

## SANCTIFIED BY THE BLOOD

*Heb 13:12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate.*

There are several problems among the people of God in the modern church. One is that many are lacking in practical holiness and victory over sin. The other is a neglect of the person and finished work of Jesus Christ, which is the only source of freedom from sin. If you will watch Christian programming there is very little teaching on what Jesus did for us at the cross and the believer's connection with it. It seems that the cross, resurrection, and ascension of Christ is to get you saved but it is to be left at conversion for other more "**advanced**" teachings. This is the biggest reason for the poor condition of the modern church. Paul the Apostle taught that as we have received Christ so we are to walk in Him. [[Col 2:6](#)] We got saved by faith in the shed blood of Jesus. The blood of Jesus was payment for our sins and we received forgiveness for them. We became Christians through faith in the blood of Jesus. Instead of continuing our Christian walk on the same basis, we only look to the blood until **after** we sin. God did not intend for Christians to just look to the blood **AFTER** they sin. He desires us to look to the blood to give us the power to **NOT SIN** to start with! The blood of Jesus not only justifies us [makes us righteous], but it also has the power to **sanctify us** [makes us holy]! [[Heb. 13:12](#)]

There is power in the blood of Jesus! We have heard this, but do we believe it? Is there power for us right now in the situations we face today? Why does the blood of Jesus have power?

[Lev 17:11](#) For the **life of the flesh is in the blood**, and It have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it *is* the blood *that* makes atonement for the soul.'

There is **life** in the blood. **The life of Jesus Christ is in His blood!** Therefore, there is **POWER** in the blood of Jesus! Many Christians look to the blood of Jesus for protection, but few are looking to the blood of Jesus for **power to live free from sin**. How can faith in the blood of Jesus cause us to walk above sin and temptation? We must understand the connection between sin and the blood of Jesus.

Joh 8:34 Jesus answered them, "**Most assuredly, I say to you, whoever commits sin is a slave of sin.**"

Jesus said that the one who commits sin is a slave of sin. Adam sinned and became a slave of sin. Adam was placed in the prison of sin. Every one born of Adam was born in the prison of sin as well. Sin brings death. [Rom 5:12] The wages of sin is death. [Rom 6:23] Also, death is the only way to be released from sin. [Rom 6:7]. If you have a problem with a particular sin, I can guarantee you that after I minister to you that you will be free and never commit it again! How can I make such a bold claim? If you are willing to take me up on it then I will prove it. I will take a hammer and crack you in the head and kill you. I promise you that you will not have any more trouble with that sin anymore! There are no sins committed in a grave yard! Death frees you from the power of sin! Paul said that he who has died is freed from sin. [Romans 6:7] When a person dies they have paid the price for sin which is death. They pay their price for sin, which is death and can go free. However, there is one big problem; they are dead and **can't go free!** To illustrate this let's look at a criminal on death row. They committed crimes worthy of death. They go to the death chamber and pay their debt to society which is death. After they pay their debt they are free. However, we never see the warden whisper to the dead man, "You are free to go." The dead man can't get up and go, because he does not have life to do it! This was the problem with mankind. They pay their price of sin by dying but none can escape the death sentence. They are held in death. If someone could die and have the power to resurrect themselves then they could walk free. Was there ever such a man? Only one- this person is Jesus! Jesus came in our place and took our death sentence. He died in our place and received our sins in His body and He also became sin. [2 Cor. 5:21] Jesus poured out His life that was in His blood. If enough blood is released out of the body then death will occur. Jesus bled to death on the cross as His life was given unto death for us. Jesus legally paid for our sin by giving His life blood unto death. Jesus died and was buried. However, after Jesus paid for our sins, He had the power in Himself to raise Himself up! Jesus said this before he died!

Joh 2:19 Jesus answered and said to them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."

Joh 10:17 "Therefore My Father loves Me, because I lay down My life that I may take it again.

Joh 10:18 No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down of Myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This command I have received from My Father."

