; every man according to his eating shall make your count for the lamb.

Exp 12:5 Your lamb shall be without blemish, a male of the first year; ye shall take it out from the sheep, or from the goats:

Exp 12:6 And ye shall keep it up until the fourteenth day of the same month: and the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it in the evening.

Exp 12:7 And they shall take of the blood, and strike it on the two side posts and on the upper door post of the houses, wherein they shall eat.

It thoroughly covers the entrance, doesn't it.

Exo 12:8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roast with fire, and unleavened bread; and with bitter herbs they shall eat it.

Exo 12:9 Eat not of it raw, nor sodden at all with water, but roast with fire; his head with his legs, and with the purtenance thereof.

Exo 12:10 And ye shall let nothing of it remain until the morning; and that which remaineth of it until the morning ye shall burn with fire.

Exo 12:11 And thus shall ye eat it; with your loins girded, your shoes on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it in haste: it is the LORD'S PASSOVER.

It is not man's passover; it is not man's work. **It is the Lord's Passover.**

Exo 12:12 For I, ...

Underline or circle the word "I". I want to clarify some things on the precious blood of Jesus.

Exo 12:12 For I will pass through the land of Egypt this night, and will smite all the first-born in the land of Egypt, both man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgment: I am the Lord.

The Lord said, "I'm going to pass over." It is God that makes the choices, not a death angel or any kind of an angel. When the blood is applied to your life, there is no unclean thing that can really attach itself to you. It can lie to your mind, it can oppress you, it can cause all kinds of things, but when you walk in that blood covenant with Jesus Christ, **YOU ARE CLEANSED FROM ALL SIN.** He said "It is **MY** Passover." We've preached death angels. God called him the destroyer. He said, "I will not suffer the destroyer to touch any of yours where that blood is" (**Exo. 12:23**).

Exodus 12:12 ...I AM THE LORD,

Exo 12:13 And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where you 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.

Talk about a covenant of power. All they had to have was the blood of a lamb. Don't you realize something: all you really have to have today to have salvation in your heart, to be separate from the world, is to have the blood of the lamb, to walk in the way that you know to walk. **THAT BLOOD HAS POWER.** It separated them from the plague. It separated them from the curse that would come upon Egypt. I'll tell you, there is power in that blood. There is **POWER** in that blood.

Exo 12:13 ...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.

Exo 12:14 And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ye shall keep it a feast to the Lord throughout your generations; ye shall keep it a feast by an ordinance forever.

Then He goes on to talk about how to do it. But it was something they had to keep in remembrance.

A little later on we're going to teach on the true meaning of the covenant of what we call today "the breaking of the bread and the drinking of the wine." But you see, here is the true shadow of that which was to come. **If the power of a mortal lamb such as they had there, was able to do the work it did, how much more is the power of that endless life, that eternal blood of Jesus, put upon the lintels on your heart.** I want to tell you something: the enemy is afraid of the blood. It has drawn a line that he cannot come across. It has served notice on him, that the destroyer cannot come to your house. Praise God! That's why **Psalms 91:7-8 says, "A thousand shall fall at thy side, and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee. Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold and see the reward of the wicked. "**

JESUS' BLOOD HAS POWER. AMEN!

Let's go to Exodus 12:21-22

Exo 12:21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, Draw out and take you a lamb according to your families, and kill the passover.

Exo 12:22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip it in the blood that is in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two side posts with the blood that is in the basin; and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning.

All of us were in darkness until Jesus Christ came. Now He is the day star (II Pet. 1:19); He's the bright and morning star (Rev. 2:28; 22:16). HE IS EVERYTHING!

Here He is saying "I don't want you to go out in your own strength. I don't want you to go out until the full work of the blood has been done."

People get in trouble by joining churches and becoming religious and going out, and then they supposedly backslide. Most of them never had the blood of Jesus applied to their lives. When they go out, they go out in their own strength, and they still walk in darkness even though they can quote scripture, and they're overcome by the power of darkness. A man that waits on the Lord and allows the washing of that blood to be the only atonement for his sin, the only blotting out of his transgression, when that is done, a man can go out in the LIGHT and walk in the power of God. You don't hear much preaching on the blood anymore, do you.

Exodus 12:22-23, "...and none of you shall go out at the door of his house until the morning. For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians..."

When God comes among you in a mighty way, it's not to spite the believer. It's always to destroy those things that oppress you. When you go through a fiery furnace, it's not to kill you; it's to burn off the dross that's collected on you. When you go into the lions den, it's not for the lions to eat you; but it's in turn to eat those that have come against you.

Do you know what happened to every one of those that had caused Daniel to be thrown into the lions den? They and their families were all thrown in and eaten alive. Before they ever hit the ground, they were torn asunder (**Dan 6:24**). You ought to thank God for the fiery furnace. Thank God for the lions den. He's removing things out of your life, so He can bring you to a place of that blood covenant where the blessings of God can be seen upon you. The glory of the Lord can be seen upon you. The light of God can be seen upon you (**Isa. 60:1-3**). Praise the Lord!

Exo 12:23 For the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians: and when He seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you.

I wish we could get this into our hearts. We walk around afraid somebody's going to do something to us. If the blood of a lamb, slain, could protect the house from death and the destroyer, how much more the eternal blood of The Lamb of God that liveth forever, will protect you from **EVERYTHING** that would come against you. It will protect your spirit, your soul, and your body. It will take care of whatever you put your hand to and it shall prosper.

Here the Lord is saying, "If the blood of that lamb, in obedience sprinkling it over the door and the lintel posts, would cause Me to acknowledge My covenant with you, how much more shall that eternal blood of the **ETERNAL LAMB** cause Me to recognize that covenant that I established with you." The destroyer won't even be **ALLOWED** in your property. The destroyer won't even be **ALLOWED** in this vessel. When the fire comes, it's not to destroy you but it's to strengthen you. When the lions den comes, it's not to destroy you but to strengthen you. How much stronger do you think those three Hebrew children were when they got in that fiery furnace with Jesus? (**Daniel chapter 3**). How much stronger were they when they came out?

How much stronger should we be when we're tried and tested, when our faith is put to the challenge? We ought to remember the covenant of the blood. **WE OUGHT TO REMEMBER THE COVENANT OF THE BLOOD.** We ought to teach our generations the power of the blood. We ought to teach all men that ask, the power of the blood, **THE COVENANT.** If a physical lamb, a little lamb, could do that kind of work, how much more the **ETERNAL LAMB**, by the shedding of His eternal blood, cleanses us from all sin.

Somebody said, "Brother Krider, I'm afraid that I'm going to die." I'm not afraid I'm going to die. "Well, I'm afraid I'm going to lose everything." I'm not afraid I'm going to lose anything. I've got a covenant written in blood, signed in the name of Jesus, that all of these things shall happen to me: they shall work together for my good (**Romans 8:28**) no matter what's happening. The end of that thing will be greater than the beginning (**Deut. 28:2**). Amen!

God is showing us that if the blood of a little lamb taken out of a flock, could do this kind of work, we ought to start having more confidence in the work that was done in His blood. The enemy stands over there and starts yelling at you, "Prove yourself to be the son of God. Do this and do that." No! That pipsqueak was wiped out in hell. Praise God! After this study, you're going to be different people, not because of some man, but because the Lord Jesus Christ, by His Spirit is making known these things to you.

Let's go to Exodus 24:5-8

Exo 24:5 And he sent young men of the children of Israel, which offered burnt offerings, and sacrificed peace offerings of oxen unto the LORD.

Exo 24:6 And Moses took half of the blood, and put it in basins; and half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar.

Exo 24:7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the audience of the people: and they said, All that the LORD hath said will we do, and be obedient.

Exo 24:8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the LORD hath made with you concerning all these words.

He joined them together with a covenant, through the blood, but it was a blood of the sprinkling of animals and bullocks.

I have been joined together forever with God's covenant by the blood of the LAMB. Not only hath He sprinkled my conscience but He has thoroughly WASHED me in the blood. He hath thoroughly cleansed me in the blood, and He hath JOINED me to His peace covenant. He doesn't want to make war with me. He wants to love me. He doesn't want to show His wrath towards me. He wants to show His peace toward me.

He was the one that initiated the covenant; I didn't. He was the one that sent His Son to die. He was the one that shed His blood on Calvary. He was the one that overcame death, hell, and the grave. It was the LORD. He initiated a covenant to you, and He said, "All I want you to do is, through MY blood, through MY sacrifice, and through MY work, I want you to be joined together with ME, and the covenant of peace that I have established with you." THAT BLOOD IS POWERFUL. It cleanses you from ALL sin.

Let's go to I John 3:1-10

1 John 3:1 Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not.

The world certainly knows your flesh man. They know that identity of who you are in the flesh. When Jesus Christ came to do miracles in His own home-town, He couldn't do any, because they identified Jesus with the son of Joseph and Mary (**Matt 13:54-58; Mark 6:4-6**). They said, "Who in the world does He think He is. He was a carpenter."

When you start glorifying God in your body, when you start glorifying God in your spirit, when you start magnifying the Lord, people are going to think you are crazy because they don't know you. All they can remember is that you were no-good, you were irresponsible, you were a down-and-outer, and all of a sudden now, you're being identified with the risen Lord of Glory. "Who do you think you are?" If you think your family is going to understand you, you had better think again. If you think people are going to understand you, you might as well think again. Unless they are regenerated, they cannot.

1 John 3:2 Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when He shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see Him as He is.

1 John 3:3 And every man that hath this hope in Him purifieth himself, even as He is pure.

If you have the hope, if you really have the hope of being like Him, and your hope and trust is **IN** the **LORD**, there's a purification factor there. Why? **Because wherever He is, the blood is there.**

1 John 3:4 Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.

1 John 3:5 And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is not sin.

1 John 3:6 Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not.... (Isn't that amazing?)

Some people have gotten into this message, and they made it a license **TO** sin. There's something wrong with that license. **GOD STILL HATES SIN.** You see, He made an end to sin. He gave you power to live **WITHOUT** sin - every man that is born of God, everyone. Somebody said, "well, Brother Krider, I have a little trouble with the flesh." I am not talking to your flesh man. Please listen to me. I'm talking to your **SPIRIT MAN.** I'm talking to the man that has the **POWER** to put down the **OLD** man, so that out of that old man is manifested the new man.

I want to tell you that when the Lord does a work, He does it. It's finished! If you want to argue about it, please don't argue with me because I won't argue with you. Take the word of God and go to Him and say, "Lord, I don't think you knew what you were saying when you had this written."

1 John 3:5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins.; and in Him is no sin.

1 John 3:6 Whosoever abideth in Him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen Him, neither known Him.

You can hear people all day long who are going after their own lusts, and going after their own sins, and going after and doing their own thing, and calling themselves a Christian. **THEY ARE DECEIVED.** They've deceived themselves. There's a work of righteousness for a righteous man.

1 John 3:7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as He is righteous.

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil.

I want you to get this in your heart. There's a difference between the works of the flesh, and the works of the devil. **JESUS DESTROYED** him that has the power **OF DEATH**. **He DESTROYED** him that was able to bind you. **He DESTROYED** him that was able to cause you to have a judgment against you unto death. **He DESTROYED** him that was able to destroy you. **He DESTROYED** his works.

You have flesh you're wearing today, and in that flesh there's some little things called anger, and malice, and envy, and strife (**Gal. 5:19-21**). They're there; you might as well admit it but you can bring them under, you see. You can't bring the works of the devil under, because they will always manifest themselves. The works of the devil will always manifest themselves, but they are destroyed works. It's up to you and me to put away the works of the flesh. It's up to you and me by the Spirit of God to mortify the deeds of the flesh (**Romans 8:13**).

I want to show you something. The flesh of itself is nothing, one way or the other. It's whatever you give it the power to do that it's going to do. Did you know that? And if you have the power of Christ in you and give that power to that flesh, it will manifest Christ. If you give it the power to sin, because in your heart you lust to sin, it will sin. But God send His son to give you the **BLOOD** to cause you to be able to stand **AGAINST** sin.

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil...

What did he say to the ones that said they were the children of Abraham? (**John 8:39**). He said, "**Your father is the devil**" (**John 8:44**). In **John 8:52-58** He said, "If your father were Abraham, then would you hear me, because before Abraham was, I am." Boy, that did it! They just went all to pieces. If they acknowledged that to be true, if they acknowledged that Jesus Christ was already pre-existent in the form of the Word (**John 1:1**), then they would have to acknowledge that they were wrong in rejecting Him. So He said, "Your father is the devil." **The devil will always reject Jesus Christ.**

It isn't the devil that makes you get angry. It isn't the devil that makes you shout at somebody. You do it because your flesh got out of control. That's why Paul said in **Romans 7:24-25**: "**Who in the world can deliver me from this body of death. I thank my God....**" He said, "The will to do is always present...." (**Romans 7:18**). As long as you're in a flesh body, there will always be a will to **DO WRONG**. So you don't have to get under condemnation if you blow it once in awhile and you do something crazy. Amen?

I tell you, you cannot believe the people I counsel in my office. They come in there under condemnation and guilt trips because they yelled at the kids that morning.

They say, "The devil made me do it." No, it was just your rotten old flesh that you let get out of hand for a few minutes. I said, "Just take the forgiveness of God and go on. You flunked the report card so go on and get another one, and take off with it." The works of the devil are those that will **DENY** Jesus Christ, **the anti-christ spirit**. **Those that deny Christ are of the devil, but God already defeated him.**

1 John 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that He might destroy the works of the devil.

1 John 3:9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.

You get in trouble teaching this one but He's talking about the NEW CREATURE. He's talking about the NEW CREATURE.

He's talking about the one He talks about in **John 1:12-14**, where "he that was born of the will of **GOD**." **I'm a new creature in Christ**. When I was younger in the Lord, this old man got out of hand a lot of times but it didn't cut me off from God. It didn't separate me from God. My conscience got pricked, and I said, "I better not do that anymore." But it **NEVER, NEVER**, got into my spirit man. How would you like to be able for your spirit to sin against God? There wouldn't be any more forgiveness for it. The Lord would come, and about the minute you were out there, you'd be separated, wouldn't you. Thank God today, that when He comes, He's coming for those that trust in the Lord. But I want to go farther than that. I want to walk in the Spirit. I **MUST** walk in the spirit, not to fulfill the lusts of the flesh (**Gal. 5:16**). That's maturity, when I'm just wearing this thing, and it's not wearing me and people can look at it and see what God's like. Amen!

1 John 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Isn't that simple? Love isn't an outward thing. Love is an inward work. God is alive. Amen! That love has to come from the inward man outward. But if you cannot love you brother whom you have seen, you certainly cannot love God whom ye have not seen (**I John 4:20**). So the Lord is simply saying here, that when the blood was shed, He separated us from the natural to the spirit. The natural mind is still an enemy with God. The Corinthian church tried to walk in a natural mind, yet Paul told them they were carnal. He told them they still fought in natural realms, and when they did, they were babies in Christ (**I Cor. 3:1**).

God never threw any babies out, but God doesn't want you to stay a baby. That's where you walk under condemnation; when you become a baby. Everything you do is wrong. Did you know that? **EVERYTHING!** And you just seem like you never can

get any forgiveness for it. Why? Because you do not realize that the blood has been applied to your spirit and soul. The destroyer cannot get into that soul or spirit. The only way I can allow him to take my spirit and my soul, is by turning it over to him willfully, and saying, "I just don't want to serve God anymore. I give up on it. The whole thing is a farce anyway. I'm going to walk away from the Lord."

We hear this up here in our mind and one day we'll get it down here in our heart. **We are so sin conscious, it is hard for us to be Christ conscious.** We talk always about sin, sin, sin. We ought to be talking about Jesus, Jesus, Jesus. Jesus never talked about the garbage of the world. He always talked about the Father. He did the works of the Father. When He caught a man that was in sin, He just said, "Turn away from it. Get out of it and go on for God."

You need to grow up realizing that when the blood was applied to your life, He built a new creature in there, and He sealed him with the Spirit. He washed him with the blood, and made him a new creature, alive and quickened together from sin. Your old natural body isn't sitting in heaven somewhere. Your spirit man is, because Christ has come to fill you with His Spirit. It is your spirit that communicates with God. It is that new creation that can say, "Abba, Father."

God is trying to show us then, that the work that **Jesus Christ** did in the shedding of **His** blood, had more power than we realize. There's a blood line through which Satan cannot come. There is a blood line today, that has separated you from the natural to the spirit. "It is no longer I that liveth, but Christ liveth in me..." (**Gal. 2:20**). I have that hope in me. That purifies me. I no longer even hold my ability to live in the natural. "...for the life that I now live in the flesh, I live it by the faith of the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself, or shed His blood, gave His life for me." It isn't the keeping of ordinances that impresses God. It isn't the things the flesh can do. It's the attitude of your heart that counts with God.

Let's look at I John 3:10 again.

1 John 3:10 In this the children of God are manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not righteousness is not of God, neither he that loveth not his brother.

Let's go to I Corinthians 10:14-17:

1 Cor 10:14 Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry.

1 Cor 10:15 I speak as to wise men; judge ye what I say.

1 Cor 10:16 The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ?

1 Cor 10:17 For we being many are one bread, and one body: for we are all partakers of that one bread.

Now I want you to turn to John 6:47-71

John 6:47 Verily, Verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.

John 6:48 I am that bread of life.

John 6:49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

John 6:50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

I want you to underline or circle that scripture, because it's going to be very important in our study.

"THIS IS THE BREAD WHICH COMETH DOWN FROM HEAVEN, THAT A MAN MAY EAT THEREOF, AND NOT DIE."

John 6:51 I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.

He said, "**MY FLESH**, which I will give for the life of the world."

That's an amazing statement for a man to make. Jesus Christ was either everything He said He was, or He was not anything but the greatest deceiver in the world. But I just happen to believe He's everything He said He is, and all that is promised, He can do. Amen! And one of these days, we're going to find out that there's much, much more than we've even imagined He could be.

John 6:52 The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us His flesh to eat?

John 6:53 Then Jesus said unto them, verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you.

