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the **Blood**

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Life is in the Blood



By Pastor
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Leviticus 17:11

For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.

Throughout the Bible we see that God has required blood. Only blood can make an atonement. The word **atonement** means, *to make a payment for sin*. Blood turned away the judgment of God, and cancelled the effects of sin.

Sin cannot exist in God's presence just like darkness cannot exist in the light. In the Old Testament the people were separated from God's presence. The high priest was the only Israelite allowed to enter the holy of holies in the tabernacle — and only once a year, on the Day of Atonement. And he never entered without blood. Blood allowed an unholy man to stand in the presence of a holy God. Blood made it possible for God to bless an entire nation.

The Hebrew word for **atonement** literally means, *to cover*. The blood of sacrificial animals merely covered the sins of the people. But the blood of Jesus removes sin.

The Law was only a foreshadow of the realities that we now have in Christ. When Jesus died He did not enter a temple made with human hands. He entered into heaven itself, not with the blood

of a bull or a goat, but with His own precious blood. His blood washed away our sins.

Sin is real, it is not something preachers invented to scare people into going to church! Sin is very real, and so is guilt. Psychologists say most of those who are mentally ill suffer from guilt. You cannot rationalize away guilt. You cannot silence the voice of a troubled conscience with alcohol or drugs. But the blood of Jesus cleanses our conscience from dead works to serve the living God (**Hebrews 9:14**). Only the blood of Christ can bring peace with God.

Smith Wigglesworth said, "I find by the revelation of the Spirit that there is not one thing in me that the blood does not cleanse."

One day a young man came to my house selling a special liquid soap. He said, "This is not ordinary soap. It is specially formulated and concentrated. It can remove any stain." I thought later of the blood of Christ. It is not ordinary blood, it is special, the holy blood of God's own Son. There is not any sin stain this blood cannot remove!

Why is blood so important? **Leviticus 17:11** says **the life of the flesh is in the blood**. You can live without a finger or a leg, but you cannot live without blood. The moment blood stops circulating in your body, you will die. Blood is life.

Blood is a unique mixture of complex ingredients that can never be manufactured in a laboratory. What does blood do in your body? Blood functions in many ways, but it has three main jobs: it nourishes, it cleanses, and it heals.

The blood of Jesus does the same thing, it nourishes, cleanses and heals the Body of Christ.

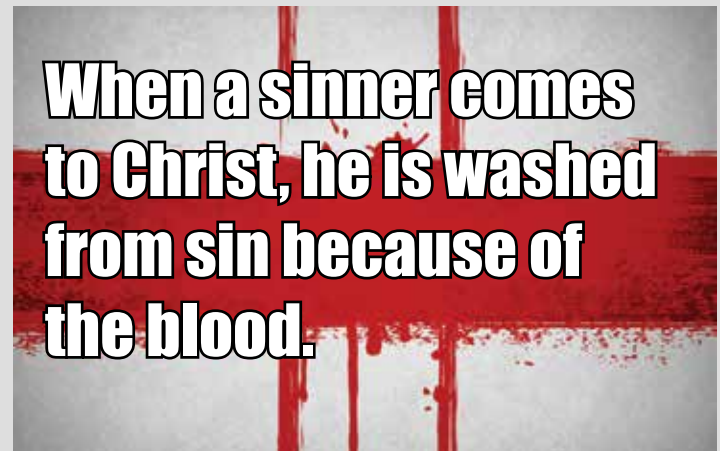
Jesus said in **John 6:53, Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink His blood, you have no life in you.** The Greek word translated **life** in this verse is *zoe*, which means, the life of God or eternal life. Obviously, we're not going to literally eat Jesus' body and drink His blood. With a resurrected body He is now seated in heaven, how could we eat Him?

Jesus died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins, to restore us to God. His death and resurrection is a historical fact. But the price He paid won't do you any good, unless you personally receive Him. It is not enough to know that Jesus died for our sins. You must take Him by faith.