Jesus went through death but He also had the power to rise from the dead! When Jesus died as our representative he paid our price [death] that frees us from the control and power of sin! Because He had the power to rise up from the dead, He gave us His new resurrection life because He is also our representative in life! The shed blood of Jesus poured out of His body unto death legally frees us from the power of sin. It is the power of sin that enslaves man and holds people in all sorts of lusts, habits, and sins. The power of sin resides in our unredeemed body. The power of sin resides in our flesh. The power of sin is active and enslaves those who are in Adam. The power of sin will even control a Christian who does not know their covenant rights through the blood of Jesus. If we would get the revelation of the power of the blood of Jesus and the implications of the blood for our everyday Christian life then we could find victory over sin through faith in the blood.

**Isa 53:10** Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise Him; He has put Him to grief and made Him sick. When You and He make His life an offering for sin [*and He has risen from the dead, in time to come*], He shall see His [*spiritual*] offspring, He shall prolong His days, and the will and pleasure of the Lord shall prosper in His hand.

**Isa 53:12** Therefore will I divide Him a portion with the great [*kings and rulers*], and He shall divide the spoil with the mighty, because He poured out His life unto death, and [*He let Himself*] be regarded as a criminal and be numbered with the transgressors; yet He bore [*and took away*] the sin of many and made intercession for the transgressors (the rebellious). Amplified

God made the life of Jesus an offering for sin. The life of Jesus was in His blood. Jesus literally poured out His life unto death to redeem us from the

control and power of sin. This freedom however is not automatic. **We must appropriate the power of the blood by our faith.**

John 6:52 He who **keeps on eating my flesh and drinking my blood**, in me is continually abiding and I in him. [Wuest Translation]

Jesus said that those who eat His flesh and drink his blood will abide in Him! The verb tenses in the Greek are present tense. The proper translation says, "He who is eating my flesh and drinking my blood, is abiding in me, and I in Him." The present tense means we are to repeatedly do this. Do you only eat once? You will not stay healthy long! When you eat something you appropriate it and it becomes a part of you! We eat and drink of Jesus by our faith! When we exercise our faith in the body and blood of Jesus [His perfect and finished work on the cross] then we will abide in Christ. We do not abide in Christ by our own efforts, works, and labor. We abide in Christ by faith in the finished work of Jesus on the cross!

The blood of Jesus is not just for when we sin and to remove our guilt. **The blood of Jesus was poured out to procure our freedom from sin's power and control.** His blood is the ransom price that frees us from the power of sin. We can experience freedom from sin, lust, and habits, but confessing in faith that by the shed life blood of Jesus we are redeemed from sin's control. When you face temptation to sin and feel the pull to commit a certain sin, you need to turn to the blood of Jesus. You can say in faith, "I have been redeemed and set free from the power of sin and this habit by the life blood of Jesus that was poured out to death!" When we place our faith in the blood, the Holy Spirit will put to death that deed of the flesh for us! [[Rom 8:13](#)] The Spirit answers to faith in the blood of Jesus!

**Rom 8:2** For the law of the **Spirit of life [which is] in Christ Jesus [the law of our new being]** has freed me from the law of sin and of death.

**Rom 8:3** For God has done what the Law could not do, [*its power*] being weakened by the flesh [*the entire nature of man without the Holy Spirit*]. Sending His own Son in the guise of sinful flesh and as **an offering for sin**, [**God**] **condemned sin in the flesh** [*subdued, overcame, deprived it of its power over all who accept that sacrifice*], [*Lev. 7:37.*] Amplified

Paul had a revelation on how to walk free from sin's power. It is through the offering of Jesus' life through His shed blood. The spiritual life that was in Jesus' blood has freed us from the law of sin and death. We could not free ourselves by the works of the Law. Sin was defeated by Jesus. He came in the likeness of sinful flesh and His life blood was an offering for sin. By shedding His life blood unto death, sin was condemned in the flesh! The power of sin is overcome in all those who **ACCEPT** by faith this sacrifice. We must not relegate the blood to the past [*when were saved*] or the future [*after we sin*]. The blood is for **NOW!** There is power in the blood of Jesus to help us walk in holiness and sanctification!