You had better read it very carefully, or you're going to go off in a tangent. He was not telling them to practice cannibalism. He had already told them not to drink the blood of any living thing. **So we know that He is not talking about a physical revelation of truth here.**

John 6:54 Whoso eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day.

John 6:55 For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed.

John 6:56 He that eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him.

John 6:57 As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

John 6:58 This is that bread which came down from heaven: not as your fathers did eat manna, and are dead: he that eateth of this bread shall live forever.

John 6:59 These things said he in the synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

Right in the Church.

John 6:60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they had heard this, said, This is a hard saying; who can hear it?

Nobody without the ear of the spirit can hear it.

John 6:61 When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, Doth this offend you?

John 6:62 What and if ye shall see the Son of man ascend up where he was before?

He said, "You think this is amazing. You think this thing has knocked you out. One of these days you're going to see me take off."

He was giving them such a simple truth in comparison to His ascension back into heaven, it would only be the **BEGINNING** of truth. You see, without the flesh and the blood you don't have a beginning. **Without the flesh and the blood.** The people of Moses time used both the flesh and the blood of the lamb that was slain. They ate the flesh and sprinkled the blood over the door.

Jesus said "It will take both my flesh and my blood to do the full work, and unless you eat of that flesh and drink of that blood, you shall have no part in me. If this offends you, you haven't seen anything. I will arise and I will return back from whence I came."

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing..."

Wait a minute, Lord; you're telling me the flesh doesn't profit any thing?

John 6:63 ...the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

The key to it is John 1:14 "And the Word was made flesh..." and Matt. 4:4 "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God." The body was broken. The Word of God has been broken open to you and me. It was closed to the Jews because they would not accept it (Acts 28:26-28). When Jesus came, He did a work in the natural that reflected the work that was taking place in the spirit world, and He broke the word, or the understanding, open to whosoever would. He poured out His blood and He said, "Drink of my Spirit, and the Spirit will quicken this word, and it will make it alive to you. Unless you will eat of my Word and drink of my Spirit, you have no part in me."

The things they rejected were the Word and the Spirit. When you sit down at a communion table, you're not only taking communion with a physical work that was done. When Jesus became the sin offering and that blood was shed, He opened heaven's understanding to **ALL** men, and broke the Word open and emptied the Spirit of God out to **ALL** men. Praise God! Many of His disciples thought He wanted to be cannibalistic and turned back (**vss.60,66**).

God doesn't change. He said, "You're not going to drink the blood, because the life is in it. The new testament is in that blood. The new testament is Spirit. The blood that I'm shedding is going to cleanse you from sin. It's going to tear down the misunderstanding to you, and you're going to be able to eat that bread."

John 6:63 It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.

John 6:64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed not, and who should betray him.

John 6:65 And He said, therefore said I unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it were given unto him of my Father.

A lot of people can join churches, but no man can join **THE** church. Unless the Father draws him, he won't come. Unless the Spirit of God draws him, he will not come. He will come to programs, he will come to religion, he will come to preachers, but he will not come to the Father, unless the Spirit draws him.

John 6:66 From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him.

John 6:67 Then said Jesus unto the twelve, will ye also go away?

John 6:68 Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life.

John 6:69 And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God.

John 6:70 Jesus answered them, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one of you is a devil?

John 6:71 He spake of Judas Iscariot the son of Simon: for he it was that should betray him, being one of the twelve.

When we talk about eating His flesh, we're not talking about a physical thing. When we talk about being buried with Him, we're not talking about a physical burial. He did the work that we don't see, in the Spirit through the blood of the eternal Lamb of God. His life never quit working. His life, when He yielded it up, when He yielded up the Holy Ghost, when all the blood came out of that physical body, never quit working. It was imparting life. That blood was imparting life to whosoever would BELIEVE on that blood. HE NEVER QUIT WORKING. The physical body went to sleep, but the CHRIST, the ANOINTED, the very SPIRIT OF GOD kept working. The blood never quit living; the blood kept alive. The blood in a human body dies; it quits like any other element in the body. But the blood that was in Jesus had LIFE in it that never quit working. It was the blood that was then and is now, and is just as powerful this moment as it was that day.

The Lord said here, "Unless you partake of my Word... I'm going to break it open to you."

The disciples thought they understood Him. Those twelve braggarts, just like a lot of us, would say, "Oh, yeah, Lord, I know everything." Jesus had to take them over some place (and this is one scripture that I get a real kick out of) and He took them apart (**Matt 20:17**) and gave them understanding. Well, the Lord has taken me apart a lot of times. I've got news for you. He has disassembled me, taken me apart so he could put understanding in me.

The Lord said "Unless you eat of the Word, and unless you drink of My Spirit, and become what I am, you have no part in Me." God does not expect us to practice cannibalism, no matter what anybody preaches. Amen? The new testament is still

Spirit, and He has made us able ministers of the Spirit of God of that new testament (**2 Cor 3:6**).

2 Cor 3:6 Who also hath made us able ministers of the new testament; not of the letter, but of the spirit: for the letter killeth, but the spirit giveth life.

Everything He did when He shed His blood was a two-fold work. It was a work in the natural but there was a deeper work in the Spirit. The spiritual powers of all hell were broken. The spiritual powers of darkness were broken. The spiritual powers that have hindered men have been broken. Amen! Then He did a work over in the natural realm so we could have healing, and have a work of God working in the outward man. Just all the way through us there was a work through the blood that only the blood could accomplish, and the life is in that blood (**Lev. 17:11**). The life is in the blood. **"The words that I speak to you, they are Spirit and they are life (John 6:63)"** The blood and the word work together. You can't take them away. They agree together. They bare witness. If somebody wants to take the blood away from you, forget it. It's not going to work. Amen!

Let's go to Hebrews 10:12-17. We're talking about Jesus here.

Heb 10:12 But this man, after He had offered one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down on the right hand of God;

Heb 10:13 From henceforth expecting till His enemies be made His footstool.

Heb 10:14 For by one offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.

Heb 10:15 Whereof the Holy Ghost also is a witness to us: for after that He had said before,

Heb 10:16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

Heb 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

You might think you are not perfect yet. Yes you are, **IN THE SPIRIT**. The best thing that your natural man can ever be is perfectly dead. We're talking about your old skin there, the lusts of it. But here He's talking about a spirit man. The blood that Jesus shed, the Spirit of God that worked there, brought a perfection into your life. That's why Jesus could say to the disciples, **"Be ye therefore perfect, as your Father which is in heaven is perfect" (Matt. 5:48)**. The only way that I can be perfect as God is perfect, because God is a Spirit, I'm going to be perfect in the spirit. That's why He said to you

in Gal 3:3: " Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh?"

You're not going to be made perfect in any of the flesh works you can do. Our perfection is in the **ONE** that **IS** perfect, and **His name is Jesus Christ**. When He offered that precious blood to the Father, and the Father accepted it, He said "They are made **PERFECT** in **ONE**" (**John 17:23**). That's the only perfection there is, is in **ONE**. That they might be made perfect in **ONE**, Jesus prayed. And the only **ONE** they could ever be made perfect in, was in **Christ Jesus** or in **the body of Christ**, of which **He is the head**, and **there is only one body**.

We're working so hard to be made perfect in the flesh, we're just like the Galatians. "**Oh, you foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you**" (**Gal. 3:1**). You see, we take all the glory away from God, don't we? We take all the glory away from God by what we can do and what we can't do. By the laws and the ordinances we can keep, or "Look at us! Look at Us; we're so great and so wonderful." And the Lord says, "Don't you realize something. I've already done it. There's nothing you can add to it. There isn't a thing you can put with it." It won't mix with doctrines of men. **It is pure; it is perfect.**

If I'm a partaker of His Word and of His Spirit, if I've been washed in the blood and the life that is in that blood runs through me, my friend, **I AM PERFECT**. I'm not boasting on me; I'm boasting on the one that made me perfect. **I AM PERFECT IN HIM**. Well, you better be. If He returned for you when you weren't perfect, and before you got to be perfect, where would you be? "I know. I've got to go out and take off my bumper sticker now - Christians aren't perfect, they're just forgiven." **NO, THEY'RE FORGIVEN AND PERFECT**. Either that, or this work He's talking about here never was accomplished.

I may have to grow up some, but I'm either a perfect baby, a perfect young man, or I'm a perfect Father. I'm one of the three. When I was a perfect baby, I enjoyed being a baby. I enjoyed people patting on me and loving on me, and just making over me, you know. That was just so good. I loved it when they called my name from the pulpit. That just turned me on. When the preacher would tell what good things I was doing and spending so much time with, I'd just get so goose-pimpley and whew! puffed up. I'd say, "Man, of man! I'm just doing such good work."

Do you understand what I'm saying to you? If the Lord had come for me then, I would have been perfect, a perfect baby, because I was trusting Him to do it. I was trusting in the finished work that He'd already done in Christ. I had already purified myself with the hope that it was **CHRIST IN ME** the hope of glory, and not Don Krider or anybody being the hope of anything but tragedy.

If your hope is in flesh, it's just a hope of tragedy but if your hope is in Christ, you've already purified yourself. Why do we read the word of God as though it were something that would be done some day by-and-by? There are things to come, but as

far as your salvation and the work of God, it is **PERFECT** and thorough, and it is **COMPLETE IN YOU, AND YOU ARE COMPLETE IN HIM**. Now what we need to do is say, "Lord, help me to grow up. Let me become mature. Let a **FURTHER PERFECTION** or a **MATURITY** be seen in my life." Maybe we didn't read it right. No, it still reads that way over there in **Hebrews 10:14**; "**For by ONE offering He hath perfected forever them that are sanctified.**" I'll show you that I am sanctified.

Sanctification = Conc. #38. hagasmos, hag-ee-as-mos'; from G37; prop. purification, i.e. (the state) purity; concr. (by Hebr.) a purifier:--holiness, sanctification.

Let's go to I Cor 1:30-31

How many of you really feel like you're in Christ, and Christ is in you?

1 Cor 1:30 But of him are ye in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption:

1 Cor 1:31 That, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

My sanctification isn't from what I can do or what I cannot do. **HE** became my sanctification. **HE** became my redemption. **HE** became my wisdom, and **HE** became my righteousness. **HE** became sin that knew no sin, that we might be made the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus. We're afraid to say that we have been made the sanctification in Christ Jesus, and the redemption in Christ Jesus. You can't separate them.

Redemption = Conc. #629. apolutrosis, ap-ol-oo'-tro-sis; from a comp. of G575 and G3083; (the act) ransom in full, i.e. (fig.) riddance, or (spec.) Chr. salvation:--deliverance,

"But of Him are you in Christ Jesus, who of God is made unto us wisdom, and righteousness, and sanctification, and redemption."

He has sanctified me through His work. Through His blood. I'm trusting totally in Him. I don't even trust me. I know what I'm like. I know what that natural man is like. He'd deceive me just that quick if I'd let him. He'd tell me something so far out I couldn't even believe it myself. But as long as I seek the Lord, I shall find Him (**Jer. 29:13**). As long as I seek His word, I shall find Him. As long as I eat of His word and drink of His Spirit, I have a part of Him. That's what Jesus said, "**Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God**" (**Matt. 4:4**).

JESUS CHRIST WAS THE WORD AND IS THE WORD OF GOD (John 1:1).

He was made flesh and manifested in the flesh body.

John 1:14 And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.

We're trying to read it in the natural, and we get messed up. I was dead and buried with Him. He wasn't talking about His physical body. When He cried, "My God, my God, why hast **THOU** forsaken me" (**Mark 15:34**), at that moment He identified with every **DEAD** person. At that moment, He identified with me being dead in my sin and trespasses and thank God, He quickened us together with Him. But if the Spirit of him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, he that raised up Christ from the dead shall also **quicken** your mortal bodies by his Spirit that dwelleth in you (**Rom 8:11**).

Quicken = Conc. #2227. zoopoieo, dzo-op-oy-eh'-o; from the same as G2226 and G4160; to (re-) vitalize (lit. or fig.):--make alive, give life, quicken.

Make it alive from sin to righteousness - from a temple of idols, to the temple of God. When Jesus was separated from the Father, for the time He was separated from Him, He identified with every soul that was dead in sin. He looked and He saw those that would believe, and **He quickened us TOGETHER WITH HIM**.

Talk about the power of the blood of Jesus, that first drop that hit the ground in the garden of Gethsemane, was beginning to cry out, "Life, life, life." Not "Death, death, death," but "Life," for the life is in the blood (Lev. 17:11). Every drop that came out through those sweat glands, were crying out, "Life, life, forgiveness of sin, forgiveness of sin," and when the Holy Spirit, the eternal Spirit, gathered that blood up from Gethsemane to Calvary and took it to the Father, He quickened Him.

He could not identify with you in death if He'd not died. He could never identify with you in being separated from the Father, if He had not been separated from the Father. But the split second that God quickened Him again, He quickened me. The minute He looked through that precious blood of His Son, He said, "This is the **COVERING**, this is the **ATONEMENT**, this is the **BLOTTING OUT** of all the sin. This is the **END** of the world of sin." Then He spoke and said, "Come forth!"

I don't think we believe that. I think we have it up here in our mind, but we are having a hard time getting it in here in our heart. Somebody said to me, "Brother Krider, I can **ALMOST** believe all this." You **CAN**, because it is written; what I'm teaching you is **WRITTEN**. It isn't some doctrine. If you can read it, will

you believe it? You know those Berean brothers took the scriptures and said, "Let's check old Paul out here, and see if everything He's telling us is real" (**Acts 17:10-11**).

Let's look at Ephesians 2: 5-6 again:

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

Eph 2:6 And hath raised us up together, and made us sit together in heavenly places in Christ Jesus.

HE QUICKENED US WITH HIM. WHEN HE BECAME SIN, HE WAS SEPARATED FROM THE FATHER. HIS SOUL WAS MADE A SIN OFFERING UNTO DEATH. HE WAS SEPARATED, AND HE WAS TAKEN BY THE POWER OF GOD, AND THE SOUL WAS TESTED AND TRIED AND THERE WAS NOTHING FOUND THERE THAT COULD HOLD HIS SOUL. WHEN GOD QUICKENED HIM OUT OF THAT THING - SPIRIT, SOUL, AND BODY - HE QUICKENED ME WITH HIM AND I WAS RAISED UP TOGETHER WITH HIM. AMEN!

BLOOD COVENANT

CHAPTER 3

HEBREWS 13:8: JESUS CHRIST THE SAME YESTERDAY, AND TODAY, AND FOREVER.

In the Old Testament, God said, "I am the Lord, I change not" (**Mal. 3:6**). Jesus used the same words, and said, "I am the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Let's go to Hebrews 13:8-21

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today, and forever.

Heb 13:9 Be not carried about with divers and strange doctrines. For it is a good thing that the heart be established with grace; not with meats, which have not profited them that have been occupied therein.

In other words, if a man does not walk it, don't talk it. If you haven't experienced it, just leave it alone. You can always teach that which you have experienced. Otherwise it's almost theory to you. If somebody was going to counsel me on marriage, I'd want somebody that had one working.

Heb 13:10 We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat which serve the tabernacle.

The Lord opened a little revelation here of truth. There are people always serving the flesh, the tabernacle. They can't eat the meat of those that walk in the Spirit. They just can't eat it.

Heb 13:11 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

Heb 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the gate.

In other words, every type of a sacrifice that was in the Old Testament, Jesus fulfilled it, even to the going outside of the gate to suffer. He could not suffer within the religious bounds. He had to go beyond the walls of Jerusalem, and He had to suffer outside the camp for the sin of the world, and be made a reproach.

Heb 13:13 *Let us go forth therefore unto Him without the camp, bearing His reproach.*

Heb 13:14 *For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come.*

Heb 13:15 *By Him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name.*

Heb 13:16 *But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.*

Heb 13:17 *Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.*

Heb 13:18 *Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly.*

Heb 13:19 *But I beseech you the rather to do this that I may be restored to you the sooner.*

Now here it is compacted in two verses.

Heb 13:20 *Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,*

That's the way that He brought Jesus back again from the dead - was through the blood of the everlasting covenant. That blood had to be pure. It had to be a bond between the Father and the Son, that when that blood was shed there would be enough power in it that the Father could be so satisfied with the work that dead body had accomplished, that **HE** would raise it again from the dead.

Heb 13:21 *Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen!*

Perfect = Conc.#2675. katartizo, kat-ar-tid'-zo; from G2596 and a der. of G739; to complete thoroughly, i.e. repair (lit. or fig.) or adjust:--fit, frame, mend, (make) perfect (-ly join together), prepare, restore.

WHEN HE QUICKENED HIM, HE QUICKENED ME WITH HIM. WHEN HE RAISED HIM FROM THE DEAD, HE RAISED ME FROM THE DEAD. WHEN HE PUT

HIM INTO HEAVENLY PLACES, HE PUT ME INTO HEAVENLY PLACES. HE DID NOT RAISE HIM AND THEN RAISE ME. HE RAISED US UP TOGETHER IN THE SPIRIT. HE BROUGHT FORTH THE BODY OF CHRIST AT THE SAME TIME HE RAISED UP JESUS FROM THE DEAD.

Praise God, in **HIM** we have redemption. In **HIM** we have salvation. In **HIM**, we are complete in **JESUS CHRIST**. He said He did a work through Jesus, through the blood, of bringing us forward.

Let's look at John 20:17

A lot of people ask me a question about this scripture. It may be a question to you. If it is, it'll answer it, and if it's not, it'll confirm it. Mary had recognized Jesus and Jesus spoke to her.

John 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.

There was a Hebrew law that the High Priest could not be touched by a person while they were on their way into the Holy of Holies to make a sacrifice once a year (**Lev 10:1-11; Num 3:1-10; also see footnotes in Amp Bible on these scriptures**). Jesus Christ was going to go into the Holy of Holies, into the Father's presence with the blood. The eternal Spirit was going to take that blood; therefore no human being could touch Him until He had ascended, presented the blood to the Father, had the sacrifice accepted, and then they could touch Him.