There are several different blood types, each with a slightly different chemical make up, for example, there is O+ , A+, B+, AB-, etc. O+ is the most common blood type. About 35% of the population in India is O+. It is important to know your blood type in case you ever need a blood transfusion. You can only receive a blood transfusion if it is your blood type. A patient will go into shock and possibly die if he receives a transfusion of the wrong blood type.

But Jesus' blood is the rarest of all blood types. Why type of blood did Jesus have? His was P&H. That stands for "Pure & Holy!" Nobody has that blood type except God. When we got saved, we received a "spiritual blood transfusion." The blood of Jesus flowed into us and gave us God's life.

Your body contains about 5.6 litres of blood. This blood is constantly flowing through every part of your body. It takes about 1 minute for all 5 litres to circulate through your body. I believe the blood of Jesus is constantly flowing to refresh and renew us. Just as the blood in your body touches every cell, the blood of Jesus affects every part of your life.



As I said before, blood cleanses. As the blood flows it removes wastes materials from each cell and purifies the body. We know that the blood of Jesus removes sin from our hearts when we're born again. But did you know that there is continual cleansing of sins through Jesus' blood?

1John 1:7 (ESV)

But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Another translation says, *continually cleanses us from every sin.*

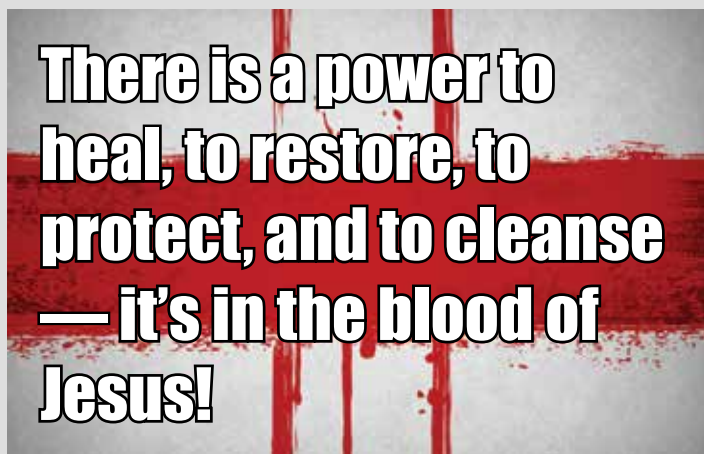
We need a continual cleansing of the blood. John wrote this letter to Christians telling them how to stay in fellowship with God.

To walk in the light means to practice the truth of God's Word. To walk in darkness means, to sin. If we walk in the revelation of the truth that we have received, there is a continual cleansing by the blood.

In **John 13** we read that Jesus wrapped a towel around his waste and began to wash the disciples feet. When it was Peter's turn, he objected (v.8) **You shall never wash my feet.** He felt it was beneath Jesus to do such a thing. But Jesus answered, **If I do not wash you, you have no share with me.** In other words, Jesus said, "If I don't cleanse you, we have nothing in common, no fellowship, no sharing together."

So Peter, enthusiastically said, **Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!** He wanted Jesus to know, that he was sold out! Peter wanted to be with Jesus the whole way.

But listen to Jesus' response: **The one who has bathed does not need to wash, except for his feet, but is completely clean.** That's interesting. When a sinner comes to Christ, he is washed from sin because of the blood. But a Christian gets "dirty" walking around in this world. He doesn't need to be born again, *again!* But he needs forgiveness, he doesn't need a bath, but he needs to have his feet washed.



And if we don't experience continual cleansing, if Jesus doesn't wash our feet, we can't have fellowship or partnership with Him. I didn't say that a Christian who stumbles is condemned to hell. I said that sin breaks our fellowship. We lose intimacy and our hearts lose confidence in God's presence. But thank God, we can be forgiven. There is continual cleansing by the blood.

