

with a perfectly holy and righteous and all-knowing God and they discount or diminish the fact that except we come before God sinless through Christ, we certainly and eternally will suffer the righteous punishment of God in that place called hell where there is unending weeping and gnashing of teeth. Too many won't hear or heed this solemn Christian truth, and so they don't seek the cleansing power of Jesus' blood. What about you?

Many people think a little bit of religion, especially going to church on Good Friday and Easter weekend, will whitewash away all their sins, but they are fooling themselves. Only a personal and real application to Jesus the Saviour with all your sins and sinfulness, appealing to His shed blood is the remedy from sin. We are not saved through religion but through relationship with Jesus Christ. By grace are you saved through faith in Jesus Christ, Who shed His blood on sinner's behalf. God saves those who confess their sins and look to Jesus the Saviour for cleansing through His shed blood. When you are truly saved you find refuge under Christ's shed blood once, and time and time again. A Christian is a person who confesses his sins and trusts in Jesus and follows after Him. Thus, the redeemed in glory are described in Revelation 7:14 as those "*who have come out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb!*" They are spoken of as those who overcame Satan and sin "by the blood of the Lamb."

Can you be described as one who so lives, always and again seeking refuge with Jesus and dependent on His once for all sacrifice, His shed blood also for the remission of all your sins and for resistance against sin too? Be sure to realize, dear friend, what God's holy and inspired Word teaches, namely, that all those who seek refuge with Jesus and His shed blood will not be put to shame, whereas all who refuse to do so, daily continue under the wrath of God, and if there is no change, will perish in their sins under the just and eternal wrath of God. Are you one who listens to the gospel message of the Holy Bible, and trusts and obeys Jesus Christ as only Saviour and Lord? Today is the day of salvation, do not delay. "*The blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.*" Amen.

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Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee that it may be displayed because of the truth. (Psalm 60:4)



THE GOSPEL WITH JESUS GIVING HIS BLOOD

When Jesus died on the cross for to save sinners like you and me, He shed His blood. The Bible speaks of this often. The theme for this message is 'The gospel with Jesus giving His BLOOD', looking at I John 1:7 where we read these gospel words, "*The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.*" When the Bible speaks of Jesus giving His blood, it means that He gave His life. As difficult as it may be, you can survive without hands or feet or eyesight or the gift of speech, but no one can live without blood going through their body. We read in Leviticus 17:10 that "*the life of the flesh is in the blood.*" Medically we know that is so true. If you lose your blood, you lose your life.

Now this is the gospel of Jesus Christ - Jesus shed His blood on behalf of sinners, meaning He gave His life as a ransom for many. Jesus would stop at nothing and do everything required for the salvation of undeserving, yes, hell-deserving people like you and me. God's Word had said, "*without shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins*". Jesus, the Saviour of sinners, came expressly for this reason then, as the Lamb of God Who by His shed blood will save His people from their sins. Therefore Jesus willingly offered up, for the salvation of sinners, His own blood. With Jesus' death on the cross, Jesus gave His blood, yes, His life-blood to save sinners like you and me.

Here should we not stop for a moment and reflect on the truth, how terrible sin is! Nothing less than Jesus' blood must be shed shall there ever be for us, from God, righteous and complete forgiveness of our sins. All true and real Christian worship of God as revealed in Jesus Christ will include conviction of the sinfulness of sin and hearty sorrow for sin. Can you look upon Jesus and Him crucified, without a repentant and contrite heart? Jesus shed His blood to save sinners and there isn't a sinner saved ever apart from Jesus' shed blood on his or her behalf and true faith in Him! Do you acknowledge this too, dear friend? Or do you hear the gospel, maybe even often, but still continue on unmoved and unbelieving and unrepentant?

Oh, listen as we go on now and look more closely at our text. "*The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son [God's Son], cleanses us from all sin.*" Truly, this verse drips, as it were, with gospel tidings. Notice first, how it states that the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son *cleanses us* from all sin. That

phrase, "cleanses us", means really, Jesus' blood blots out all sin; it has the power to remove all the sin - the guilt of it, the stain, and the punishment for it. The shedding of Jesus' blood accomplishes what nothing else and no one else can accomplish, and that is the complete washing away and forgiveness of sin, for as many as trust in the Saviour Jesus Christ.