It excited me to know that Mary couldn't recognize Him. When she first saw Him, she didn't recognize Him, and she did not recognize Him until He spoke her name. The Lord spoke to me and said, "You will recognize me when I speak your name. You will know my voice" (**John 10:3-4**).

He had not yet ascended to the Father with that precious blood, so she could not touch Him. But He said, "You go tell them that the thing I'm going to do now is ascend to the Father. I'm going to take the blood. I'm going to make the sacrifice now. I'm going to lay it before the Father. Go tell the disciples." They understood. They knew the old law. They knew exactly that if Jesus really had risen from the dead, the one thing they couldn't do was touch Him. Later on He says to Thomas, "Touch me; feel me" (**John 20:27**). You see He'd already gone. The sin sacrifice was accepted, then He manifested Himself to the disciples, and they could touch Him and could eat with Him.

There are many accounts such as the two men on the road to Emmaus, who did not know Him because they could not behold Him, but when He spoke and blessed the food, they knew Him and He vanished out of their sight. (**Luke 24:16,30,31**)

Not only did He do a mighty work in the physical, but in the spiritual world. He had presented the sacrifice to the Father, the Father had received it, **and we were cleansed and declared clean before the Father forever.** You talk about a busy person, He was busy. He didn't go over there in the tomb and go to sleep. He kept working. The life just came out of Him and went to work. That blood just came out of Him and began to cleanse and purify, and make it acceptable in the sight of God.

Let's go to I Corinthians 11: 23-26 Paul is talking to the church.

1 Cor 11:23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you...

I think that's been a big problem with a lot of us. We're delivering what we haven't received. In other words, we need to wait on God to give us the spirit of wisdom and revelation (**Eph 1:17**), working in us, revealing something, then just get it from the hand of God and take it to somebody.

1 Cor 11:23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which He was betrayed took bread:

1 Cor 11:24 And when He had given thanks, He brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

1 Cor 11:25 After the same manner also He took the cup, when He had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament IN MY BLOOD: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

1 Cor 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do show the Lord's death till He come.

We're always talking about showing His resurrection. I want to say to you again, the victory wasn't in the resurrection. The resurrection proved Him to be the Son of God. The resurrection will also prove you to be a Son of God. If you're not in the first resurrection, friend of mine, there will still be another resurrection that I don't want to have anything to do with. The proof of what Jesus did was in the remembrance of His death. It was through death that He destroyed him that had the power of death (**Heb. 2:14**). It was through death that the veil was rent. It was through death that the rocks rent. It was through death that the graves opened (**Matt. 27:51-52**).

The church has always put a big emphasis on the resurrection, and we should put an emphasis on it, but we put very little emphasis on the **POWER** of **HIS DEATH**. The work that was accomplished through the cross of Jesus Christ, when the Spirit and the body of Jesus Christ were separated and the blood came forth, the life of Jesus

Christ began to do a work in the spirit world that nobody seems to preach anything on. The power of that broken body, that allowed that life to come out, that new testament power of God, began to be shed abroad to the church, and we began to see something. The power that was in that blood put a wall and separated us from sin.

It was the resurrection that PROVED Him to be the Son of God. IT WAS HIS DEATH THAT WON THE VICTORY TOTALLY THROUGH THE PRICE HE PAID.

No wonder He wanted you to show forth His death, because in that death you were showing forth His life. You see, God cannot show forth through you His Son Jesus Christ, if all people see is you, your theory, your doctrine, or your religion. But when you die to self, then you're showing forth His life. When He died, He showed forth the life of God. He said, "Henceforth have you asked nothing of the Father in my name. You've always asked me to do it for you, but in that day you will ask the Father in My name (John 16: 23-24). You will know Him, because I'm going to die. I'm going to give up everything that is in Me. You will know the life that's in Me. You will touch the life that's in Me. You will feel the life that's in Me"

Let's look at John 14:10-11 and 1 John 1:1-3

John 14:10 Believest thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I speak unto you I speak not of myself: but the Father that dwelleth in me, he doeth the works.

John 14:11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works' sake.

1 John 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon, and our hands have handled, of the Word of life;

1 John 1:2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen it, and bear witness, and show unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

1 John 1:3 That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

Friend, unless there had been a death, there would have been no life. Unless there had been a death, there would have been no way that we could have ever known the forgiveness of sin. He said, "I want you to remember what I've done for you. I want you to keep it as a memorial before yourself that the great work of God was accomplished through my death." Hallelujah!

He had to go through death to enter into the bowels of the earth. He had to by death enter into paradise. He had to through death become a sacrifice which

could be tried and tested and found worthy of God to be raised again from the dead. As long as Jesus contained all that in Him, all they could see was the miracle worker, the healer, the deliverer; but when He died, they saw the Lord.

THEY SAW THE LORD!

Coming to communion is not remembering something that you're doing or not doing, but it is remembering what He has done forever through His death.

If Jesus had been guilty, He would never have raised from the dead; but because He was not guilty, He raised from the dead. Suppose He had not been guilty, and still He had died for your sin and had **NOT** raised from the dead, would there still be enough power there to forgive sin? **Of course. The blood was what did the job.** God is trying to teach us something. We've listened to so much intellectualism in our head, that it's hard to get to our heart. **We need to realize that the power of that blood that came out of that body was not death; that was life coming out of Him, manifesting to the believer all that God is.**

He opened a veil, He tore it back, and He brought man into the Holy of Holies. Our problem is we still want to live out in the shewbread realm. We want to live out in the candlestick realm. We don't want to go into the pureness of God where everything is gold. We just don't want to go in there and abide in there. We should though. That should be our desire - to dwell continually in the Holy of Holies. To dwell in His presence. Forget all the types and shadows. **You know, you can tell a man that lives in there, because he quits talking about it. He starts showing it.** As long as you're talking about the candlestick, and talking about the word, and talking about the bread, and talking about this and that, you aren't living there, friend of mine. When you begin to manifest it, people will know you're living in there. Amen?

Let's go back to I Cor. 11:26

1 Cor 11:26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till He comes.

When He comes again, you won't need to show it anymore, because it'll all be made manifest. But I'm saying to you, that **when you take communion you're acknowledging the mighty work that Jesus Christ did through His death. You're acknowledging the great and powerful work that the blood had to do and did do. You're acknowledging that the very life that was in that blood was sufficient to overcome all sin and to cancel every debt that was against you.** You don't have to remember His resurrection. You're living in that. You should show that forth. I mean **MANIFEST** that. But here when He speaks about it, **it means that you're remembering, you're showing to yourself, not to other people around you, but you're really in your mind and heart, showing to yourself what great things God did for you. Amen!**

1 Cor 11:27 Wherefore (and because of that reason) whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

I've heard this preached until nobody could take communion. You'd better read it like it's written. You didn't have anything to do with it. It's when you go back to the flesh and start remembering what has brought you, in your own abilities and your own goodness, to a place where you can take of that table because you got good enough, that you are in big trouble. That's when you make the death of Christ of no effect. That's when you make the blood of Christ of no effect.

If you could have come and had a communion with God without the blood and the death of Jesus Christ, there would have been no need for His Son to die. There would have been no need for that blood to be shed. But that blood WAS shed. It was His work. It was HIS work that did it all; there was nothing you could do at all.

Here He's saying, "When you drink of that, remember that. Don't try to get good enough to take it" Don't try to get good enough to be able to sit down and have communion with the Lord. Isn't that something. We preach and teach people, "Now look, if you're just doing anything wrong, don't take communion". There isn't any of you that could take communion if it counted to your flesh. **"Because of ME you are worthy."** Whose righteousness are we in today? We're in His righteousness.

When I come to the table of the Lord, it's not on my invitation. It's on His. And when I come, I come to remember what He's done and remind myself of it; not to show how good I am, and how really desirous He ought to be that I'm there, because I am so good to be with. That's when we begin to drink it unworthily, because then we start putting it into the flesh realm, and it had nothing to do with the flesh realm.

Look at this in 1 Cor 11:27-30

1 Cor 11:27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

1 Cor 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

Examine yourself and be honest. Are you coming on the work that Jesus did, or are you coming to tell Him how good you are and how you haven't done any bad things this week? It's not to show your death; it's to show His. It's not to remember what you've done, but to remember what **HE's** done. My hope isn't in Don Krider. It's in God. **My hope is in the LORD.** Hallelujah! I'm so free today, I can enjoy it. Do you know why? **Because He did it all.** I am enjoying what **HE** did.

1 Cor 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

What is the Lord's body? It's a **SPIRIT**. The Lord's body is **SPIRIT**. There is one body but many members. He's not only talking about **the spiritual one body of Christ. He is talking about His work, HIS body being broken, HIS body that was given a ransom for many. HIS body, not this flesh body of mine, not my ability. It was HIS body that was given.** Praise God!

1 Cor 11:29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

(...and because we don't discern that it was the Lord Jesus Christ's work...)

1 Cor 11:30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

It's because we keep continually trying to tell people how good we are. We don't do this, we don't do that. God isn't interested in that. He's talking about remembering **HIS DEATH**. He's talking about remembering **HIS** body. He's talking about remembering **HIS WORK**. Because we get off into a self-righteous kick, we go astray, don't we, and then we get afflicted. We ought to be like old David, and say, "**Lord, before I was afflicted, I went astray**" (**Ps. 119:67**). We get a little test and pressure on us, and we start blaming the preachers. We start blaming one another. Amen?

We need to begin to hear what we're saying, and begin to realize and really observe and remember the mighty work that He did through His body. He was broken for our healing. At the Judgment hall He was broken for our healing. "**He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him, and with His stripes we are healed (Isaiah 53:5).**" If I get an affliction on me and I don't have the faith to get healed, I'm going to get me an elder somewhere, because all I have to have is enough confidence, and enough faith to get to that elder. He's got to pray the prayer of faith, not me. Lazarus didn't have one ounce of faith, that I can find. But **NO! NO!** We're not going to recognize that work. We're going to try to get good enough to **EARN** it.

God is saying to you and me that it is the work of what HE has done that is going to be fruitful in my life. If I can remember when I sit down at that table with Him, there is healing in that communion. I have seen people healed from afflictions by taking the cup of the Lord and eating the bread and saying, "**Thank you, Lord Jesus, for your broken body, for your blood, hallelujah! Thank you, Lord, for your righteousness, your worthiness, your invitation for me to sit here at this table.**"

There are churches that have a closed communion. Listen, everybody in town can come and sit down with you; it doesn't mean they are communing with God. You've

got to have a born-again experience for you to take communion with Jesus Christ. A lot of people are taking communion with closed communions that are closed away from God. Jesus said, "Whosoever will, let him come." (**John 6:53-58; John 7:37-39**). We need to come to a point that we're not going to exclude people; we're going to start **INCLUDING** them. An **INCLUSIVE** gospel of Jesus Christ. **TELL THEM about Jesus Christ. TELL THEM how much He loves them. TELL THEM how much He cares for them.**

I was brought up in a church where you closed all the doors and windows and nobody got in; and if they did get in, if they didn't have a membership card, they couldn't have communion. It's funny how you don't realize how many things hang onto you.

I remember an incident that happened a few years ago. I had received the baptism in the Holy Spirit and was a young minister. One day a brother and I got a call to go out to these peoples home; they had a sick daughter. We prayed for her, and God healed her. They were so grateful and they had nothing to give to us. They were very poor people. This brother looked at me and he said: "You know, I have the strangest feeling that the three of them and the two of us need to take communion with the Lord here." I looked around, and I didn't see any elements, and he said, "What do you have in the house?" They said, "We've got a little sweet roll, and water, and that's all we have." He said, "Fill the glass with water and bring the sweet roll."

I've got news for you. The water did not change to wine, not like it did with Jesus (**John 2:1-9**). We didn't pray for it to change to wine. Jesus said, "When you drink this cup..." (**Matt. 26:27; Mark 14:23; Luke 22:20**). We broke that bread. We took that cup and bowed our heads, and we passed that cup around. Forget the sweet roll, forget the water. We were right in that communion table with God, and I'm going to tell you, the presence of God came in there. The presence of the Lord came into that room, and brother, you could just feel the mighty outpouring of God's Spirit. That girl was healed before we took the communion, but I mean it was totally manifested. She got up off that bed, and she began to praise God in that little old house, and began to sing the praises of God. **She had discerned His body. She had DISCERNED HIS WORK and she had ACCEPTED HIS WORK as the atonement for her sickness.**

So you see, a lot of times we do not understand the power of the blood of Jesus. Amen? He was in the glass of water. He was in the sweet roll. He was in the glass of water and in the crackers when I got the healing from the Lord in Victorville. It does not make any difference where you are. Also the Lord is not concerned whether it's grape-juice, grapefruit juice, apple-juice, water, or wine. Some say, "I can't eat that bread because it's got leaven in it." He took us **OUT** of that mess. God took us **OUT** of that and kept us in **His Passover**. He took us **OUT** of form and ritual. He took us **OUT** of all that, and He brought us into a personal relationship. If all we've got is a glass of water and a soda cracker, that's good enough for Him. It isn't the water and it's not the cracker; **it's the body and the blood of Jesus Christ that's going to do the work.**

He said, "Because you don't discern the work of God, you're sick." You can be healed right now, just right this minute by saying, "Lord, it's Your healing, it's Your work. You have done it for me. I am healed by your body that was broken for me."

1 Cor 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

1 Cor 11:32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

He's still talking about the same thing we're talking about. If I really judge myself righteously through the word of God, I will find out that there is nothing in my flesh man that ever will be worthy of taking communion with God, but there is a work inside of me that He made worthy. He is telling us to learn to live in the realm of the Spirit. Learn to acknowledge that what we're doing is a showing forth of the greatest power that ever came into the universe. **ONE MAN'S DEATH.** That death opened the prison doors. That death tore down the middle wall of sin, of partition that separated us. (**Eph. 2:14**). That death rent the rocks, that death sent earthquakes, that death opened graves and after His resurrection, they came out of the graves (**Matt. 27:51-53**). Praise God!

I'm saying that in His blood there was life, and there IS life in that blood. When we discern the blood and the body of Christ, when we discern it like we ought to, we're going to begin to respect more and begin to show forth more of the death of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The door that **He** became is more than I can really comprehend sometimes (**John 10:9**).

John 10:9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture.

Let's go to John 14: 1-3 I want you to hear this with the spirit.

John 14:1 Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me.

John 14:2 In my Father's house ARE many mansions....

They're already there. They were there when He spoke it. Everything was finished. The only thing that God is doing is populating a kingdom. He's not **BUILDING** a kingdom; He's **POPULATING** a kingdom. Amen!

John 14:2 ...if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you.

That would be fine if we ended it there but He doesn't stop there.

John 14:3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and receive you unto myself; that where I AM (right now, this very minute), there ye may be also.

The place He was talking about was the **Door**. He had already declared that He was the door back into the very presence of God. The door had to be prepared. It was a place called the **Cross**. The Judgment hall. It was a place where He would pay the price again to open back to men the availability and the accessibility of returning back to the Father, to walk exactly where Jesus was walking at that moment. **"The Father and I are one"** (John 10:30). Today I can say, "The Father and I are one." Hallelujah! I have been transferred from one side of that veil through His death, through the power of His blood, through the rending of that veil, I have been brought forth into the very presence of the Living God.

I AM WHERE HE IS AND HE IS WHERE I AM. AMEN!

"Where I am, you can be. There's no way for you to do it now, because I'm still in this physical body; but just as soon as I open it up, and the life comes out, and does the tremendous job that it's going to do, then I'll return, and where I am, you can be also."

The Holy Ghost of God is here, bringing us into heavenly places in Christ Jesus, communicating with the Father. The disciples desired for Jesus to teach them to pray (Luke 11:1). They said, "John teaches His disciples to pray, now you teach us to pray." And He said the most beautiful thing I can think of: **"OUR FATHER."** Not **MY FATHER**, but **OUR FATHER**, because of the blood that He would shed in just a few short days. The blood would have so much power and life in it, that every ounce of darkness would be destroyed before it and again the way back into the presence of God would once more be illuminated by the power of His death.

No wonder He said it was a great thing to be able to take communion with Him. It wasn't a ceremony, it wasn't a religious act. It was an acknowledgment that His death had all the power that was needed to finish the work of destroying the powers of darkness.

Let's go to I John 5:8

1 John 5:8 And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.

THE BLOOD BEARS WITNESS.

I've got news for all of us; if that blood isn't applied to your life, you have no witness. When Jesus Christ checks you out and God the Father accepts you, it won't be because of all the great works you've done. He's going to look for the blood, and the only thing He's going to be able to see you through, is the blood. He won't see you

through your good works. He won't see you through your religious activities. He's going to see you through the blood of His Son. If any other sacrifice could have been made, then He would never have sent Jesus Christ to die. There **WASN'T** any other sacrifice that was acceptable in the sight of God and when He looks at you and me, the blood bears witness.

He **SEES** you in that blood. Glory to God! **CLEANSED AND RIGHTEOUS, AND HOLY** before the Father. He **SEES** you. It bears witness that you **ARE** His. The life that **WAS** in that blood and **IS** in that blood, is now in us. **The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God (Romans 8:16)**. The spirit and the blood work together. Read it right here in **I John 5:8: "And there are three that bear witness in earth today, the spirit, the water, and the blood, and these three agree in one."** The Spirit of God is not going to bear witness to a person that has never had the blood of Jesus applied to them.

In **Exodus 28:15-30** God gives directions for the making of the breastplate for the High Priest. The High Priest would come before the God of all heaven and earth once a year with a sacrifice of blood and on His garments there was a breastplate, and upon that breastplate of righteousness there were twelve stones. The names of each tribe were in those twelve stones, and when he would come in the presence of the Lord, some Bible scholars say they would light up. Peter called us **"lively stones" (I Peter 2:5)**. That's what we are.