The blood in your body is comprised of red blood cells and white blood cells. The red cells color your blood and transport nourishment to the parts of your body. But the white blood cells fight infection. If a germ or virus enters your blood stream, the white blood cells will surround it and swallow it up. Healing must be God's will! God designed your body to fight illness.

The blood of Jesus also heals. During the first Passover, the children of Israel sprinkled blood over the door posts of their houses. When a terrible plague swept through Egypt that night, they were spared because of the blood of a sacrificial lamb.

1 Corinthians 5:7 says, **For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.**

If the blood of an animal, which was only a type of Christ, spared the Israelites from a terrible disease, surely, the blood of Christ will spare us from sickness.

1 Peter 2:24 says **by His stripes** (or wounds) **you have been healed.** Jesus' blood not only forgives, it heals.

Mary K. Baxter, in her book the "*Power of the Blood*" wrote that she was led by the Lord to visit a children's hospital. As she was wandering around the hall way she heard a young child crying. She entered the room and tried to comfort the little boy. But the Lord told her to place her hand on the stomach of the boy and say, "I plead the blood of Jesus upon this boy." She did that, and the child became quiet and fell asleep. Later on when the doctors tested the boy, there was nothing wrong with him; he was cured.

There is a power to heal, to restore, to protect, and to cleanse — it's in the blood of Jesus! The children of Israel applied the blood to their homes with a branch of hyssop. We can apply the blood of Jesus by confessing our faith.

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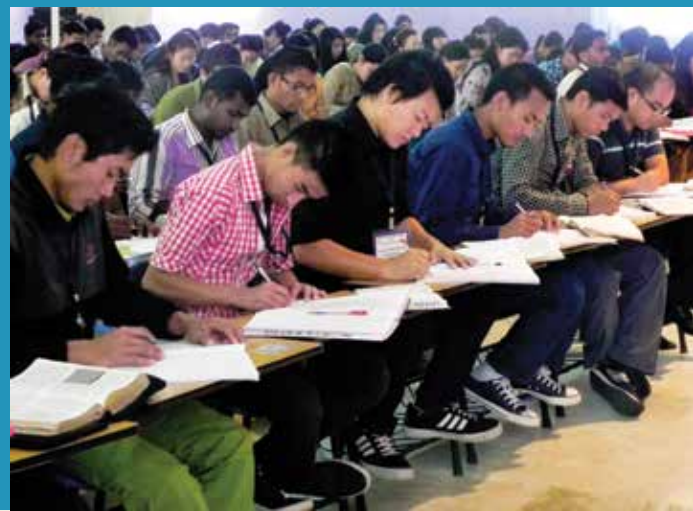
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यहून्ना 3:5-8 यीशु ने उतर दिया, “मैं तुम से सच सच कहता हूँ, जब तक कोई मनुष्य जल और आत्मा से न जन्में तो वह परमेश्वर के राज्य में प्रवेश नहीं कर सकता। क्योंकि जो शरीर से जन्मा है, वह शरीर है; और जो आत्मा से जन्मा है, वह आत्मा है। अर्चभा न कर कि मैंने तुझ से कहा, ‘तुझे नए सिरे से जन्म लेना अवश्य है।’ हवा जहाँ चाहती है वहाँ चलती है और तू उसका शब्द सुनता है, परन्तु नहीं जानता कि वह कहाँ से आती है और किधर को जाती है? जो कोई आत्मा से जन्मा है वह ऐसा ही है।” आत्मा के लिए अनुवाद किया गया यूनानी शब्द ‘न्यू मा’ है, जिसका सही अर्थ है वायु या हवा। इसका अर्थ आत्मा भी होता है, आपकी अन्तरात्मा या पवित्र आत्मा, यह इस बात पर निर्भर करता है कि आत्मा शब्द किस संदर्भ या अर्थ के लिए प्रयोग किया गया है। कई बार 5 वचन का अनुवाद कहता है, जब तक किसी मनुष्य का जन्म जल और वायु से न हो तो वह परमेश्वर के राज्य में प्रवेश नहीं कर सकता। कई बार मुझसे पूछा जाता है, “यीशु ने ऐसा क्यों कहा अवश्य है कि एक मनुष्य का जन्म जल से हो?” आप इस बात को समझें कि यीशु इन वचनों में पानी के बपतिस्म की बात नहीं कर रहा है, क्योंकि पानी का बपतिस्मा किसी का उद्धार (नया जन्म नहीं देता है) नहीं करता है। पानी किसी को जीवन नहीं देता है। मैं पानी के बपतिस्म में विश्वास करता हूँ, आप

