

Cleansing Blood of Christ

“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin” (1 John 1:7). The scriptures have much to say about blood. The word, “blood”, is found in three hundred seventy-six verses in the Bible. The term, “blood of Christ” appears in four verses. The words, “blood of Jesus”, are recorded in three verses. The writer to the Hebrews wrote, *“Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus” (Hebrews 10:19).* The apostle Peter said, *“Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied” (1 Peter 1:2).*

The blood in the human body does for our physical life what the blood of Jesus does for the soul, cleanses. The blood of Jesus is essential to our being made free from sin. *“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot” (1 Peter 1:18,19).*

The prophets of the Old Testament spoke of the soul cleansing blood of Christ. *“In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness” (Zechariah 13:1).* In 1771, William Cowper wrote these words to a popular hymn, *“There is a fountain filled with blood drawn from Immanuel's veins; and sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains. The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; and there may I, though vile as he, wash all my sins away. O dying Lamb, thy precious blood shall never lose its power, till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more. E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream thy flowing wounds supply, redeeming love has been my theme and shall be till I die. Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing thy power to save, when this poor lispng, stammering tongue lies silent in the grave.”*

That fountain of blood which cleanses us from sin was opened on Golgotha and is accessed by faith, repentance, confession and baptism. The apostle Paul makes it abundantly clear as to when and where we can contact that cleansing blood of Christ. *“Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:3,4).*

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