There's a process today that I've seen a few times, that they call a black light, and on certain kinds of stones that light will shine, and if those stones are alive, they will put off a reflection or a fluorescent type of light. You can put another rock right beside them, and it's just black. That's just like us. We can be in the world; we're not of it (**John 17:16**). There can be people all around us, but the Lord knows His own, because we put off a reflection in the spirit, and the blood bears witness. When the spirit shines on us, we light up. The blood, the life that's in the blood, begins to shine forth, hallelujah, and the **FATHER** works on us. Glory to God!.

The blood bears witness! It's important! If you preach a gospel without the blood, you preach a gospel without the witness. If you will allow a gospel to be preached, and you sit under it without the blood of Christ being preached or ever taught in it, then you're sitting in a gospel that is void of the witness of Jesus Christ. **So it's important to realize what the blood does, isn't it. It bears witness. Not only was it a sacrifice for sin that brought an end to sin, and the end of the world of sin, but it is also a witness working very powerfully today in our lives.**

Satan knows that blood and he knows it's defeated him once and for all. He knows that while I'm walking in that precious blood of Jesus Christ, there isn't a thing he can do to me. I am **SEALED** in the spirit. God allows him a time to try me, to put me in the sifter, (**Luke 22:31,32**) but all that comes out of that sifter is **the blood of Jesus**. All that goes out the wayside is self, things, and all that stuff, and all that comes out the

end is the blood of Jesus. He puts me through it enough times that I become converted, to trust only in the finished work of Jesus Christ and His work alone.

WHEN I SIT DOWN AT COMMUNION, I'M NOT SITTING DOWN WITH SOMEBODY THAT'S A STRANGER TO ME. I'M SITTING DOWN WITH THE DEAREST RELATIVE I CAN EVER SIT DOWN WITH. I'M SITTING DOWN WITH MY FATHER AND WITH THE LORD JESUS CHRIST, AND I'M COMMUNING WITH THEM. I'M NOT COMMUNING WITH PEOPLE. I'M COMMUNING WITH THEM, SHOWING THAT I DO UNDERSTAND AND BELIEVE THAT HIS DEATH ALONE WAS ENOUGH TO DO WHAT HE SAID IT WOULD DO. HIS BLOOD WAS ENOUGH TO DO EVERYTHING THAT GOD SAID IT WOULD DO.

I LOVE THAT! THE BLOOD WASHES.

Let's look at Revelation 1:5

Rev 1:5 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.

He loved us, and washed us in His own blood. **"Herein is love, not that we loved Him, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (1John 4:10).** While we were yet dead in our sins and trespasses He gave Himself for us. Here was a filthy thing and He loved it but He didn't stop with just saying, "I love you." He showed His love, and shed His blood to atone, to put away once and for all, the sin that you had so rightfully possessed in your own business, in your own life, in your own works. God said, "I love them. I'm going to give my life for them. When I do, there will be power enough in that blood to wash them from their sins." Glory to God! **I thank God today that blood does not lose it's power. It's eternal. It does not even become weak in any area. It still washes men and women from their sins. It still works. It will always work.**

Let's go to Hebrews 12:22-25

Heb 12:22 But ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels.

Heb 12:23 To the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect,

Heb 12:24 And to JESUS the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.

If Abel's blood was able to speak, (and we know it was, because God said, "Abel's blood crieth out unto me (**Gen.4:10**). It crieth out unto me from the ground," there has to be something beyond our knowledge in the blood. **It's called life.** And the life of Abel, even after his body was dead, was able to cry out from the ground. Now if that was true about a person, who even though he was called righteous Abel (**Matt.23:35**), still had a sin nature in him, how much more will the blood of Jesus Christ, offered by the eternal Spirit, purge us from all our sin. And that blood of Jesus is not crying out vengeance. It's crying out **MERCY**. It's crying out **FORGIVENESS**. It's crying out **HEALING**. It's crying out **VICTORY**. It's continually working in you, covering you, going through you, reminding you.

When you see the death of Jesus, you ought to begin to realize something: it was not defeat; IT WAS TOTAL VICTORY. There was no defeat in the death of Jesus Christ. It was totally preplanned. (Acts 2:22,23; Acts 3:18). Everything about it, every step of it, every drop of blood was preplanned by the Father, to redeem you and Me from the curse of the law.

Heb 12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven.

Now, how far off is the Lord? He said, "You've come unto Him." He's right there with you, right now. **You're in heavenly places in Christ Jesus (Eph.2:6).** And He said that blood of Jesus Christ sprinkles us, continually washes us, continually works on us. Hallelujah! I'm living in the blood. Without the blood there'd be no life for the life is in the blood. There would be no new testament, for the new testament is in the blood. **God has given you and me an INFUSION of Jesus Christ. We need to believe and understand that the infusion of His blood is continually giving us life day by day. Praise God!**

THE BLOOD WASHES, AND THE BLOOD BEARS WITNESS. IT BRINGS US TO AN UNDERSTANDING IN CHRIST. IT ALSO HAS AN OVERCOMING POWER.

Let's look at Revelation 12:11. That blood has overcoming power.

Rev 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony..."

They showed forth His death, didn't they. They put their full confidence in the blood of Jesus Christ, and it caused them to be **OVERCOMERS!** They had put their trust in God alone being able to redeem them so that when it was written of them, it would simply be written:

Rev 12:11 They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

That's exciting to me. Now that may not excite you but if one man could overcome by the blood of the Lamb, I can overcome by it. Jesus overcame by His own blood. That power of that blood, Glory to God, raised Him from the dead. The power of the Spirit entered into Him, accepted the sacrifice of blood, and raised Him from the dead. When He raised Him from the dead, He raised me from the dead. If we can ever just look at it for a minute, and see what it's really done in our lives, we'd start shouting the victory. We would realize the work is done, it is finished, it has been accepted by the Father, and it has made me an overcomer. It's made me an overcomer.

Let's go to Revelation 5: 9-10

Rev 5:9 And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by THY BLOOD...

Not by "thy resurrection" but "by thy **BLOOD.**" The Father honored Him by raising Him from the dead; telling Him, "I'm satisfied with the work you have done. I am totally satisfied that the blood that you shed was enough to take care of the sin debt. I am satisfied that the blood you offered that day was enough. Because you've done that, I'm going to let you open the book and the seals." Nobody outside the blood can understand the book. **It took the redeeming power of the blood to qualify Him to open the book.** And now He is saying to you and me, "If you want to understand the book, you better get in the blood."

Someone told me, "I love you like a blood brother." **I AM** your blood brother. Everyone that is born of God are blood brothers and sisters and the blood we share is deeper than the blood that man shares. **The blood we share is eternal and there is life in that blood that will never lose it's power.**

Rev 5:9Thou art worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation;

Rev 5:10 And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.

Don't you understand that when Jesus died, He did a tremendous work that you can add nothing to nor take anything away from. When you try to come to the Lord on your own merits, you usually end up getting sick or end up getting something. Isn't that true?

Today I can go down the highway singing and rejoicing. If I meet a brother that's a Baptist, a Lutheran, or a Pentecostal, I don't see Baptist, Lutheran, or Pentecostal. I see a blood brother. The Indian people when they made a covenant with the white man, cut the blood vessels in their forearms and they put them together, and the blood mingled. Amen? Well, there were two blood vessels that were cut open for me. Nailed to the cross, and His blood poured into me. Praise God! **His blood took the uncleanness and the ungodliness away from me, and brought a pureness of the Holy Spirit to penetrate into my life and my heart.**

I have to get excited about this. Bulls and goats could not do it. Heifers could not do it. It took the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ, the pure Lamb of God, to take away the sin of the world. He was found worthy and He has made us kings and priests unto God, and we're going to reign on the earth for a thousand years with Him (**Rev 20:4**). Amen!

Let's go to Hosea 6:1-3

Do you realize that when you testify of Jesus Christ, you're really testifying of His death. God raised Him from the dead. We know that for sure. But when you say, "The Lord healed me," do you know what you're really saying? "He was broken for me. His blood was enough. His body was enough to do it for me."

Hosea 6:1 Come, and let us return unto the Lord: for He hath torn, and He will heal us; He hath smitten, and He will bind us up.

Hosea 6:2 After two days will He revive us: in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.

Hosea 6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: His going forth is prepared as the morning; and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain unto the earth.

Look in the second verse.

Hosea 6:2 After two days will He revive us: in the third day He will raise us up, and we shall live in His sight.

There is the prophecy of the resurrection but there would have been no resurrection had there been no death, and there would have been no resurrection had God not accepted that death.

I tell you, friend, the very fact that there is a resurrection, means that God accepted the death and all the work that was done therein was enough. God will not take anything from any man or woman to try to add to the one sacrifice He accepted. On the third day when He rose up, I rose with Him. Even before I had a physical body, I

rose up with Him. Amen? **Even before I was alive in the flesh, He gave me resurrection, because the work He did was for ALL men.**

I want to tell you something: I'm eternal, and you are too. **He that hath the Father and the Son, hath eternal life.** Not going to have it someday. I have it now. What we have been concentrating on, beloved, is temporal life and neglecting eternal life. We have concentrated on **THINGS**, instead of on **HIM**. When we **concentrate** on **Him**, we shall **know Him**.

Hosea 6:3 Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord...

It's not just enough to announce to people that you're a Christian.

Hosea 6:3 ...His going forth is prepared as the morning, and He shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and the former rain unto the earth.

There would have been no resurrection had God not accepted that death. I am not a sinner; I am a saint. "Poor little old sinners." I cannot see where the Lord said that at all. I can't see where Paul said it. Paul said, "To the saints, to the saints." Peter said, "To the saints."

1 Cor 1:2 Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, CALLED TO BE SAINTS, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:

Hallelujah! I'm a saint of God! Come on, Saints. **I'm a saint because of His work.** I'm not a saint because I'm good enough in my own self. My rotten old nature had to decay and fall away. But there would have been no resurrection, there would have been nobody raised up from the dead, if God had not accepted the death of Jesus Christ as the full payment for all sin. Amen!

Let's read Joel 3:18-21

Joel 3:18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the rivers of Judah shall flow with waters, and a fountain shall come forth of the house of the LORD, and shall water the valley of Shittim.

Joel 3:19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence against the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land.

Joel 3:20 But Judah shall dwell for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation.

Joel 3:21 For I will cleanse their blood that I have not cleansed: for the LORD dwelleth in Zion.

I want to tell you something: the old natural blood could not get good enough to serve God and be acceptable in the Lord. But there was a blood that Jesus Christ would shed one day, that God would accept, and when He would accept that blood, He would **CLEANSE** us. He would **CLEANSE** us. The bulls, the goats, the heifers, everything that was sacrificed could not cleanse us for their blood was contaminated also. The earth had come under a curse. But here we find there was a cleansing blood that would cleanse us, called Jesus Christ the Lord.

So we find then that there was **TREMENDOUS POWER. TREMENDOUS POWER!** The power of the witness was there. The tragic thing about that witness was when they said, "Let His blood be upon us and upon our children" (**Matt.27:25**) when they crucified Him. That blood will be a witness in that day, to those that would not repent from it. We have to give an answer for His blood one way or another. Somebody said, "You have a bloody religion." **Absolutely!**
WE EITHER ACCEPT HIS BLOOD AS BEING SUFFICIENT TO HAVE DONE ALL THAT HE SAID HE HAD DONE, OR WE REJECT THAT BLOOD AS BEING SUFFICIENT. EITHER WAY, THAT BLOOD WILL BE A WITNESS FOR US OR AGAINST US. FRIEND, IT TOOK THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS WHO WAS LED TO THE SLAUGHTER AS A LAMB YET HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH. (ISAIAH 53:7). AMEN!

BLOOD COVENANT

CHAPTER 4

Father, in Jesus name, we thank you, for we are learning of the deep and wonderful things of God. We are learning that the blood of Jesus Christ in His death was sufficient to handle the sin question. Now, Lord, we desire to walk in that resurrection, walk in that place, that we can see as you see, hear as you hear, speak as you speak, and think as you think. Lord, we need to live in such a way today, that others can begin to see in our lives the tremendous effect that the death of Christ has had on us. A free creature, a new creature in Jesus. Walking in the love of God. Walking in the very precepts of Christ. We ask you to teach us and to continue to work in this blood covenant study. In Jesus name. Amen!

Let's go to Zechariah 12:9 through 13:1

It's very important for you to see all that God has for you in this. It's the **LIVING WORD**.

Zech 12:9 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that come against Jerusalem.

Zech 12:10 And I will pour upon the house of David, and upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: and they shall look upon me whom they have pierced, and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for his first-born.

Zech 12:11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadadrimmon in the valley of Megidon.

Zech 12:12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; and the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart;

Zech 12:13 The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of Shimei apart, and their wives apart;

Zech 12:14 All the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

Zech 13:1 In THAT DAY there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.

THAT FOUNTAIN WAS THE BLOOD OF JESUS!

The fountain that was opened is the fountain that will work for the Jews. It will work for the Gentiles. It will work for the Greek. It will work for the Roman. **The only fountain for cleansing is the fountain that was opened when Jesus Christ gave up the Ghost. There was a fountain of life that came out of Him that day. There was a fountain that sprang forth forever.** Rivers of living water and they began to come forth on the day of Pentecost (**Acts 2:3,4**) and they've been flowing ever since. The fountain that was open in that day for David, is open for me. It's open for every person. **There is only one fountain that will cleanse sin and uncleanness and it is the blood of Jesus Christ.**

Let's go to Genesis 17: 5-14

There was always a blood establishment of a covenant that was talking about the blood covenant and it had to be blood shed by somebody.

Gen 17:5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for a father of many nations have I made thee.

Gen 17:6 And I will make thee exceeding fruitful, and I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee.

Gen 17:7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee.

Gen 17:8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou art a stranger, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God.

Gen 17:9 And God said unto Abraham, Thou shalt keep my covenant therefore, thou, and thy seed after thee in their generations.

Gen 17:10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and you and thy seed after thee; Every man child among you shall be circumcised.

Gen 17:11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and it shall be a token of the covenant betwixt me and you.

Gen 17:12 And he that is eight days old shall be circumcised among you, every man child in your generations, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, which is not of thy seed.

Gen 17:13 He that is born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant.

Gen 17:14 And the uncircumcised man child whose flesh of his foreskin is not circumcised, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

God really made two covenants with Abraham. He made one after the natural, and He made one after the spiritual. The natural covenant required blood, but it took the blood of a natural man. It was Abraham's blood, and his seed, that continually sealed that covenant that God made with him. God made another covenant with man, the seed of Abraham. He made a covenant with him of everlasting proportions and He could not use man's blood to sign that seal with. He could not use the blood of a generation from Adam on down, that had polluted blood in them. So He brought forth His own Son, who had blood that was sinless, and He sealed forever that covenant. And when He sealed that covenant, it was not from generation to generation, but it was for **ONE** generation (**I Peter 2:9**), "**A chosen generation.**"

One generation, and He sealed the covenant with His own blood on that generation. Praise God! **It wasn't any longer the blood of corrupt men that sealed the covenant. It was the blood of an incorruptible man.** He had to be incorruptible because he would have died long before He did. He would have fallen snare and never been resurrected from the dead, but He walked in a body that He chose to keep incorruptible until the moment it would be made corruptible when it became sin. I am in a corruptible vessel which shall be changed to incorruptible. It's going to reverse the process, you see, but it's going to take the blood of Jesus Christ to make it work.

When you tell people that you have a covenant, friends, you've got one. **You have a covenant that not all the lawyers of this world, nor all the wise men or associations of this world, can change or break. It is a covenant that is signed in the blood of Jesus Christ to reverse the process. Where He became sin, we go from sin to become righteous. Where He became death, we become life through the blood of Jesus Christ.** I am free today because of that. There was a circumcision, it still took a circumcision, but now it is a circumcision not made with hands. It is a circumcision of the heart (**Romans 2:29**), where **He** cut away the old man, and put **His** laws upon my heart and upon my mind (**Heb 10:16**). **He** cut out the stony heart, and gave me a heart of flesh (**Ezekiel 11:19**). Isn't that great! **He GAVE** me a heart that has **His** laws and **His** commandments written upon them (**Jer 31:33; Heb 8:10**).

I think we do not understand the **POWER** of the blood. We do not understand that if God would honor mans blood and keep a covenant because of mans perpetual working, generation after generation, how much more will He honor the blood that never loses its power. How much more will He honor a sinless blood that was offered by the eternal Spirit. How much more will He accept that blood and honor it. If He would honor a man who would cause his blood to seal a covenant, how much more will He honor the man Christ Jesus' blood, who was powerful enough to take away the sin of the world.

He said too, if a man will not be circumcised, He has no part in that covenant. Now we have many religious people who are not circumcised. The Jews were so zealous for circumcision, they were going to let people get saved but they had to add to it. They had to go down and get a physical circumcision. **But God said, "No, it's not necessary. Circumcision nor uncircumcision availeth anything (Gal. 5:6; 6:15). It is the new creature, a person that has been washed in the blood of the Lamb. A person that has been brought forth out of death into life. It is the power of MY blood that has sealed this thing forever."**

Man doesn't have the power to break it. Man has not the power to change it. We cannot disannul it by our own power. It was established forever to this generation through the blood of Jesus Christ. Our healing was two thousands years ago. Why? Because God made a covenant with us. Signed it in His own blood, and said, "I am the Lord thy God that healeth thee."

Let's look at Exodus 15:26

Exo 15:26 And said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of the LORD thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his sight, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of these diseases upon thee, which I have brought upon the Egyptians: for I am the LORD that healeth thee.

Now let's go to Galatians 2:16-21 We're talking about the power of the blood covenant.

Gal 2:16 Knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law, but by the faith of Jesus Christ, even we have believed in Jesus Christ, that we might be justified by the faith of Christ, and not by the works of the law: for by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified.

Gal 2:17 But if, while we seek to be justified by Christ, we ourselves also are found sinners, is therefore Christ the minister of sin? God forbid.

Gal 2:18 For if I build again the things which I destroyed, I make myself a transgressor.

Gal 2:19 For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God.

I cannot go back and build the law again and try to live under it. It won't work. When I confessed Jesus Christ, I said to the world and to myself that I cannot do it. I need a Saviour. When I said to the world that I could not make it on my own, I was confessing that there was nothing good in me of being able to save myself.