मुझे गलत न समझें, लेकिन पानी का बपतिस्मा किसी पापी आदमी को नरक जाने से नहीं बचा सकता है। जब एक आदमी की आत्मा का नया जन्म हो जाता है, तब उसके बाद उसे पानी का बपतिस्मा दिया जा सकता है। इन वचनों में यीशु ‘जल’ शब्द का प्रयोग केवल एक बार करता है जबकि ‘आत्मा से जन्मा’ शब्द का प्रयोग तीन बार करता है। हम सब ने पाप से इस कारण मुक्ति पा ली है क्योंकि हमारा जन्म पवित्र आत्मा से हुआ है और पवित्र आत्मा ने हमारी आत्मा को अनंत जीवन दिया है। इन वचनों में यीशु पवित्र आत्मा के कामों की तुलना जल व वायु से कर रहा है। पवित्र आत्मा एक व्यक्ति है। वह न तो जल है और न ही वायु। लेकिन पवित्र आत्मा की सेवकाई में कुछ ऐसे गुण हैं जो कि जल व वायु में पाए जाते हैं। जल का एक गुण यह है कि यह साफ करता है। आप आमतौर पर अपने कपड़े टमाटर की चटनी या दूध में तो नहीं धोते हैं, धोते हैं क्या? नहीं, आप जल का इस्तेमाल करते हैं। जल गंदगी को दूर करता है। सच में तो यह पवित्र आत्मा है जो हमारे पापों को धोता है। दूसरे शब्दों में, यीशु क्षमा के विषय में बात कर रहा है। यहेजकेल 36:25, में परमेश्वर ने भविष्यद्वक्ता यहेजकेल के द्वारा उस उद्धार की भविष्यवाणी की जो आज हमें मिला हुआ है। उसने कहा, “मैं तुम पर शुद्ध जल छिड़कूँगा, और तुम शुद्ध हो जाओगे; और मैं तुम को तुम्हारी सारी

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अशुद्धता और मूर्तों से शुद्ध करूँगा। पाप गंदे बर्ताव या व्यवहार से बढ़कर है। पाप हृदय पर एक धब्बा छोड़ देता है। यह हमारी आत्मा को अशुद्ध (दुषित) कर देता है। परमेश्वर उस तरह से क्षमा नहीं करता जिस तरह से इंसान करता है। जब एक इंसान किसी दूसरे आदमी को माफ़ करता है, तो वह उस आदमी के प्रति अपनी सोच को बदल लेता है जिसने उसे चोट पहुँचाई या कुछ गलत किया हो। अब वह उस आदमी के खिलाफ़ अपने मन में किसी भी तरह की नफ़रत नहीं रखता जिसने उसके साथ पहले कुछ गलत किया था। लेकिन जब परमेश्वर किसी इंसान को क्षमा करता है, तो वह सिर्फ़ उस आदमी के अपराध या गुनाह को ही नज़रअंदाज़ नहीं करता, बल्कि परमेश्वर का आत्मा उस आदमी के हृदय में लगे दोष के धब्बे व शर्म को भी धो डालता है।

आत्मा के साथ
मिलकर काम करना
एक ऐसा आसान
काम होना चाहिए
जैसा कि साँस लेना
होता है।