The wonder of this comes out all the more when you realize there is no human hope of getting sin removed from us and being cleansed from all sin, left to ourselves. There is no bleach, no solution, no stain remover, not even the newest and best on the market, that can rid you and me of our sins and sinfulness. You can use the most powerful pressure washer and the strongest soap man could ever make, but while it might make you look squeaky clean on the outside, yet inside you remain corrupt and guilty of all kinds of sin. The Bible asks in Job 14:4, "*Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?*" And the God-inspired authoritative answer is "*not one*". There is no cleansing or remedy from sin, left to ourselves! Not all your or my good works can ever cover up and make up for all our sins and sinfulness either. There is just no escape from our sins and sinfulness if it would be left up to you and me. This is true of all mankind throughout the ages. It is the misery of our fall into sin. It leaves us dead in sins and trespasses and justly condemned forever too, if left to ourselves. Have you ever been gripped with the truth of what a hopeless sinner you are in and by yourself?

But now listen, there is Someone that can wash away our sins, something that cleanses us from all sin. All sin, including all our sinful thoughts, sinful words, and sinful actions can be completely removed in a way that they are truly gone, as if in fact, they never were. Yes, there is something that can truly deliver us from all our sins, and that is the blood of Jesus Christ. Jesus' blood is called precious blood by Peter in I Peter 1:18&19, "*Forasmuch as ye know, ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation, [or your sinful conduct] received by tradition from your fathers; but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.*" This is the gospel, Jesus' blood cleanses us from all sin! There is no exaggeration here, it is the absolute truth.

What is it about Jesus' shed blood that makes it so special, so powerful? Well, John himself lets us know Jesus' blood represents the life-giving sacrifice of Him Who was anointed and equipped to be the Saviour of sinners. Notice the text says, "*The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.*" Jesus is the divinely sent Saviour Who is in one Person both very God and very man. Jesus' blood was ordinary human blood but His blood is the blood of that One Mediator, yes, of that long promised Messiah sent by God to save His people from their sins.

When Jesus shed His blood, when He gave His life in payment for sin in the place of sinners, then He gave a perfectly righteous payment for

sin, one that God, the righteous Judge, can only always be pleased with. You see, Jesus lived the sinless and holy life God justly demands from us, and at the same time Jesus paid the full punishment for sin in the sinner's place, bearing all God's holy wrath against sin in the sinner's place. The result was Jesus sweat great drops of blood, but now through the shedding of His blood there is a complete remission of sin for all who apply to Him for cleansing from sin and complete deliverance from all sin. In the words of the Old Testament in Zechariah 13:1, through Jesus' shed blood now, "*a fountain has been opened...for sin and for uncleanness*" and the Saviour will turn away none who come to Him. Regardless of the depth and measure of your sin and uncleanness, Jesus always cleanses all those who come to Him and as often as anyone comes. Jesus' blood cleanses from all sin. It doesn't matter what kind of sin or who the sinner, nor how long-term the sin or how deep-rooted, the blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin, even for as many as come to Him, being sorry for their sin and asking His forgiveness, for Jesus' sake.

What makes these gospel tidings so very gracious and splendid is that applying to Jesus for His cleansing blood also to wash away all your sins, is without price or money. You can't get a cleaning product today without paying something for it, but the cleansing through Jesus' shed blood is something freely offered to whoever will hear and listen to the gospel message. In Revelation 21:6 God the Saviour pronounces and proclaims, "*I will give unto him that is athirst of the fountain of the water of life freely.*" And if you should say, yes, but that doesn't mean it is just for anyone to receive, let me give you also what the exalted Saviour proclaims in Revelation 22:17 for there He says, "*Whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely.*"

This is the gospel message. There is cleansing power with the Saviour through His shed blood on sinner's behalf, for all who come to Jesus once, and again and again. Do you know you are a sinner? Apply to Jesus for cleansing and renewal today. John the Apostle states in I John 1:9, "*If we confess our sins, He [God] is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness ... if we say that we have not sinned, we make Him [God] a liar, and His word is not in us.*" Oh, listen to the good news of the gospel! "*The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son cleanses us from all sin.*" Are you one of the "us" who call on God for cleansing from all your sin, applying to Jesus and His shed blood as the only remedy from sin, also for you?

The Bible does make clear that not everyone will be cleansed from their sins and sinfulness. Why not? Is it because of lack in the cleansing power of Jesus' blood? No, but because all too many won't take seriously their sins and sinfulness. All too many brush off the reality of their own sins and sinfulness. They refuse to recognize and believe we will all one day meet