How many of you ever read the book of Job? Did you ever see the qualifications that if a man could do these things, he could possibly save himself? Bring up the sun one morning? That is just as impossible as a man saving himself by keeping anything for if you offend in the law in one point, you've done it in all points.

Paul said, "I would not have known sin without the law. The law was a school-master to bring me to Christ. There wasn't anything wrong with the law. It was all right but the sin was found in me, and the law was a search-light and pointed it out. I saw it, and the law deceived me. It jumped up and sin revived and it killed me **(Romans 7:7-11).**" That's all the law could ever do, is kill you.

The law came by Moses; grace and truth by Christ Jesus. All man could ever bring you is the law. That's all that flesh has ever been able to do. They take and handle the precious things of God and eventually turn them into some kind of laws that bind us. But here He said in **Gal 2:18, "For if I build again that which I've destroyed, I am a transgressor."**

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

Gal 2:21 I do not frustrate the grace of God: for if righteousness come by the law, then Christ is dead in vain.

If any other law could have brought righteousness, Jesus would not have had to come. The laws were pretty strong but they were not able, because of the weakness of flesh, to perform. So God sent His Son Jesus Christ and He died, and when He died, He fulfilled all the laws, both in His living and in His death **(Matt 5:17; Romans 10:4)**. He would not even let anyone touch Him **(John 20:17)**. He still had to fulfill the role of a High Priest until He had ascended to the Father. After His death, there was a judgment. He passed the judgment, and was raised from the dead. He took the office of the High Priest and ascended back into heaven and there presented the blood, and the Father accepted it **(Heb 9:11-14)**. Oh Glory to God!

I'm not righteous because of something I can or can't do. I am righteous today because of the blood of Jesus. He didn't die in vain, friend. **NO, NO! HE DID NOT DIE IN VAIN.** So often we frustrate the grace of God. We're trying to be good enough to come and ask the Lord for something we need. I'm coming on **HIS** goodness. I'm coming on **His** mercy. I'm coming on **HIS** finished work. Amen! We need to understand that it was through **His** power and might that we today have had the things that we've done.

Let's go to Galatians 3:1-14 Here is the accusation.

Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians...

He had just told them, "Why do you want to frustrate the grace of God?"

Gal 3:1 O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you?

Gal 3:2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

"How did you get this thing? Did you get it because you got good enough to get it? Or did you get it because God gave you an ear to hear it."

Gal 3:3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, are ye now made perfect by the flesh? (Or by the works of the flesh?)

We need to understand fully the **POWER** of Jesus' death. The **POWER** of the life of that blood that left that body. It was sufficient and it will always be sufficient to finish the work.

Gal 3:4 Have ye suffered so many things in vain? if it be yet in vain.

Gal 3:5 He therefore that ministereth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith?

Gal 3:6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was accounted to him for righteousness.

Gal 3:7 Know ye therefore that they which are of faith, the same are the children of Abraham.

Gal 3:8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the heathen through faith, preached before the gospel unto Abraham, saying, In thee shall all nations be blessed.

Jesus Christ came from the seed of Abraham and in that seed of Abraham there was a manifestation of a physical body named Jesus Christ. The death of Jesus Christ is a blessing to all nations: to the Jew, the Greek, the Scythian, the bond or the free, the American, to everybody else. There is a blessing that is yours and mine today and to every sinner if they would just acknowledge that in Jesus Christ, a man can find forgiveness for sin.

In **Gal 3:8** where He said that all nations would be blessed, He's saying that every nation would receive the forgiveness of sin. They would be blessed. Look at **Romans 4:7-8**.

Rom 4:7 Saying, Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered.

Rom 4:8 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not impute sin.

BLESSED = Conc. 1757. eneulogeo, en-yoo-log-eh'-o; from G1722 and G2127; to confer a benefit on:--bless.

I'm blessed! If I never got any more blessed than I'm blessed right now, I'd be blessed. I am blessed with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places (**Eph 1:3**). You know when it happened? It happened the moment I accepted the finished work of Jesus Christ. **It happened the moment I acknowledged that the work of the garden, the work of the judgment hall, and the work of the cross was SUFFICIENT.**

Gal 3:9 So then they which be of faith are blessed with faithful Abraham.

Gal 3:10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.

I'm glad I am under grace today. I'm glad I am under the law of liberty in Christ Jesus. I'm glad today that I am complete in Christ.

It was not God's desire to give the law. God's desire was to have a people who would serve Him because they loved Him. There was no mention of a law having to be given in the beginning. He simply gave Adam and Eve the world and He said, "Be fruitful. Be faithful. Multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it (**Gen. 1:28**)". And they didn't obey Him. So God, in order to at least maintain some semblance of Godness, had to set laws into motion.

That nation was very seldom happy and yet they had all the rights to be happy. They were very seldom even joyful, and yet they had the commandment of God to be joyful. God brought forth a Son and that Son brought forth a nation. We, the holy

nation in **1 Peter 2:9**, were begotten of the blood of Jesus Christ. It is a people that are washed in the blood, that bear the witness of the blood, and have the power of the blood of Christ in their lives.

Gal 3:11 But that no man is justified by the law in the sight of God, it is evident: for, The just shall live by faith.

Gal 3:12 And the law is not of faith...

Isn't that amazing! There wasn't anything in the law about faith. It just said, "If you don't do this, you're going to get this. And if you do that, you're going to suffer this." Amen? You didn't have to have faith to know about that thing. You saw them all around you getting stoned to death, killed and murdered and all kinds of things happening to them.

Gal 3:12 And the law is not of faith: but, the man that doeth them shall live in them.

That will be his total existence.

Gal 3:13 Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree.

Gal 3:14 That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

Hallelujah! "Well, Brother Krider, yeah, but you know..." No, I don't know! I know what the word says. The word tells me that the blood of Jesus was powerful enough to satisfy the Father; that there was no need ever again for another sin offering, because God would not accept another one. If I try to go back under the law and justify myself, then I am found a sinner.

Let's go to Romans 8:1-16

Look what the work of Jesus Christ did here.

Rom 8:1 There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, (underline that) *and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:*

The only place that sin can go is to the flesh. He that is born of God sinneth not for He cannot, for His seed remaineth in him (**1 John 3:9**). If I have reckoned my flesh **DEAD** to sin, if I have reckoned myself **DEAD** to sin but alive to Christ (**Romans 6:11**) then sin cannot penetrate. **IT MUST REMAIN IN THE FLESH REALM, for Jesus condemned it there.** That's why no flesh shall glory in the presence of the Lord (**1 Cor 1:29**). It can't. Flesh is flesh and that which is born of flesh is flesh; that which is born of the Spirit is spirit (**John 3:6**).

Let me show you the great work. The law couldn't make that flesh righteous. It just wouldn't work. It was always bringing condemnation. The law wasn't made for the righteous. The word of God says, **The law was not made for the righteous but for the sinner and the ungodly.**

1 Tim 1:8 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully;

1 Tim 1:9 Knowing this, that the law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and disobedient, for the ungodly and for sinners, for unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for manslayers,

1 Tim 1:10 For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

Abraham did not need a law. He walked by faith (**Heb. 11:8-9; Romans 4:12**), and God was pleased. When his flesh messed up, he'd straighten it out and keep on going. When our flesh gets out of hand for a minute, we think there's no hope. " We've done the unpardonable sin; it's all over with. I hear the trumpets! I see the pit! I'm gone!" We need to recognize something here. If you can ever get this into your heart, that when that blood was applied, it separated you from the natural man to bring forth the spirit man. It separated you from carnality into spirituality; separated you from darkness into light. It separated you from a powerless kingdom into a powerful kingdom.

We need to realize what Jesus Christ has done for us. He condemned that sin in the flesh. His flesh man was PURE ENOUGH to condemn sin in the flesh, then take the penalty for it and still overcome it. The same body that went into that tomb, came out of that tomb. He made a way for men to live above the power of sin. He made a way for men to live in a realm with God where sin could have no effect on them, because of the power of His precious blood.

You may think, "Well, I can do anything I want to do." You had better read Romans all the way through. **He said, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? "** (**Rom. 6:1-2**). Did you ever notice that God does forbid some things and sin is one of

them. But God has given me power over sin. He's given you power over sin. He translated you out of the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of His dear son (**Col 1:12-13**). And yet we sit around and we act like we're under the sin, instead of sin being under us.

Rom 8:3 For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, condemned sin in the flesh:

Rom 8:4 That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

Rom 8:5 For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh...

You can always tell where a man lives. You don't have to go up and judge him. If he minds the things of the flesh, he's after the flesh. You may not like that scripture. I told you, you can tear out all you want to. Just tear it all out; God will be impressed. **No!** He's got one written that you can't touch. "In that day, the words that I have spoken to you, they shall judge you (**John 12:48**)."

JOHN 12:48 HE THAT REJECTETH ME, AND RECEIVETH NOT MY WORDS, HATH ONE THAT JUDGETH HIM: THE WORD THAT I HAVE SPOKEN, THE SAME SHALL JUDGE HIM IN THE LAST DAY.

Rom 8:5 ...but they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit.

Rom 8:6 For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind IS (right now, this minute) enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

You find then that there are two powers working and available to you today, the power of the carnal mind and the power of the mind of Christ. **If I allow the mind of Christ to operate in me continually, He is going to remind me that the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made was sufficient.** The blood He shed was enough, and when I sit down with Him it is in remembrance of the almighty God of heaven and earth that was sufficient to wash away my sin and cause regeneration in me.

This is that precious blood of Jesus that is separating us, bringing us out of darkness into light. The life of Christ was made manifest. The unseen world, the world of the spirit, knew that when that life came out of Jesus, they were finished. When that blood that contained the life of Christ came out, they no longer had any power.

Rom 8:7 Because the carnal mind is enmity against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

So don't try to train it to be.

Rom 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh CANNOT please God.

Any man who is trying to be good enough in his flesh to be acceptable is fooling himself. But any man that can't control his flesh is immature. Not lost; just immature.

One day God is going to hold you accountable for His words. You should listen diligently to the word of the Lord. You should pay heed to the word of God. You should **REALLY LISTEN!** Concentrate on the word of God and not on people and things, but concentrate on what the Spirit is saying to the church (**Rev 2:7,11,29**). If you want to please God, quit walking after the flesh, the seeing of the eye and the hearing of the ear (**2Peter 2:7-8**). Quit trying to find a place of preeminence, but totally surrender your life to Christ and begin to walk in the Spirit (**Gal 5:16**).

Rom 8:8 So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God,

Rom 8:9 But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you. Now if any man have not the Spirit of Christ, he is none of His.

Rom 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin...

It is already dead. Now the beautiful part about this that I like so much, is when mine tries to resurrect, I just tell it that it's dead. **IT'S DEAD.** I don't argue with it. I just serve notice on it. We struggle with that thing so much. We wrestle with it, we fight with it, we do all kinds of things with the flesh man. Everything we do is with the flesh man. We try to get people to follow **US** in the flesh. We're going to have to get to that spirit where that blood of Jesus Christ is working continually; where the power of that blood is washing away the carnality of us. Washing away the carnality of the old man through the word; the washing of the water of the word. Praise God!

Rom 8:10 And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead ...

HE WAS DEAD. Not **GOING** to be dead. He was as dead as anybody could ever be. He was as dead as any flesh could ever die. He was dead! There was no life in that body.

Rom 8:11 But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you.

Rom 8:12 Therefore, brethren, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live after the flesh.

Rom 8:13 For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live.

He's talking to the brethren here.

Rom 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.

WHEN THAT PRECIOUS BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST CAME, HE OPENED MORE THINGS THAN JUST FORGIVENESS OF SIN. HE OPENED UP HEAVEN TO US. HE MADE A DOOR BACK TO THE PRESENCE OF GOD. HE SENT THE HOLY GHOST OF GOD. HE CAUSED VESSELS TO BE SANCTIFIED AND CLEANSED. HE MOVED IN BY THE POWER OF THE LIVING CHRIST TO FILL US WITH THE SAME SPIRIT THAT RAISED UP JESUS FROM THE DEAD. AMEN!

When they gathered in that upper room, the only thing they could really believe in was that Jesus had risen from the dead. Then they put it in their own heart, that if He'd risen from the dead, He must have been the same one that died. And then if He had died, He had surely done all that God said He would do, and they were free from the curse of the law, of sin, and death. They gathered together in an upper room, one-hundred and twenty of them (**Acts 1:13-15**). **For ten days they were in that place, glory to God, trusting in the very finished work of Jesus Christ, believing that God meant what He said, and the precious Holy Ghost came (Acts 2:1-4).**

He did not come to anybody outside that room, but He came to that room. Why? Because there were some vessels that were sanctified, waiting. There were some vessels that had believed in Jesus Christ, accepted His finished work, washed in the blood of the Lamb, waiting for something. And all of a sudden, the sound of a mighty rushing wind filled the house wherein they were seated, and the Holy Ghost filled every one of them. And fire, tongues of cloven fire sat upon the heads of each of them.

Let me tell you what the death of Jesus did, friend: it released the hand of God toward men, with all of its fulness. It cleansed men through the blood of Jesus, to make them acceptable in the sight of God, that He might FILL them with the power of God. Glory!

Rom 8:15 For ye have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear, but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.

My soul that was dead, is now alive. I have been adopted to the family of God, sealed by the Spirit of the Lord (**2 Cor 1:22; Eph. 1:13; Eph. 4:30**). I could not have done that, were it not for the blood of Jesus. If the blood had not been applied to my soul, I would still be dead in sins and trespasses. If there was no sacrifice made for sin, except for the will of God every one of us would be dead. But because of that sin offering, the precious blood of Jesus Christ, because of **THAT**, there was **POWER** in it to break the bonds that held you. To break the claims that were against you. To settle all the judgments that were outstanding in your case. Thank God today, there was power found in the blood of Jesus to raise men up, to cleanse them, to make them whole, that He might fill those vessels with His Holy Spirit.

Rom 8:16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God.

Let's go to Galatians 6:7-16 Watch this; it's important. We need to read the word as it is written.

Gal 6:7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap.

Gal 6:8 For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but HE THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING.

LIFE EVERLASTING - THAT'S WHAT I WANT.

Gal 6:9 And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.

Gal 6:10 As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.

Gal 6:11 Ye see how large a letter I have written unto you with mine own hand.

Gal 6:12 As many as desire to make a fair shew in the flesh, they constrain you to be circumcised..."

They want to make a good show, don't they. But God isn't looking at your flesh. It's dead. **It was crucified WITH CHRIST.**

Gal 6:12 ...only lest they should suffer persecution for the cross of Christ.

Gal 6:13 For neither they themselves who are circumcised keep the law; but desire to have you circumcised, that they may glory in your flesh.

"Look at all this beautiful following I have." If you have been circumcised unto religion, somebody is glorying in your circumcision. But if you have been circumcised unto Christ, Christ Jesus is glorified.

Gal 6:14 But God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom the world is crucified unto me, and I unto the world.

"Well, Brother Krider, the world has got a lot of pull on me." Just get cut off good enough; it won't have much pull. You start speaking in another language that the world doesn't understand, you'll find out how quick you're crucified. You start talking about Jesus, you'll find out just how quick you're crucified to every club, every bridge party, or anything else you ever belonged to. I belonged to all kinds of things before I was crucified and I didn't have to go around telling people I belonged to this church or that church. My speech started changing. My desires started changing, and I started talking about different things that they really weren't interested in. I looked like a dead man to them, because the things I used to be interested in just really didn't have any interest anymore. You start talking different than the world talks and you'll find out just how quick it'll work.

Gal 6:15 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth any thing, nor uncircumcision, but a new creature.

Gal 6:16 And as many as walk according to this rule, peace be on them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

Gal 6:17 From henceforth let no man trouble me: for I bear in my body the marks of the Lord Jesus.

He **BORE** in His body the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ. **Identification** is what he's saying here. His life was **identified** with Jesus Christ. He was marked. We talk about being marked; you're already marked. You ought to begin to bear about the marks of the Lord Jesus Christ. You ought to be **identified** in your speech. You ought to be **identified** in the way you live, the way you walk. The way everything about you is conducted, it ought to be circumspectly **(Eph. 5:15)**. It ought to be able to be examined from all sides, and have people say, "That person is like the Lord." He was saying, "Don't trouble me anymore. I have other things to do."

Let's look at I Cor 2:1-2 There's something about this crucifixion that helps you.

1 Cor 2:1 And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God.

1 Cor 2:2 For I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified.

For several years I couldn't figure out why he didn't stay resurrected, but the resurrection is of no value to a person until they first have had the death applied to them. There's an order: the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

If we would know one another after the power of the blood of Christ, if we would begin to know one another after the death of Jesus, being made conformable to His death, if we would just know that among one another, we wouldn't worry about what position a person holds in the natural. **2 Cor 5:16 says, "Wherefore henceforth know we no man after the flesh..."** He said, "I don't want to know you by the flesh; I want to know you by the Spirit. I want to know some people that have been crucified with Him. I want to know some people that are cut off from the world. I want to know people that have the circumcision of the heart."

Paul was an educated man. He could have come with enticing words of men's wisdom, but he came rather in the crucifixion. He came rather in the cross. He came rather in the death. **Why?** Because he was showing to them the death of Jesus Christ. **They were carnal.** They could not even understand what was going on. They were babes in Christ. They certainly didn't need to know the power of His resurrection. They needed to be knowing the power of His death. God is saying to you and me, there's some things that we need to understand here.

1 Cor 1:22 For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom:

1 Cor 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified...

I want you to notice something: there's a word called "**crucified.**" I don't hear many people preaching Christ crucified. You know why? Because that means we have to **identify** with His crucifixion. That means we have to admit that we have been crucified with Him.

1 Cor 1:23 But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness;

1 Cor 1:24 But unto them which are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God, and the wisdom of God.

Paul said, "I am crucified with Christ, nevertheless I live... "(Gal 2:20).