आत्मा लोगों के ऊपर कार्य कर सकता है और उनको पता भी नहीं चलेगा कि उनके साथ क्या हो रहा है। ऐसा कैसे हो सकता है? नीतिवचन 16:7 में ऐसा लिखा है, जब किसी का चालचलन यहोवा को भावता है, तब वह उसके शत्रुओं का भी उससे मेल कराता है। जो लोग हमारा विरोध करते हैं उन्हें इस बात का पता भी नहीं चलेगा कि हमारे प्रति उनकी सोच में बदलाव क्यों हो गया है। हमें इस बात का पता है कि परमेश्वर ने ही उनके मन को बदला है। इसलिए मसीही लोगों को निरंतर प्रार्थना में लगे रहना चाहिए। हमारी प्रार्थनाएँ आत्मा के काम करने के लिए दरवाजा खोलती हैं। 1तीमुथियुस 2:2 वचन में हमें उन लोगों के लिए प्रार्थना करने के लिए कहा गया है जो अधिकारी हैं या जो सरकार में काम करते हैं, ताकि हम शांति से अपना जीवन बिता सकें। वायु हर दिन एक ही दिशा से और एक ही तरीके से नहीं बहती है, कभी-कभी यह आँधी के रूप में बहती है तो दूसरे दिन शांत हवा के रूप में। पवित्र आत्मा चर्च में हर सभा में या हमारे जीवन के हर एक क्षण में एक ही तरीके से कार्य नहीं करता है। एक ऐसा समय होता है कि हमें दौड़ना चाहिए, कूदना चाहिए, और आनंद मनाना चाहिए। ऐसा समय भी होता है कि हमें परमेश्वर की उपस्थिति में घूटने पर आकर उसकी प्रशंसा (तारीफ़) करनी चाहिए व उसके पवित्र भय में शांत खड़े रहना चाहिए। आप कहेंगे कि “परमेश्वर क्या चाहता है कि मैं क्या करूँ?” ठीक है, वायु किस दिशा में बह रही है? परमेश्वर के साथ बहते रहिए और आपको अच्छा परिणाम मिलेगा। आप आशीष पाएँगे, आप तरोताज़ा हो जाएँगे तथा आपको उत्साह भी मिलेगा।

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RADICAL GENERATION



To draw young people to Him and to each other
To Glorify Jesus and make Him known
and to touch our world with His love.



ARE YOU

self conscious

or

Christ conscious?

Self consciousness is a preoccupation with oneself. Self conscious people are shy and easily embarrassed because they live with a constant awareness of their weaknesses, shortcomings and even their past failures.

You will hear them say things like, 'I am not good enough', 'I can never do this', 'Everyone will laugh at me' or 'I am too short...too tall...too fat...too thin'. Therefore it always leads to a sense of helplessness and despair. Self conscious people are less aware of God's presence, His power and His love.

This is exactly how the enemy wants you to live. He will magnify your weaknesses and even use your past failures to bring guilt and condemnation to beat you down and keep you defeated.

However, God wants you to live a victorious life and that will happen by being Christ conscious and not self conscious.

2Cor. 5:16 Therefore from now on know we no man after the flesh.

This scripture tells us that we are not to regard or look at anyone (including ourselves) who is a born again child of God, from a human point of view. We are to look at ourselves only the way God sees

us. How does God see you?

2Cor 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creation; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.

God sees you 'In Christ'. He sees you as a brand new person, washed in the blood of Jesus. No longer the old sinner. He sees you as Righteous. He sees you as powerful and victorious. He sees you as successful. He sees you as someone greatly blessed and deeply loved because you are accepted in His Beloved Son, Jesus Christ!

When you agree with God and see yourself the way God sees you, everything about you will change. You will effortlessly rise above every challenge or difficulty and do great things for God. You will be more conscious of God's love for you and His presence surrounding you.

See yourself successful. See yourself as bold. See yourself overcoming sin. See yourself blessed. See yourself as deeply loved. Because that's who you really are...in Christ.



