

## REDEMPTION BY THE BLOOD

### 1 Peter 1:18-19

**Introduction:** The shedding of His blood was the culmination of the sufferings of our Lord. It is therefore of great importance that the believer should not rest satisfied with the mere acceptance of the truth that he/she is redeemed by that blood but should press on to a fuller knowledge of what is meant by that statement and to learn what that blood is intended to do in a surrendered soul.

Its effects are manifold, for we read in the Scripture of: reconciliation through the blood, cleansing through the blood, sanctification through the blood, union with God through the blood, victory over Satan through the blood, life through the blood. These are separate blessings but are all included in one sentence:

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### I. WHAT GIVES THE BLOOD OF JESUS SO MUCH POWER?

1. How is it that in the Blood, alone, there is power possessed by nothing else?
  - *Leviticus 17:11, 14*
  - It is because the soul, or life is in the blood and that the blood is offered to God on the altar, that it has in it redemptive power.
2. The soul or life is in the blood. therefore the value of the blood corresponds to the value of the life that is in it. The life of a sheep or goat is of less value than the life of an ox and so the blood of a sheep or a goat in an offering, is of less value than the blood of an ox. (*Leviticus 4:3, 14, 27*)
  - The life of a man is more valuable than that of many sheep or oxen.
  - Who now, can tell the value or the power of the blood of Jesus? In that blood dwelt the soul of the Holy Son of God.
  - The eternal life of the Godhead was carried in that blood. (*Acts 20:28*)
3. The power of the blood lies above everything else in the fact that it is offered to God on the altar for REDEMPTION.
  - When we think of blood as shed, we think of death. Death follows when the blood of the soul is poured out.
  - Death makes us think of sin, for death is the punishment of sin. God gave Israel the blood on the altar as the atonement or covering for sin. that means the sins of the transgressor were laid on the victim and its death was reckoned as the death or punishment for the sins laid on it.
  - The blood was thus the life given up to death for the satisfaction of the law of God and in obedience of His command.
4. However all these sacrifices and offerings were only "types" and "shadows" till the Lord Jesus came. His blood was the reality to which these types pointed. His blood was in itself of infinite value because it carried His soul or life.
  - It is because of the wonderful person whose blood was shed and because of the wonderful way in which it was shed, fulfilling the law of God, while satisfying its just demands that the blood of Jesus has such wonderful power.

### II. WHAT HAS THE POWER OF JESUS' BLOOD ACCOMPLISHED?

1. The blood of Jesus has opened the grave. (*Hebrews 13:20*)
  - It was through the virtue of the blood that God raised up Jesus from the dead.

- Jesus came to earth as surety and bearer of the sin of mankind. It was through the shedding of His blood alone that He had the right, as man, to rise again and to obtain eternal life through resurrection.
  - His blood had satisfied the law and righteousness of God. By so doing He had overcome the power of sin, death and Hell. The blood of Jesus opened the grave.
  - He who truly believes that, perceives the close connection which exists between the blood and the almighty power of God. It is only through the blood that God exerts His power dealing with man. Where the blood is, there the resurrection power of God gives entrance into eternal life.
2. The blood of Jesus has opened Heaven. (*Hebrews 9:12*)
- We know that in the Old Testament tabernacle God's manifested presence was inside the veil. No power could remove that veil. The High Priest alone could enter there, but only with blood or the loss of his own life.
  - However, now the Lord appears, not in a material but in the true Temple. As High Priest and representative of His people, He asks for sinful children of Adam an entrance into the presence of the Holy One. *"...that where I am, there they may be also..."* is His request.
  - Jesus entered through His own blood and the blood of Jesus has opened Heaven.
3. The blood of Jesus is all powerful in the human heart.
- Since the blood of Jesus avails so powerfully with God and over Satan, does it not avail even more powerfully with man, for whose sake it was shed in the first place?
  - You may be sure of it. The power of the blood of Jesus is especially manifested on behalf of sinners on earth. (*1 Peter 1:18-19*)
  - The word "redeemed" has a depth of meaning. It indicates deliverance from slavery. the sinner is enslaved, under the power of Satan, the curse of the Law and sin. Now it is proclaimed *"...ye are redeemed through the blood..."* which has paid the debt of guilt and destroyed the power of Satan, the curse and sin.
  - The word "redemption" includes everything God does for a sinner from the pardon of sin, in which it begins (*Ephesians 1:14; 4:30*) to the full deliverances of the body by resurrection. (*Romans 8:23-24*).
  - For the Jew, in his self-righteousness and hatred of Christ, for the heathen, in his godliness, there was only one means of deliverance from the power of sin. It is still the one power that effects daily deliverance for sinners. The blood that availed so powerfully in heaven and over Hell, is ALL POWERFUL ALSO IN A SINNERS HEART.
  - It is impossible for us to think too highly or to expect too much from the power of Jesus' blood.

### III. HOW DOES THIS POWER WORK?

1. In what conditions, under what circumstances, can that power secure in us, the mighty results it is intended to produce?
  - The first answer is that just as it is everywhere in the kingdom of God, it is THROUGH FAITH. But faith is largely dependent on knowledge. If knowledge of what the blood can accomplish is imperfect, faith expects little and the more powerful effects of the blood are impossible. Many Christians think that if now, through faith in the blood they have received the assurance of the pardon of their sins, they have a sufficient knowledge of its effects.

- They have no idea that the words of God, like God Himself, are inexhaustible, that they have a wealth of meaning and blessing that surpasses all understanding.
    - Feeble conceptions of its power prevent the deeper and more perfect manifestations of its effects.
  - They do not remember that when the Holy Spirit speaks of cleansing through the blood, such words are only the imperfect human expressions of the effects and experiences by which the blood in an unspeakably glorious manner will reveal its heavenly life-giving power to the soul.
  - Our faith may be strengthened by noticing what the blood has already accomplished. Faith will grow by exercising confidence in the fullness on the promises of God.
    - We know that in bathing we enter into the most intimate relationship with the water, giving ourselves up to its cleansing effects. The blood of Jesus is described as a **"...fountain opened for sin and uncleanness..." (Zechariah 13:1)** By faith I place myself in closest touch with this heavenly stream, I yield myself to it, I let it cover me, and go through me.
  - So, let us with child-like, expectant faith, open our souls to an ever increasing experience of the wonderful power of the blood.
2. Secondly, there is the Spirit and the Blood. **(1 John 5:8)**
- The water refers to baptism unto repentance and the laying aside of sin. the blood witnesses to redemption in Jesus Christ. the spirit is He who supplies power to the blood. So also the Spirit and the blood are associated in **Hebrews 9:14**.
  - It was by the eternal Spirit in our Lord that His blood had its value and power.

## CONCLUSION:

1. People must know that they have been redeemed and what that redemption signifies, but they must above all know that **"...it was not by corruptible things such as silver and gold..."** things which there was no power in life, **"...but by the precious blood of Christ..."**
2. Christians, that statement concerns us also:
  - We must know that we are redeemed by the blood.
  - We must know about redemption and the blood before we can experience its power.
3. Two things are needful for this:
  - NEED
  - DESIRE
  - We must have a deep need and a great desire to experience the great things of God.

(Preached by my father in 1969)