Gal 2:20 I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.

The world is crucified to me. That means cut completely off from everything, and the only source that we have is Jesus Christ. The only source of life we have today is God. It is not in the abundance of things, but it's in God. It is not in relationships with natural people; it is in a relationship with God. I'm telling you, we need to preach Christ and Him crucified.

We need to realize that the power of His death and the power of His blood, is what causes us to be able to live in the resurrection.

We have the foundation all wrong. You say, "Brother Krider, it won't turn anybody on to preach that." Oh yes, it will. Those that love God will be turned on. It'll cause them to know where they are in Christ. It'll cause them to **identify** as being separated from the flesh, cut off from everything but Jesus Christ! I love it! He said, "I don't want to know anything among you except **Christ crucified**, and I'm not going to preach anything to you except **Christ crucified**."

THE POWER OF THE BLOOD THAT ESTABLISHED A COVENANT FOR YOU AND ME. THE POWER OF THE BLOOD THAT ESTABLISHED THE MOST POWERFUL COVENANT EVER GIVEN TO A MAN. A COVENANT SEALED IN THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST. AMEN!

BLOOD COVENANT

CHAPTER 5

Father, in the name of Jesus, we thank you that as we study this 5th chapter, we can come before you, to begin to realize the POWER that WAS in the blood of Jesus, the POWER that IS in the blood of Jesus, and THE POWER THAT WILL ALWAYS BE THERE. Father, we ask you by the Spirit of God to teach this inner man, to impart hearing and understanding so we can grow up into the truth and into all that You have for us. In the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen!

Let's go to Revelation 19:11-16

We know that the blood of Jesus hath **separated** us from sin, and the only person we have to really contend with is our flesh man or the old natural spirit. The enemy **is defeated**. **The blood of Jesus hath purchased us, justified us, redeemed us, sanctified us.** Isn't that great? The blood of Jesus has done all of that, and brought us into a new relationship.

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened...

It reminds me a little bit of Stephen. When his blood was being shed because of a witness for Jesus Christ, he said he saw the heavens opened (**Acts 7:56**). There is something about the power of the blood of Jesus that did something that no other power could do: **it made available again the opening of heaven to you and me.** Oh, hallelujah!

Rev 19:11 And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and He that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness He doth judge and make war.

Rev 19:12 His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns; and He had a name written, that no man knew, but he himself.

Rev 19:13 And He was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and His name is called The Word of God.

A high priest that has once and forever offered that precious blood of Jesus Christ, hath taken it to the Father, and now there makes intercession for us.

Let's look at Heb 7:24-25

Heb 7:24 But this man, because he continueth ever, hath an unchangeable priesthood.

Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing HE EVER LIVETH TO MAKE INTERCESSION FOR THEM.

Talk about somebody making intercession for you. Here He is, riding on a white horse, making war for you. A vesture dipped in blood: the pure blood of the lamb, the victorious banner of heaven.

It reminds me of what He said to Jehoshaphat. "Just take it easy. This is not your battle; it is mine (**2 Chron 20:15-25**). Just rejoice. Send out the praisers and the singers. Get in tune with my spirit. Begin to praise me. I am going to take care of this for you." That is what God is saying to you and me through this precious blood covenant: "Relax, enjoy it. I am going to fight for you. I have already won the battle for you." Praise God!

Friend, you had better read this in the tense that it is written. **Rev 19:11 ...in righteousness He doth judge and make war.** He will not need to make war when this thing is all over. He is making war for you now. He is winning victory after victory in your personal life. He has already won it all. He is just revealing it to you day by day.

Rev 19:14 And the armies which were in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and clean.

Guess who that army is?

Rev 19:15 And out of His mouth goeth a sharp sword,...

It sounds a lot like Revelation 1:15-16, doesn't it.

Rev 19:15 ... that with it He should smite the nations: and He shall rule them with a rod of iron: and He treadeth the wine press of the fierceness and wrath of Almighty God.

Rev 19:16 And He hath on His vesture and on His thigh a name written, KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Look at it! All in capital letters. His name is the **KING OF KINGS AND THE LORD OF LORDS**. Triumphant, victorious, powerful in Jesus Christ.

And we are in heavenly places right now with Christ Jesus (**Eph 2:4-7**).

Eph 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us,

Eph 2:5 Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;)

EPH 2:6 AND HATH RAISED US UP TOGETHER, AND MADE US SIT TOGETHER IN HEAVENLY PLACES IN CHRIST JESUS

Eph 2:7 That in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in his kindness toward us through Christ Jesus.

You are clothed in that fine white linen right now, in the Spirit of God. He said in **Rev 19:8** that fine white linen was the righteousness of saints.

Rev 19:7 Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready.

Rev 19:8 And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen, clean and white: for THE FINE LINEN IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF SAINTS.

We have studied that we are saints, and we are the righteousness of God in Christ Jesus (**2 Cor 5:21**).

2 Cor 5:21 For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that WE MIGHT BE MADE THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD IN HIM.

I want to follow this kind of a captain. A Commander in Chief that has never lost. He never lost a battle and He never will lose a battle. Amen!

Let's go to Revelation 7:13-14.

Rev 7:13 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, What are these which are arrayed in white robes? and whence came they?

Rev 7:14 And I said unto Him, Sir, thou knowest. And He said to me, These are they which came out of great tribulation...

Not **THE GREAT TRIBULATION, BUT GREAT TRIBULATION**. Paul said that we must through **MUCH** tribulation enter the kingdom of God (**Acts 14:22**), and the only tribulation that we could possibly have is that old self man. He wants to go on and do his thing. The Spirit man puts him down and zaps him with the sword of the word of God.

Rev 7:14 ..these are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

The only cleansing power there is today from sin, that will make you whiter than any white there is, is the **blood of the Lamb**. But there has to be a desire and a willingness on our part to be a partaker of that. Read it again with me. **"...and have washed THEIR robes..."** **THEY** had to do it. **They had to separate themselves unto the Lord Jesus Christ**. Now that may sound like there is nothing to it, but the minute you really dedicate your heart to separating yourself unto God, you will find there is a warfare. People that had always been on your side, all of a sudden are against you; and all of those who encouraged you, all of a sudden are discouraging you.

When I was called to the ministry, I was doing things in the local church, and most of the people that were for me all of a sudden told me I was going to starve to death. They told me that my poor wife and children were going to be destitute and that everything I had would be repossessed. I got to the point where I was saying "Well, I know God called me," but I was wondering. **Then the Lord said to me, "Fight a good fight of faith. Lay hold of the promises of God."**

You do not just fall into this thing. It is through much tribulation you enter into the kingdom of God, and you have to press into the kingdom of God (**Luke 16:16**). **You have to press into it. You have to get violent with it (Matt. 11:12)**. There will be more discouraging you than there are encouraging you. There will be more saying you cannot do it than there are saying you can do it. **But "There be more for us than there are against us (II Kings 6:16). Greater is He that is in you than he that is in the world (I John 4:4)."** That blood covenant has separated me from all the ungodly enemies of Christ and brought me into the white robe area. Hallelujah! **I AM GETTING MARRIED!** Amen?

Let's look at I John 1:7

He washed them, didn't He.

1 John 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth from ALL sin.

There is nothing to add to it. It is a statement of fact. If we walk with Him, we enjoy Him, He is our whole life, then sin has no part. We are cleansed from **ALL** sin, but it takes an effort on our part. We have to press into it. We have to take it through tribulation. It has to be our total desire.

I thank God today, (I am serious; no boasting on anything I have done) but I am free from the power of sin. I have no desire to dwell anywhere near sin. I have moved my tent by the power of God, out of the land of darkness (**Gen.13:18**), through the power of Jesus Christ. He picked me up and put my tent in the land of righteousness. So there is a washing effect with the blood of Jesus. There is a cleansing effect with the

blood of Jesus. Though your sins be as scarlet, they will be white as snow (**Isa. 1:18**). It takes the precious blood of Jesus to do that.

Let's look at I Peter 1:1-2

1 Peter 1:1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered through Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia.

1 Peter 1:2 Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

The blood is a door. Jesus said, "I am the door " (**John 10:7,9**); but wherever Jesus is, the blood is, and it is like a veil. When you cross through that door, there begins to be a change in your attitude and the things of your heart, and there begins to be a change in your life. Then where you found fear, doubt, and unbelief, you begin to find grace and peace are multiplied to you. Knowledge is open to you. Wisdom is open to you. Things begin to take effect in your life that never had effect before. Things that used to bring a troublesome spirit to you, do not bring it anymore. You walk in the areas of grace and peace, and they are multiplied.

If there is one thing the world needs today, it is some grace and peace and the church alone has the power to impart it. The priests of God can say, "The kingdom of God is righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Ghost" (**Romans 14:17**) and here He said that peace would be multiplied. The kingdom will be multiplied to you. Glory to God!

Let's go to I Peter 1:15-20

1 Peter 1:15 But as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation;

The word "**conversation**" is the word that comes from a word called "**citizenship**," so you ought to live in such a way that your **citizenship** is reflected. I am a **citizen** of the kingdom. I am a **citizen** of the kingdom of God, therefore righteousness, peace, and joy are to be reflected in everything I do.

1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written...

"**It is written.**" It was good enough to whip the devil (**Matt 4:4,6,10**). It is good enough to convince me.

1 Peter 1:16 Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.

1 Peter 1:17 And if ye call on the Father, who without respect of persons judgeth according to every man's work, pass the time of your sojourning here in fear:

1 Peter 1:18 Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;

1 Peter 1:19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot;

1 Peter 1:20 Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you.

Oh Glory to God! That brings us to a place that there is **NOTHING** in this world or in the universe that can do the work that the blood does. The blood alone has the power to redeem. Everything else is corruptible, but the incorruptible blood of Jesus Christ is from the incorruptible seed of the word of God. That power now cleanses, washes, sanctifies, and redeems. **I am redeemed by the blood of the Lamb, and that blood is eternal.** If I was able to buy my redemption with silver or gold, as soon as the silver or gold corrupted, my salvation would corrupt because it would be **MY** salvation. I purchased it.

David got the picture right. He said, "Restore unto me the joy of **THY** salvation (**Ps. 51:12**)." It is **HIS** salvation imparted to me on **HIS** terms alone. It is eternal. It never wears down. It separates me from sin. It cleanses me, it washes me, it redeems me, and it sanctifies me. I am a new creature in Christ because of the work of the power of that precious blood of the Lamb. Hallelujah!

Let's look at Hebrews 13:11-12.

I used to be afraid of that other guy, and everybody helped me to be afraid of him. They told me how terrible, how powerful, and how ugly he was, and it scared me! Then I found out that the only guy I have any problem with, is the guy I see in the mirror every morning, and he is dead anyway.

Heb 13:11 For the bodies of those beasts, whose blood is brought into the sanctuary by the high priest for sin, are burned without the camp.

Heb 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered without the camp.

The blood sanctifies me, just like it says in **I Peter 1:2**. He sanctified me, redeemed me, washed me; in His own blood, He has done all of this. Everything that **HE** did, He did it because He loved us. He did not have to do it for Himself, because He

was already righteous. He was already without sin. There was no guile found within His mouth (**I Peter 2:22**). There was no place that any satanic power could grab him. **He said, "The prince of this world hath nothing in me (John 14:30)".** When He offered up His blood, it was pure. It was acceptable in the sight of God, and in that blood I am sanctified. I am redeemed. I am washed clean. Hallelujah!

Let's look at Hebrews 13:20-21

Exodus 24:8 has these same words, Exodus being a type and a shadow of that which was to be made manifest, which was Jesus Christ the Lord.

Heb 13:20 Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Through the blood of the EVERLASTING COVENANT. I love that! Not a temporal covenant, not a temporal testament, but **forever**. A covenant that will work now and it will work then. It worked yesterday; it will work tomorrow. As long as I need that blood covenant, it is there. **"..through the blood of the everlasting covenant."**

Heb 13:21 Make you perfect in every good work to do His will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

I have an everlasting covenant. I bought a set of tires awhile back, and they had a guarantee on them and a thought came to me. It was a life-time guarantee. It had a little print on there, before so many miles (I forget exactly what it was) and then it was cut down, pro-rated, until finally there was nothing left of the guarantee. Then I had another thought: that guarantee was only good as long as that company was good. A guarantee is a covenant they make with you when you buy something, but only the store you buy from will make that guarantee good. You can't go to another store and say, "Look! I have this guarantee on this item I bought, and it is the same brand you handle." They would say, "Tough luck old boy. You bought it from them. We will write the company and see if we can get something." That is not the way it is with Jesus. We need to begin to trust in Him.

We have leaned to the arm of flesh in our own understanding for years, and it has always failed us. When we begin to take the testator, begin to take the testament, begin to take the one who gave his life for us, resurrected from the dead, and established an eternal covenant, He is not going to go out of business. **He has made a covenant with me.** He has written 66 books on it and He told me everything I could have, and the guarantee will never run out. **The guarantee is good for the life of Jesus Christ.** How long is that? **FOREVER!** The guarantee, the covenant, the **blood covenant** He has given to me, is not just for yesterday, today, and tomorrow. **IT IS FOREVER. It is an everlasting covenant, sealed and signed in the blood of Jesus Christ.**

The world could have the greatest covenant ever known, but they have been satisfied with religious covenants, and they work within the confines of certain doctrinal structures. When they found out that those things failed, they became mad at the church. Isn't it funny how we sign up to do certain things in the Church, and all of a sudden we find out that we do not like that anymore. But you see, with this covenant, it covers every area of my life and I do not want to do certain things any longer. I do not do them because I find someone living in me that is greater than any denominational structure. I find someone living in me today that is greater than any living human being. **I find the Lord Jesus Christ by His Spirit dwelling richly in me, creating a new man in me, hallelujah, desirous to do the things of God.**

He said that this **blood covenant** that He gave me is not going to wear out. It is not going to get tired. God has given us a covenant that had us made us one. We are **blood brothers and sisters; we are the same blood**, hallelujah! We have a covenant established together forever in heaven and upon the earth. We have a covenant that shall never fail us. We have a covenant that gives us the right to love one another. Gives us the right to hug one another. Gives us the right to share the love of God between one another. We have a great privilege that outside of that covenant does not exist. But **IN** Christ we can love one another. We **CAN** love one another. We have been given the right in **His covenant** that the world does not know anything about, to **"Love ye one another even as I have loved you" (John 15:12)**. When this **blood covenant** becomes a vital part of your life, you are going to find out that there are people that you could not stand before, and now you let the Lord love them through you.

I was teaching a seminar one time on love and hate and someone came to me and said, "Well, it is not that I do not love them, and it is really not that I hate them. I kind of like them." I said, "What you mean is that you tolerate them. Is that what you are trying to say?" "Well, yeah, I guess that would be a better word." I said, "You do not seem to understand that the only options you have are love and hate."

In the **blood covenant** He made you a son of love. God is love, and if you are His son, there is going to be one thing manifesting through you: the fruit of the Spirit, which is love (**Gal 5:22**). The old man, the old self man, picks out who he will love, just like all of us did. I had the same problem. I picked out who I was going to love and who I was going to like. I had them all sectioned off. I love this one, I like this one, and I will tolerate this one.

I was telling the Lord one time that I could not figure out why it was not working. We have all done it; let's be honest. One day I said to the Lord, "This thing is not working, Lord, and I have got all the right perspectives. I have You first, I have my wife second, and my family is right in there, and then my friends, and everything is kind of one, two, three, four. I have got the right perspective on this, God." He said, "What are you talking about?" I reminded Him, I had Him first, and right down the line. And the Lord said, "There is no first, second, third, and fourth." **He said, "Thou shalt love the**

Lord thy God with ALL thy heart (Matt. 22:37; Mark 12:30; Luke 10:27)." Then He said, "Then you will love people as you love me."

He takes me in the closet once in awhile and works me over, but when I come out I have perfect understanding. He does not mumble. **No!** He speaks very clearly to me.

He said, "There are no one, two, three, four, five, six. You shall love the Lord thy God with ALL thy heart. You will love your wife as Christ loved the church (Eph 5:25). You will love one another even as I have loved you (John 1:34). Love your neighbor as yourself (Matt 22:39; Luke 10:27).

That is a blood covenant that God gave us. They tried it in the old covenant and could not make it. They could not get along with God, let alone one another. We still do the same thing. We are trying in our own strength to love people, not realizing that we are dead, and a dead man cannot love anything except self. When you come to the living realization that the **blood covenant** has separated you from death into life, from darkness into light, you are going to be able to love with the love of God. Amen!

All right then, we find the blood washes, it cleanses, it sanctifies, and it redeems. We have an everlasting covenant. I have need of nothing. I can honestly say that to you today. **I have a covenant with the Father that loves me, who supplies all of my need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus (Phil. 4:19).** That is why I do not have to beg. That is why I do not have to go out and grumble and complain that God is not supporting the program. **My God supports His program.** I am just going along shouting the victory, praising God, and having a good time in it. It is not up to me to finance His program.

My daughter called me awhile back and she said, "Dad we owe twelve-hundred dollars," and I said, "What are you talking about?" She said, "Well, this bill came due." I said, "Honey, we do not owe anything. God owes it, and He will pay it." It came in the mail.

I have a covenant with my Father, and when you get into that covenant, you will love everybody the same. When you **get into that blood covenant**, there is no big or little, there are no poor or rich; they are all the same in Christ. And you love through the precious blood of Jesus, who cleansed us, and loved us, and gave Himself for us. Isn't that beautiful? **We have a covenant, an everlasting covenant, that God has done by His own blood.**

Let's go to Hebrews 12:1-4

Heb 12:1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Heb 12:3 For consider Him that endured such contradiction of sinners against Himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.

Heb 12:4 Ye have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.

Jesus Christ in the garden of Gethsemane, wrestled, fought, resisted, and the **blood** began to come. The great sweat drops of blood began to come; began to cry out victory. Hallelujah! They began to cry out the defeat of all the powers of darkness. He **RESISTED** even unto **blood** the powers of darkness (**Luke 22:44**).