GOD SEES YOU "IN CHRIST". HE SEES YOU AS A BRAND NEW PERSON. ★



Dating The Church!

(Fall in love with the Family of God)



Pastor Zhepitoli Roughton

Hebrews 10:25 (CEB)

The church is the pillar and the anchor of the truth.

“Don’t stop meeting together with other believers, (which some people have gotten into the habit of doing); instead, encourage each other, especially as you see the days drawing near.”

Those who truly love God are happy about going to church. God has a wonderful plan for us and for our children, and the way that this plan will become a reality is by being taught the Word of God, by the pastor, who specifically designed it for us.

Jeremiah 3:15 -16

And I will give you pastors according to my heart, which shall feed you with knowledge and understanding, and it shall come to pass when you be multiplied and increase in the land in those days.

According to Jeremiah, when Christians are consistently taught the Word of God from their pastor, and when they start doing the Word that is being taught, personal increase always occurs.

Church is where we can grow as sons and daughters, husbands and wives, fathers and mothers. Jesus calls the church His bride; He calls you and me His bride. That is why I am telling you to stop dating the church.

David, a man after God’s own heart said, **“Lord, I love the house where you live, the place where your glory dwells,” Psalm 26:8.**

You should go to a church where God lives and where God’s glory dwells. Not every church is where God lives and His glory dwells (some churches are just empty buildings). And when God brings you to the church family that He has prepared for you, cherish what you have been

given and don't let go; for you have finally found the place where you and your family are going to enjoy the best days of your lives.

"Church is the dearest place on earth." -Charles Spurgeon.

Parents who have children should set an example of loving Jesus by going to church. Your children will follow your example. Your children will love Jesus because you love Him. Your children will love church because you love church. If you go to church on time; your children will be on time. If you be a tither and a giver; your children will grow up to be tithers and givers. I have seen this happen in my own life with my children and some other members' children in our church. Bring up your children in the atmosphere of God's glory and your children will enjoy heaven on earth.

You may have heard this been said before, ***"Those who attend church on Sunday morning, love the preacher; those who attend Sunday night, love the church and those who attend midweek services love the Lord!"*** This may be a joke, but there is some truth in it.

You cannot separate a believer from the local church. You cannot be a Christian and not go to church. Attending all the services in your church takes personal sacrifice and commitment. Going to church is not always the easiest thing to do; we have conflicts at times, but however, Christ commands us to give Him first place in our lives. **(Matt 6:33).**

The church is the center of God's plan for a believer, because church is a family. We cannot be faithful to Christ and be unfaithful to our church. If you are not going to church, probably you are deceived.

When we go to church, we are putting ourselves in the best possible place to allow God do His work in us. Church is a place where we flourish spiritually; it is here that God grows us and conforms us to the

image of His Son. The church community is where we learn to love God and to love others; where we are strengthened and transformed by truth from the Word. It is where we are taught to pray, to worship and to serve; where we can invest our time and ability for eternity.

As soon as you discover your local church, an important part of commitment is involved and supporting your pastor is one of them.

Christians often pray for good leaders, but we should also ask God to help us be good followers. Protect your pastor by praying for him and by refusing to engage in slander against him.

Don't criticize your pastor; pray for him and find ways to encourage him. If others engage in gossip or slander, challenge them and refuse to participate. When you make your pastor's duties a joy, you will benefit spiritually. Nothing makes a pastor happier than to see a member of his church growing in godliness.

Lastly, if you love Jesus Christ passionately but haven't been committed to the church, I hope you've heard your Master speaking to you through this message.

And I would like to ask one more thing here; if you say you love Jesus and love your church; do you tithe? By giving 10% of your income and contributing money in other ways to the local church, you are telling God that you trust Him and acknowledge that all your possessions belong to Him. God challenged the Israelites in **Mal 3:10. "Bring the whole tithe into the store house."**

Your attitude towards the church is your attitude towards Jesus.

Psalm 122:1

I rejoiced with those who said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord."

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22nd - 24th
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