

## FAITH IN THE BLOOD

### Romans 3:19-31

**Introduction:** Faith in the blood of Christ is the one thing which makes the doctrines of the holiness and grace of God, of the divine and human nature of Christ, of our deliverance from sin and union with God intelligible. Let us look at how our faith is involved in the power that is in the blood.

### I. THE FAITH BY WHICH BELIEVERS BECOME PARTAKERS OF THE POWER OF THE BLOOD

1. **"..Be it unto thee according to thy faith..."** We know that this foundation law of the kingdom of grace is applicable to every circumstance of the spiritual life. Faith is a disposition of heart without which God's blessing is offered to us in vain, but on the other hand, all the fullness of God's grace can be most certainly received and enjoyed.
  - It is therefore of great importance for us to remind ourselves of those things which are necessary for a right exercise of that faith in the precious blood by which alone we can press through to the enjoyment of all that the blood has done for us.
  - The great event which moved heaven, earth and hell, for which the world had to be prepared and for which it had to wait for four thousand years, the results of which will endure forever, the shedding of the blood of the Son of God on the cross had an unspeakably great object - it was to bring about the destruction of sin, itself, and of its consequences.
  - Only he who is in agreement with this object and who seeks to attain it is capable of entering into the full fellowship of faith in the blessing of that blood. He who desires to be delivered only from the punishment of sin or from sin as far as it unfits him/her for heaven is certainly not in a condition to appropriate by a strong faith, what the world promises through the blood. BUT when the soul truly seeks above everything else to be cleansed from sin itself and to live in abiding fellowship with a Holy God, truly surrendering itself, with a fixed intention of experiencing all that is possible to be experienced in the power of the blood - it possesses the first requisites of a true faith in it. Where the sense of need exists, the first requisite for a full faith in the blood is:
2. A spiritual knowledge of the word of God is required.
  - As surely as mere knowledge of the Word by itself profits but little, so surely faith cannot grow and become strong apart from the Word applied by the Holy Spirit. There are many who think that as they have always hoped in the blood as the ground of that salvation, there could not be much more for them still to learn about it.
    - They forget that it is only **"...the anointing..."** that teaches all things and that **"...we have received the Spirit which is of God..."** **"...that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God..."** (1 John 2:27; 1 Corinthians 2:12)
  - The believer who desires to understand right the power of the blood must submit entirely to the teaching of the Word through the Holy Spirit and in prayer he/she must understand that the words of God have a much wider meaning than man himself can attach to them.
3. In contradistinction to the Word is the real activity of the faith appropriation or rather, of surrender to be appropriated:
  - Faith is the "ear" which hears and receives the Word of God. It listens attentively to understand what God says.

- Faith is the "eye" which seeks to place before itself, as an object of vital importance, and in its true perspective, what would otherwise remain only a thought.
  - Faith thus sees the invisible - it observes the things which are not seen, it is the sure evidence of these things.
  - Faith is accustomed to surround itself with and to dwell in the midst of, those things which the Word leads the understanding to regard as heavenly realities.
  - But faith is not only an ear and eye to ascertain but it is also "hand" and "mouth" to receive. What it hears from the Word, what it in the spirit beholds, it appropriates to itself. "Faith" surrenders itself to the impression produced by what is heard, places itself under the influence of invisible objects, until they have secured for themselves a lodging in the heart, in their heavenly, life giving power. "Faith" accepts it as a certainty that what the Word of God says, the power of God is prepared to make objectively real.
  - Faith knows that when it accepts the Word but has not yet had the longed for experience, this is only because it is not yet strong enough to become inwardly partaker of what it has appropriated.
4. It is in fellowship with the Lord Jesus, Himself, that faith can be exercised and strengthened.
- It is a matter too little understood, that God bestows salvation upon us, in no other way than IN, not just Through, but IN the Savior, the Living Jesus is Salvation.
  - Many Christians take great pains in trying to reach a full life of faith by earnest studying the Word or by straining all their power to believe, and yet they see by little fruit as the result of their efforts.
    - The reason often is that, in studying the Word and in trying to believe, they have not first of all found rest themselves in the LOVE of the Savior.
      - Faith in God is an act of the spiritual life. It is Christ who is our life, and who imparts faith to us. He is "the author and finisher of our faith.."
    - The shedding of His blood was the proof of His unspeakable love toward us. ***"...He gave Himself for us that He might redeem us from all iniquity and purify unto Himself a people for His own possession..." (Titus 2:14).***
    - His blood is the power by which He takes possession of us for Himself, to sanctify us. He who longs for such a full faith will find it only, but find it certainly, in fellowship with Jesus.
  - True faith always includes entire surrender. To believe with the whole heart means to surrender with the whole heart to that Jesus in whom life and salvation are.

## **II. THE BLOOD BY WHICH FAITH MANIFESTS ITS POWER TO ENJOY THE BLOOD BOUGHT BLESSING**

1. All things are possible - the blood has a divine effect.
  - It was by blood that Jesus broke open the doors of death and Hades and carried its prisoners out with Him that then, as conqueror, He might see the doors of heaven thrown open for the "blood," and that He might take possession of the Holy of Holies of God, on our behalf.
  - That its divine efficacy is too little experienced we must confess, but this is because of our UNBELIEF. If it were not for this unbelief, the mere thought of being ransomed and cleansed by the blood of God's own Son would cause our souls to leap for joy and to overflow with love.

- We may hear and think and sing about the blood, while it exercises almost influence over us. Even the very thought that the blood always manifests such a wonderful divine power seems strange and unreal to many and so, no wonderful work is done in us because of unbelief.
  - Let us believe and still believe and ever keep on believing in the power of the blood. Such faith will not be in vain. Although it may not be in the way nor at the time we expected, we shall be brought into a new and deeper experience of a salvation "***...through faith and the blood...***"
2. Our faith must be assured of the ever enduring effect of the blood.
    - By the eternal spirit the blood was once for all offered, by the eternal High Priest it is administered in the power of an endless life. The power of the blood is eternally active. There is no single moment in which the blood is not exerting its full power.
    - In the heavenly Holy of Holies where the blood is, before the throne, everything exists in the power of eternity without cessation or diminution.
    - All activities in the heavenly temple are on our behalf and the effects are conveyed to us by the Holy Spirit.
  3. The way to the blessedness of a clear insight into these truths is very great.
    - If you who desire to better understand about the blood will only set your heart on something surpassing all that you have up to now experienced and fix your attention on the Holy of Holies now opened with its heavenly life and eternal redemption and on the unchangeable priesthood of your Lord Jesus, then you will see that the divine provision for your unbroken enjoyment of His fellowship is perfect.
    - Tomorrow when you go to work or whatever and meet the distractions of the day, commit yourself to Him who ever remains the same, that He may reveal in you the ever living activity of His blood and He will do it.

## CONCLUSION:

1. We need not fear, Christian, each moment without ceasing, we may live here below in the enjoyment of the blessing which the blood has procured for us because the effects of the blood are ever enduring.
2. The Christian has often complained about a divided life but the only way to obtain deliverance from this is to see that the blood of Jesus covers everything. "***...Almost all things are by the law purged with blood...***" (*Hebrews 9:22*)
3. "***...It pleased the Father that in Him should all fullness dwell and having made peace through the blood of the cross by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, whether they be things on earth or things in heaven...***" (*Colossians 1:19-20*)
4. Not with corruptible things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ will become you for you the one all-inclusive thing to which you will devote your life.