We ought to consider Him, hadn't we. Quit considering men and women and things like that, and get out of that flesh realm and get into that spirit realm. If you have received anything good today, it will be from God. It will not be from any man. I am a vessel through which the gift of God has come to you. The gift of teaching, that is all. I am just a vessel. You are all vessels. We are a vessel through which that gift at that moment can be poured. Amen! When men glory in flesh they are unwise. When they glory in the Lord they are wise. "**You have not yet resisted unto blood, striving against sin.**" He did, and He won. He prevailed. Hallelujah!

If you did resist sin in your own strength, striving even unto blood and you got killed for it, you still could not save yourself. Your blood would not be acceptable in the sight of God. It takes that one precious pure blood that was accounted good enough, and pure enough to cancel the debt of sin you owed.

Let's read Hebrews 12:24

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant...

If you have a problem with the new covenant, do not argue with men about it; go to God. **Jesus is the mediator.** He is the one man in heaven, the man Christ Jesus. The advocate between the Father and us. If there is something you do not understand about the new covenant, you can ask the Father for wisdom. The word says if you ask God for wisdom, He will give it to you (**James 1:5**).

Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator* (or the one that mediated the covenant between God and man) ***and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.**

"Better things." We have a better covenant today. We have a better testament. We have a better life. He hath reserved some better thing for us. The word of God tells us that (I Peter 1:4). They had the law; we have grace. They had death;

we have life. They had fear; we got faith. They were shut up unto faith, until Jesus Christ came. We have a mediator with us.

Let's go to Hebrews 10:17-23

Heb 10:17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

Heb 10:18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

My sins have been thrown away. They have been forgotten. For me to go back and try to pay for something I did yesterday, forget it! It is all over with. If I have asked forgiveness, it is done.

There are religions that say that you have to do a penance. That is why Luther came out of the organization. He saw it was justification by faith. The work was done by grace. Instead of climbing over broken bottles or up steps to do penance, he found out that all he had to do was repent. Amen! God was not going to accept crawling over glass. God is not going to accept you cutting your wrists or slashing your throat. God is not going to accept you rolling in the floor and trying to get righteous enough to be accepted in God's sight. **His Son PAID a price. His Son gave His life and arose again from the dead. Shed His blood and offered the blood to the Father, and the Father said "Where the remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin."**

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Heb 10:20 By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.

Oh Hallelujah! **Boldness. The blood of Jesus does something else for us.** It gives us **boldness**. We pray for boldness, and that is a good thing to pray for. The disciples prayed for boldness (**Acts 4:29**). That boldness is available to you. You have a blood covenant that says **through that blood** you can come **boldly** to the throne of grace. I do not have to come whimpering, bawling, begging, or trying to tell God how good I am. When I mess up, the first place I go is to the throne of grace, **BOLDLY**. I go in there and say, "Father, I blew it!"

Do you realize that you can do something that was reserved only for the priests to do. **Only the high priests could come to the mercy seat of God once a year, but now you can come continually to the mercy seat.** You can come continually to receive grace. You can come continually to receive mercy. You can come continually to receive the things of God, not only for yourself but for someone else also.

Have you ever seen a brother or sister under such heavy condemnation and you talk to them, and you love them, and you do everything in the world you could possibly

think of to do, and still they walk around under it? Did you ever think about going boldly to the throne and saying, "Father, give me a little grace for them. Give me a little mercy for them. Let that be applied in their life today, Father." And the Father is not one to deny you if it is a good thing and it is right in His sight.

We have a privilege today that the people before Jesus did not have. Then the high priest had to come to a physical mercy seat, but we come into the very throne of God now. We come to the very highest mercy seat there is - the throne of Almighty God. We can come BOLDLY because of the blood of Jesus that tore that middle wall of sin of partition and ripped it apart. The thing that separated us from God is no longer there. We can come BOLDLY. When we blow it, or when somebody else needs help, we can come and say, "Lord, hallelujah, I need help."

We should have the confidence in Christ and in one another, and if we have a burden, we can say, "Look! I cannot get rid of it. Come and help me. Let's share the burden together." Do not rob the body of that blessing either; we have a way of doing that. I did it for years. "I can do it myself." Self-will! I was going to do it. "I love the Lord, and I am not going to burden people with **MY** problem."

Several years ago I did have a problem I could not overcome; a physical ailment in my body. I fasted, I prayed, I preached faith, and saw people get healed all the time. But this was a problem that I could not get healed. One Sunday morning when I was preaching faith to a pretty good sized crowd, God said, "I am going to heal you right now". I said, "Praise the Lord. It is about time. I have been preaching it long enough."

The Lord said, "I want you to quit preaching right now." I said, "OH, OH!" He said, "I want you to call these two brothers (and He named them) and have them come down here and anoint you with oil in front of this congregation. They are going to pray for you, and I am going to heal you." I argued with God all this time, "But God, but God, listen! I am the preacher, preaching all this faith." The Lord said, "You have robbed the body long enough. Now let them share your burden, and I am going to heal you this morning." See how simple it was. I called them, they anointed me with oil, the congregation stood and prayed, and God healed me, just like that.

They had reached through to the very throne of God for me. God would not let me reach through, not because He did not love me, but because He loved the whole body, and He was not going to let me rob them of a blessing. Sometimes when you have a burden and you cannot get rid of it, it is not because God is not listening to you. **He is simply saying to you, "I want to build my body together. I want to strengthen them, and the way that I want to strengthen them, is by allowing them to share your burden and thereby fulfill the law of Christ" (Gal 6:2).**

That morning they took my burden right to the throne of grace, right to the Holiest of Holies, through the blood of Jesus, grabbed hold of that healing power of God, and I was made whole. Praise God!

Heb 10:19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus.

In the center column of my Bible, it is written that **boldness** means **liberty**. It is a word that reflects from the word liberty. **Boldness; the choice, the right to come boldly to the throne of God.** I could not come before because I was a sinner. I was outside the blood covenant. When I was in trouble, someone else had to pray for me all the time.

Thank God for praying grandparents who loved me. I had a grandfather who was a preacher. He probably bawled his eyes out and prayed for me. He loved me, and I loved him, but I could not get through. I just was not really interested, you see. I was caught up in the world as a young man. I wanted to do my thing. Grandpa was a nice guy, and I loved him, and loved to be around him. In fact, I drove him to a lot of his meetings, because I just wanted to be around him. Besides, he bought me a lot of ice cream and I loved ice cream. But I could not reach through to help myself.

You know, he prayed for me for years, and years, and years and the prayers were not unanswered. Hallelujah! At 33 years old, God spoke to my heart for the first time in my life. I thank God that someone had the ability and the boldness to go and declare liberty for me. Glory to God!

Heb 10:20 By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh.

When His flesh was broken open, glory to God, life came forth out of that flesh in the blood of Jesus, and through the life that was in that flesh, there came a **new and living way**. **Jesus said, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me (John 14:6)."** Oh, hallelujah! And when that veil was rent, His veil was rent, friends. His physical body was rent, just as that curtain was rent. The curtain was a type. **Inside of Him was the fulness of the Godhead bodily. No man could come into that fulness until that temple was rent open**, and then that fulness was poured out and at Pentecost it came to the world. That is why we are **IN HIM** complete (Col 2:10). Glory to God! **That blood had LIFE in it!**

"By a new and living way..." He said the old way would not work. It was a dead way. No matter how many sacrifices they made, it just pushed the sin of man forward to the cross and man always walked under a guilty conscience. But oh, thank God, the minute that veil was rent in that physical temple there in Jerusalem, Jesus' body was rent open and the blood came forth, and out of that blood came the new and living way. I am the new and the living way. **The flesh was RENT open and man could come BOLDLY to the Holy of Holies that only the high priest had the right once a year to come to. Oh, Glory to God.**

Heb 10:21 And having a high priest over the house of God;

Heb 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled (that precious blood of Jesus) from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

The water and the blood. The word of God. The washing of the word of God. The water of that precious word, washing us, cleansing us. The blood of God working through us, cleansing our souls and our spirits, and the washing of the water of the word cleansing our bodies.

I think sometimes we get the two mixed up. **The washing of the water of the word was for the body. The blood of Jesus Christ, the washing of that blood, was for the spirit and for the soul.** That's why you see a lot of Christians that have been washed inside but they cannot control the outside. **They never give heed to the word. They are never washed with the washing of the water of the word.** That is why Paul told the Corinthian church, "You are carnal though you are saved. You are death-minded continually" (**I Cor. 3:1-4**). It is because they had not let the word wash them outwardly. It is the washing of the water of the word. **It is two works: the washing of the blood, and the washing of the water of the word.** Maybe we had better read that again.

Hebrews 10:22, "Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled (inward man sprinkled) from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water." There is a pureness of the water of the washing of the word of God. Amen!

It was your soul that was dead, not your physical man. Your spirit did not have a right relationship with God. That blood covenant came and began to do a work in that inner man, restoring him back to God. It is your SPIRIT that goes **BOLDLY TO THE THRONE OF GRACE.** It is your soul and spirit that are set in heavenly places. Your physical man, if he will be yielded to the word of God, will find a tremendous work of the word of the Lord taking effect in his life. Then you are quickened from the inward to the outward.

Heb 10:23 Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised).

Isn't that beautiful? Then we find something happening, don't we. We have already found out that **His word cleanses us, the blood of Jesus washes us, it redeems us, it sanctifies us, it is alive today. The blood of Jesus is alive today.** Amen! And it gives us **boldness**, doesn't it. It gives us **liberty. The blood of Jesus Christ has set you free.** You have liberty today. **You have the power of choice** to come to the throne of grace today. We ought to really take a little more of the liberty we have in Christ. We ought to take a little more of the boldness that we have in Christ and go to the Father and sit down and **commune with Him.** A lot of times we think the only

time we can come to Him, because He is so busy, is when we are in trouble. **He wants you to live there.** I have decided to climb up on His lap and stay there. Amen!

We have a tendency to take our spirit man out of the very right hand of God, and walk it around in our own minds, when the spirit man loves to be right there with God. **That inner man loves to dwell in the presence of the Lord, communing with Him, loving Him, sharing with Him.** Now there is a right that we have that the world does not have, a right that the Israelite children did not have. Only the high priest could come physically once a year into the holy place, but there were certain garments he had to wear or he could bring iniquity upon himself and die (**Exodus chapter 28**). **But now we can come with joy, can't we. We can come with thanksgiving. We can come with rejoicing to the very throne of grace.**

I remember as a child, I lived far away from my grandfather. Christmas was a special time of year because I got to go see grandpa. We would look forward to that once a year trip, because when you got to grandpa's house, there were all kinds of candies and goodies. They spoiled you rotten. That is about the way we go to God: once a year, or once a week. But at His throne, there is goodness forever more. At His throne are mercies forever more. Friend, if we are robbed of this, Satan did not do it. **It was our old flesh man that kept us out of the throne room of grace.** We shouldn't make a pilgrimage once in awhile to go see the Father. I am going to stay there. I am going to live there. **I am going to dwell in His presence (Psalm 23:6).** Amen!

Let's look at Hebrews 9:7-14

Heb 9:7 But into the second went the high priest alone once every year, not without blood, which he offered for himself, and for the errors of the people:

Heb 9:8 The Holy Ghost this signifying, that the way into the holiest of all was not yet made manifest, while as the first tabernacle was yet standing.

There had to be a changing of everything. There had to be a putting away of the old to bring forth the new. It was a typology. It was a pattern that God gave them in heaven, that once a year man would **come with blood**. But he would never come without **blood**. He always **came with blood**. **Once a year he would come with blood. Jesus came just ONCE to the Father with blood. The Father looked at it and said, " There will be no more sin offering made; this satisfies me." Oh, glory to God!**

Heb 9:9 Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;

Heb 9:10 Which stood only in meats and drinks, and divers washings, and carnal ordinances, imposed on them until the time of reformation.

Reformation was not with Luther. Reformation came with the High Priest Jesus Christ. He reformed the whole thing right there!

Heb 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;

Something greater than a physical man-made thing. Remember what He said, **"Sacrifices and offering thou wouldest not, but a body thou hast prepared for me (Heb. 10:5)."** Jesus said that He had not where to lay his head (**Matt. 8:20**) and if we read that by the Spirit of the Lord, we know what He is saying. It wasn't that He didn't know that He owned the world, or that He could sleep anytime He wanted to, because He always did. He always had a place to lay down and sleep when He wanted to sleep.

He was talking about the body that had not yet been raised: a body of Christ upon which He would become the head. To become that head to be laid upon that body, He would have to die for that body. He would not have to die for himself, but without a body, He would be a head without a body. He died that He might bring forth a body upon which the Father would make Him to be the head. There is something new and precious in the word of God every day of my life. We need to read the word of God with the spirit of wisdom and of revelation, don't we.

Heb 9:11 But Christ being come an high priest of GOOD things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building; (not that old religious outfit).

Heb 9:12 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 (and underline it) **for US.**

You talk about someone that was not self centered; it was Jesus Christ. You talk about somebody that was not greedy; it was the Lord Jesus Christ. He did it all for US. The blood that He shed was for US. The work of redemption was for Us. The sanctification was for US. Hallelujah!

Heb 9:13 For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:

You can make your flesh pure all you want to, but if your inside is rotten, it is rotten.

Heb 9:14 How much more shall the blood of Christ...

Underline it or circle it, but get it into your heart.

Heb 9:14 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?

A man can be outwardly holy but Jesus said, "You are whited sepulchres, full of dead men's bones."

Mat 23:27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

There was a young man that came to the Lord, and he said, "What thing must I do to inherit eternal life?" The Lord told him, "Keep the commandments." He said, "I have done all this from my youth up." Jesus said, "One thing you lack" (Matt. 19:16-22; Mark 10:17-22). You look good on the outside. You are not sinning on the outside but in your heart there is something." AMEN!

BLOOD COVENANT

CHAPTER 6

Father, in the name of Jesus, we thank you for your love, your kindness, and your mercy. We thank you for the precious blood of Jesus. The powerful working of that blood. We are beginning to realize that there is an effectual work that has been done, and will continue forever. Teach us now by the Spirit of God. Amen!

There was a man called Saul of Tarsus who became Paul the Apostle. He said, "Concerning the law, I was blameless; of the tribe of Benjamin, circumcised the eighth day" (**Phil. 3:4-6**), but that wasn't enough. That was pertaining to the flesh. **The law always pertained to the flesh.** There had to be a work done wherein man could once again communicate with God. Where he could have that fellowship that would cause him to know the Lord intimately. **And that work had to be done in the spirit, because God is a Spirit, and they who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth (John 4:24).** So there had to be a sacrifice that would restore fellowship again between God and man, because Adam had lost it. Adam and Eve through sin had lost the fellowship of God's presence.

But now God has established a BLOOD COVENANT whereby we can dwell continually in the presence of the Lord. Hallelujah!

So there had to be a work done, and we find that work in **Heb 9:14-26**

Heb 9:14 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?

Heb 9:15 And for this cause He is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.

Heb 9:16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of a testator.

Heb 9:17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth.

Unless Jesus Christ had died and **shed his blood**, there would be no new covenant established. Man in his own abilities could not approach God, because his conscience was totally in sin realms. His conscience could not allow him to come before God because of a sin that he had committed. But now that the new covenant has come into effect, it has purged our conscience from the dead works, from keeping of laws and ordinances, from trying to be God-like in our own abilities. You see, whenever they would fail to keep a law, they fell under condemnation and they had to make a sacrifice: a peace offering, a sin offering, a transgress offering (**Lev. chapters 1-9**). They had to make a free will offering for the type of sin they fell into. That did fine for the outward man. That had a personal show of a will to serve the Lord, but their conscience still remembered sin.

Now God has given you the mind which was in Christ Jesus (**Phil.2:5**) that does not think about sin, does not meditate on sin, and does not remember sin. **The blood of Jesus working then in your inner man, causes you to be a new creature.** That new creature that is born of God sinneth not, for he cannot, for his seed remaineth in him (**I John 3:9**). The old man has been cut off from the new man. **He is crucified with Christ.** Now we live, yet not us but Christ liveth in us (**Gal 2:20**). The body that **HE** paid the price for, is alive in us. Members of that one body. And those members are purged by the **blood of Jesus** until they have the same mind: one mind, one accord (**Phil 2:2**). As we allow that effectual work of the **blood of Jesus** Christ to move through our being, it cleanses us from **ALL** sin.

If we allow the word of God to work in us, we can present our bodies blameless to the Lord. Paul prayed that their spirit, soul, and bodies would be preserved blameless to the Lord (**I Thes 5:23**). The highest attainment that you can have in this physical life is that you will glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which belongeth unto the Lord (**I Cor 6:20**).

Here the Lord is trying to show us the **redemptive work of that precious blood**. Thank God that the goats and bulls could be a type, and they could do an outward work. But God is not really interested in an outward work. **He is interested in doing an inward work**, for when He gets the inward work working right, the outward work takes care of itself. The inward man falls so in love with Jesus, he grows up and begins to put away the childish things. He begins to put away the youthful lusts (**2 Tim 2:22**); begins to let his body reflect the very presence of God in his temple. (**I Cor 6:19-20**).

We find then that the blood of Jesus washes, cleanses, brings sanctification, redemption, boldness, and it purges our consciences. When you talk about the blood of Jesus Christ, you talk about a covenant. You are talking about love; you are talking about all that God really is. You are talking about the very life that was in Jesus, the new and living way, that when that flesh was rent, when that veil was taken apart, out of there came life. A NEW LIFE! A NEW WAY! Hallelujah!

Heb 9:18 Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood.

Heb 9:19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people.

He joined them together by the blood. He joined the people to the law by the blood. **We have been joined to Jesus Christ by the blood**, but not of bulls, and bullocks, and goats. **We have the precious blood of the Lamb of God, which has joined the body to the head.** We are joined not to paper and ink, which we see here, but **we are JOINED TO THE LIVING WORD.** And that living word, hallelujah, has a washing power of the water and of the blood. **The blood cleanses you and the water washes you.** Amen! **There is a cleansing effect in the word of God, through the blood and through the water.** It would not have been necessary for Jesus to have caused it to be written in **I John 5:6**, that He not only came by blood, **but by water and blood.** When they pierced His side, out came **water and blood.** **Out came the word, and out came the spirit, out came all that God was. HIS LIFE poured out, out of a heart that was ruptured.**

I am not a doctor, but I have talked to several doctors and nurses, and they say the way you get **water and blood** out of the same pierce (cut) is because the main artery, the heart, has been ruptured. Jesus did not die from strangulation, and He did not die from suffocation. **He died from a broken heart; His heart literally ruptured. It literally ruptured when He said, "It is done," and all the sin was paid for, and all the judgments of God were paid for. It actually ruptured inside His chest, and out of that heart came the water and the blood.**

There is a difference between heart failure and a heart attack. Heart failure means that the body no longer pumps water like it ought to off of the body, because of the the heart's failure as a mechanism to pump water through the body. **A heart attack is usually fatal, because it fails to pump water AND blood through the body.** That is the difference. What Jesus had was a **ruptured heart**, not heart failure, not a heart attack. He had a **COMPLETE RUPTURED HEART.** When they pierced Him in the side and hit His heart, that heart was already **ruptured**, and out of that body came the **water and blood.**

Let's look at John 19:33-35

John 19:33 But when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs:

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and forthwith came there out blood and water.

John 19:35 And he that saw it bare record, and his record is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

Right out of His bosom is where you came. Right out of His heart through His side is where you and I were grafted in. We were attached to His heart, to His blood stream, to the water of the word, to everything He is. We became a part of it. When it gushed out of Him, we were joined to Him.

Heb 9:20 Saying, this is the blood of the testament which God has enjoined unto you.

Heb 9:21 Moreover He sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry.

Heb 9:22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without SHEDDING of blood is no remission.

There is a fact that I want you to get into your heart today. It **WAS NOT spilled blood; it was SHED BLOOD**. Spilling of blood is accidental; **the shedding of blood is on purpose**. That is why He said in the Old Testament, "You shall not shed man's blood" (**Gen.9:5-6**). It has to be an intentional work. **Jesus Christ's blood was SHED for you, and without the SHEDDING of that blood, the purpose of that blood, then there is no remission of sins.**

Heb 9:23 It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be PURIFIED with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Praise God! He said it was all right to take the blood of bulls, and goats, and these kind of animals, to sanctify for the **PURIFYING** of patterns. But He said that the heavenly things themselves (you and I), had to be **PURIFIED** with some better sacrifices.

There had to be a death sacrifice. There had to be a willing sacrifice to shed His blood. There had to be a willingness to take the body and present it to be beaten and broken. There had to be a willingness to suffer reproach. There had to be a willingness to suffer everything that man could possibly be put to. And then through that sacrifice, and those sacrifices, we were purged. Purified! You see, the blood does another work: it purifies you. It washes, cleanses, sanctifies, redeems, gives you boldness, purges your conscience, then it purifies you. To him that is pure, all things are pure (Titus 1:15).

To man whose mind, heart, and spirit is pure, he does not look after unclean things anymore. He does not think on unclean things. He does not have an unclean mind to judge in unrighteousness. He walks where the Lord walked. Amen!

Heb 9:23 ..but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

Heb 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.

Not for himself, but He is appearing in the presence of God **FOR US**. Thank you, Jesus! If you can look at it just for a moment: you had an appointment with death on a calendar. You had an appointment to come before God, the judge of all, and you had no one to argue your case. You had **NO ONE** to argue your case. **Jesus Christ not only ARGUED your case; HE WON IT! He took it to the highest court in heaven. He became your advocate or your lawyer. He presented your case before the Father, and through the blood that He shed, He absolutely presented you faultless. To him that is able to present you faultless or from falling in that day (Jude 24).**

How much do you think you would have to pay to get a lawyer like this? He does not discuss your faults. He does not discuss anything about you with anybody. He just goes before the Father and **applies the blood to it. And IT IS GONE!**

Heb 9:25 Nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others.

Heb 9:26 For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

He went with **His own blood**. He went with His **OWN** blood, and by and through the eternal Spirit presented that blood to the Father. Hallelujah! Can you imagine the filth of all the sin and the things that were laid upon that natural body, when He was presenting His body to be crucified. That must have been a terrible reproach, and He endured it for **US**.

Let's look at Col 1:13-14

Col 1:13 Who hath delivered US (you and I who were dead) from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of His dear Son;

Col 1:14 In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the FORGIVENESS of sins.

He puts a new word in here called **FORGIVENESS**. Not only redemption but **FORGIVENESS**. Not only has He redeemed me from the curse of the law, but He has forgiven me. He has **FORGIVEN** me and **FORGOTTEN** all of my sins. Now **forgiven**

is a beautiful word. He said, "When you stand praying, forgive" (**Mark 11:25**). "But, Lord, I cannot forgive people! I don't have forgive blood in my hands, you have the power!" **NO FORGIVE and FORGET to cease.** You do not really have the one without the other. You do not really forgive a person unless you can forget it. **YOU MUST FORGET.** "Well, I do not have the power to forget." **YES, YOU DO!** In the natural man, the natural spirit says, "You can forgive them, but do not forget it because it is going to happen to you again the same way. If you trust that person ever again, he is going to get to you." Peter asked Jesus, "How many times do I have to forgive a person? Seven times?" "No, not quite, Peter. Seven times seventy will do it for each time he asks you" (**Matt 18:21-22**). **490!** By the time you got to 490, you'd forget what you had forgiven him for.

Here the Lord is saying there is a realm for us to walk in through the precious blood of Jesus, that will purge our conscience so that we can even forget what we are forgiving. When you walk in that **blood of Jesus**, forgiveness is there before the act of transgression is ever caused to happen to you. When you walk in that **blood covenant** where God wants you to walk, **forgiveness is a part** of you; and no matter what anyone does to you, it is just automatic. **You just forgive them. FORGIVE THEM!** If you want to get your prayers answered, you **HAVE** to walk in that realm, for if you forgive not men their trespasses, God will not forgive you your trespasses (**Mark 11:26**).

So He puts a little word in here now called **forgiveness**. Not only has He redeemed me; He has forgiven me. **HE HAS FORGIVEN ME!** We have a hard problem with this. God forgives us, but we have a hard time forgiving ourselves, and we have a lot of help from people who are always wanting us to talk about our past.

The Full Gospel Businessmen have an organization that is doing a good work for God, and I had been to a lot of their meetings and I had heard the testimonies and they were gory! And then at the last minute, they would say, "God was good enough to save me from it." I would go out into the lobby and I would listen to what people were talking about, and it was always about how horrible and gruesome that guy was. It was never about how wonderful God was to forgive him all that. So when I got my first invitation to speak at the Full Gospel Businessmen's meetings, I began to study on my past. I had a hard time remembering all the ugly things I did, but that was what they wanted to hear, so I wanted to dig all that up.

GOD SAID, "WHAT ARE YOU DOING?" Just like that, **"WHAT ARE YOU DOING?"** I said, "Well, Lord, I am invited to speak over here at the Full Gospel (like He didn't know; just clueing Him in at the last minute). **And He said to me, "I AM NOT INTERESTED."** Like you closed the final chapter. **"I AM NOT INTERESTED! YOU WILL TELL THEM ABOUT ME."** So I went into that chapter, and I preached on the returning of the arc back into it's rightful place. We had a revival; had an actual revival in that city. I have spoken in several of their meetings since then, and I have always been able to preach Christ to them. **I tell them this: "We all had a testimony, and it was simply this: we were ALL dead in our sins and trespasses. That is my past life. Now, let me tell you about Jesus."**

That is where God wants you and me to walk. I did not exist, until Jesus Christ gave me life. I walked around in a physical body, dead to God. Dead to the things of God, and I am not going back and tell you any thing about it. I was dead and there is nothing glorious in death. That is it! Period! I am alive now, and I am going to live in the living. And I am going to walk in the living. And I am going to abide in that new and living way, which is in the blood of Jesus, which has purged my conscience.

Do not let people drag you back into that stuff. Do not glory in that garbage. People say, "Well, tell me about your past." I say, "I was dead. Period! Amen." He has forgiven me, and I have forgiven myself. I cannot even remember it anymore, to be honest with you, and I do not want to remember it, and I am not going to attempt to remember it. **HE PURGED MY CONSCIENCE.**

HE PURGED MY CONSCIENCE AND NOW I AM ALIVE FOREVERMORE! AMEN!

Let's read Eph 2:12-13

Eph 2:12 That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world.

THAT WAS ME!

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

HALLELUJAH! NOW THIS IS ME!

He has been made my peace now. He has been made my joy, my strength, my comfort, my wisdom, my redemption, my sanctification, my forgiveness, and now all of a sudden He has come nigh unto me. Glory to God! But I could not come nigh to Him without the **BLOOD**. I was **DEAD** without him. I was dead without the living way. And now the new and living way has come to my heart, and I am alive forever more. **Only the living can dwell in the presence of life, so He hath brought us NIGH unto himself. JOINED us together with Him, where we are flesh of His flesh and bone of His bone (Eph 5:30). Made me nigh unto Him!**

Look at Eph 1:6-7

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of His grace, wherein He hath made us ACCEPTED in the beloved.

There is another new word. I am **ACCEPTED** now. If you had a problem being rejected, you are now accepted. Everybody in the world can throw you out; everybody

in the world can reject you. But thank God, the King of Glory has accepted you. What do you ~~Eph 1:7~~ ~~in whom we have redemption through his blood, the~~ ~~forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.~~ (You need to read the rest of this chapter.)

I've had people come to me and say, "Brother Krider, I just feel rejection." I tell them that I will show them how to be accepted, and then I read this scripture to them: "To the praise of the glory of his grace wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved." They usually say, "I did not know anybody loved me like that," and I begin to tell them about this beautiful work of the Holy Spirit.

The **blood of Jesus Christ** has now opened the door for my acceptance. And you know something: I did not even have to fill out an application, a credit application, a reference application, or anything. He is the one that recommended me to the Father. Isn't that something. We are worried about people recommending us. **The Son recommends us to the Father. Washes us, cleanses us, purifies us, sanctifies us, redeems us, forgives us and accepts us. ACCEPTED IN THE BELOVED.** The most wonderful place I could be accepted in!

Let's go to Romans 3:17-26

Rom 3:17 And the way of peace have they not known:

Rom 3:18 There is no fear of God before their eyes.

Rom 3:19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.

Rom 3:20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Rom 3:21 But now the righteousness of God without the law is manifested, being witnessed by the law and the prophets;

Rom 3:22 Even the righteousness of God which is by faith of Jesus Christ unto all and upon all them that believe: for there is no difference:

Rom 3:23 For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

Rom 3:24 Being justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus:

Rom 3:25 *Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;*

Rom 3:26 *To declare, I say, at this time HIS righteousness: that HE might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus. (HALLELUJAH!)*

Now let's look at Romans 5:6-9

Rom 5:6 *For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly.*

Look at it: HE DIED FOR THE UNGODLY.

Rom 5:7 *For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet per adventure for a good man some would even dare to die.*

Rom 5:8 *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

This next scripture is VERY IMPORTANT.

ROM 5:9 *MUCH MORE THEN, BEING NOW JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD, WE SHALL BE SAVED FROM WRATH THROUGH HIM.*

No wonder David could shout the victory in the 91st Psalms. No wonder He could say, "A thousand shall fall at thy side and ten thousand at thy right hand, but it shall not come nigh thee" (**Psalm 91:7**). When I was ungodly and a sinner He died for me.

Rom 5:9 *Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*

There is that word **justified** again.

Let's read Acts 20:28

Acts 20:28 *Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.*

I cannot do what I want to do anymore. When I saw that scripture, it caused the fear of God to come into my heart. I do not belong to myself anymore. **I have been purchased, but not with silver, not with gold, not with corruptible things, but the incorruptible blood of Jesus Christ.** The life that came out of those veins and out of

that ruptured heart for me, purchased me. It was stamped **"paid in full"** across me. I do not belong to the defeated enemy. I do not belong even to myself. I belong to God. You are not your own for you are purchased with a price, and the price tag: **THE LIFE OF JESUS (I Cor. 6:19-20)**. Through his death, life came, and that life was working while his dead body yet remained in the tomb.

"Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with his own blood."

He did it all, didn't He. Then what could you add to it? **It is a terrible thing in the sight of the Lord when we try to add anything to the finished work of God.** Saving ourselves by our own abilities. Putting bondage on men and women to try to make them conform outwardly to Christ. If a man or woman loves God enough in the heart, it will take care of the rest of it. If he sees the price that was really paid for him, the fear of God will begin to work in his life. If he sees the precious blood, that only alone could do these works, then he is going to begin to rejoice, not in himself, nor will he boast or glory in himself. He will always boast and glory in the Lord.

I am a purchased redemption. I have been bought. That is why I keep telling you that the devil does not want to fool with you. He knows who owns you: the same one who stepped on him. The heel bruised him. Can't you see Jesus coming triumphantly out of that tomb and stepping on Satan at the same time. Squashing his head all over forty acres. I am trying to tell you something: the only problem you have is YOU. You do not realize, and you do not admit to yourself that you are purchased. You do not belong to yourself, but we try to take care of ourselves. We get under condemnation because we get a little trial. "What did I do now, God?" Whenever we get into a trial, it is not us that caused it. God put us there and is allowing something to happen so we can be perfected through it.

Can you see Daniel saying, "What am I doing in this lions den, Lord?" **NO!** He started talking to the angel. The three Hebrew children, "Well, I do not know what you did, Meshach, to get us in this trouble. Boy, you'd better repent. We are going into it. Probably we will all get killed now because of you." **NO!** They went because they knew that God was going to be in there. They knew that they were going to glorify God in the trial.

The fiery trials are going to come, and the more you walk with God, the more they come. But then you get to the place where you do not notice them anymore. None of them move you. You just shout the victory. **Why? Because you realize something: you belong to God.** The footsteps of the righteous are ordered of the Lord (**Ps. 37:23**). All things work together for good to them that love the Lord and are the called according to his purpose (**Romans 8:28**).

I am his purchased property. I do not have to go around yelling and screaming at the devil. He knows it. The only guy I have to remind is me. My flesh man is the

guy that forgets every now and then. Do you know why he forgets? He likes to be righteous in his own self.

Let's go to John 19:34-36 We read this a little earlier, but we didn't read verse 36.

John 19:34 But one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side and forthwith came there out blood and water.

John 19:35 And he that saw it bear record and his record is true; and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye might believe.

John 19:36 For these things were done, that the scripture should be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken.

It was a custom in those days of crucifixion to break a man's legs, not to put a spear in his side, (Zondervan Pictorial Bible Dict.) and when they did that, they could no longer push themselves up. They strangled to death, because there was no way to push their body up to get air, and their lungs collapsed inside of the cavities.

There was a prophecy that had gone forth that not one bone in his body would be broken (**Ps 34:20**). God was going to show the world the two things it would take to bring us into His union: **THE WATER AND THE BLOOD**, and that had to be poured out of Him. The **LIFE** had to come out of Him, so that we could be partakers together of it. What remained had to come out. Amen!

I like this because it shows me a lot of things: that there was a peace offering, a sin offering, and a trespass offering in the Old Testament. He became all of them. Amen! Now we can walk in that beautiful work of God.

Let's read II Chronicles 29:23-24

He is talking here about Hezekiah the King and the things he did, and the offerings that he wanted to make. But there is something beautiful here.

2 Chron 29:23 And they brought forth the he goats for the sin offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them:

2 Chron 29:24 And the priests killed them, and they made reconciliation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: for the king commanded that the burnt offering and the sin offering should be made for all Israel.

THERE WAS ONE OFFERING ON GOD'S ALTAR MADE ONE DAY, AND IT WAS AN OFFERING FOR RECONCILIATION. HE BECAME A PEACE OFFERING, A BURNT OFFERING, A SIN OFFERING, A

TRESPASS OFFERING. HE BECAME EVERY OFFERING THAT WAS EVER NEEDED. HE BECAME EVERY OFFERING THAT GOD WOULD ACCEPT. JESUS CHRIST BECAME EVERY OFFERING.

It is written that God was in Christ **RECONCILING THE WORLD UNTO HIMSELF (II Cor 5:19)**. The type? Who was it that had Him killed? The priests! The old religious activities.

Jesus fulfilled all the law, even to the point of being baptized in water, washed as an offering. Then John the Baptist said "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (**John 1: 29**). John was of the old priesthood. Even though he had walked away from it, he still by lineage was of the old priesthood.

Jesus came, the Lamb of God, to be washed in the river Jordan as a type of sacrifice. He was presented as the new priest by the old priest when John said, "Behold the Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world". Amen!

Think about that for a minute. **THERE IS NOTHING LEFT FOR YOU TO FULFILL!** Jesus did nothing in error, and He did nothing by mistake, and He did nothing just to be doing it. It could not be done by any other man. Even the very baptism was a type of washing, of a sacrifice of a lamb. The priest had to be the one to do it. It could not be done by any other man. **John had to wash him. John had to present him to the world. The priest had to offer him up.**

God is saying to you and me that all through the word of God there is a testimony to the goodness and the mercy of the Lord, that endureth forever. Nothing was ever done by accident. His life was perfectly planned that He would shed His life's blood, and through that blood we would be able to find the remission of sins. We would find the justification. We would find all that we had need of. We would find the salvation of God. We would find the cleansing of God, the washing of God. We would find everything that God needed to make us pure, and it was through the blood of His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ. Hallelujah! You could preach from now until Jesus comes on the blood of Christ, and never exhaust it.

WE ARE WASHED, CLEANSED, SANCTIFIED, REDEEMED, WE HAVE A PURE CONSCIENCE, WE HAVE BOLDNESS, WE ARE MADE RIGH, WE ARE JUSTIFIED, WE ARE PURCHASED, AND WE ARE RECONCILED. ALL WE NEED IS IN THE BLOOD, FRIENDS. ALL WE NEED IS IN THE BLOOD.