

The Blood

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[0 : 00] 1 John 1 verse 7, it says this, 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.

It speaks of a certain cleansing here. A cleansing that is certain. As someone mistakenly tried to get clean, for example, in the River Ganges, they have some ritual cleansing there.

Others might take the time to go and have some ritual washings as they enter a temple, thinking that will somehow clean them, or some might even think that some kind of a baptism will clean them.

But no, religious washings cannot cleanse you from your sin. Religious knowledge cannot take away your sin. Even the best of your best, of your good works, they cannot remove your sin.

That's what Cain found out. In Genesis 4, he gave of his very best vegetables. Now, they would have been the pick of the crop, I'm sure. But it was his own works, and so it was not the answer.

[1 : 10] Abel knew. He had to offer a land. It had to be blood. Blood. Not man's works. It must be blood. Blood applied.

This is certain cleansing. It tells you here. It is the promise of God. The blood of Jesus Christ. His Son cleanseth us from all sin.

This is the promise. If you would but claim this certain cleansing. The blood of which we speak was shared once for all time at the cross.

And the blood was pictured way back in the Old Testament time as the mercy sink that pictured his blood.

The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son. In Leviticus 16, we see that blood foretold us. The blood of animals cannot take away sin.

[2 : 08] But this blood, this blood, surely it can and does. It's certain cleansing. It cleanses sin. Assurably, God's promise is for us.

This blood is certain in its cleansing power. There was a skeptic who challenged a believer one time. He said, how does blood cleanse sin? It's kind of mocking.

And the believer replied with a counter question. And he said, how does water quench thirst? And the skeptic replied, I don't know. But I know that it does.

And just so said the believer. Just so. I don't know. Our blood cleanses sin. But I know that it does. God says so. It is a certain cleansing.

And secondly, notice it's also a constant cleansing. It's a constant cleansing. The blood of Jesus Christ, his son, cleansed us from all sin.

[3 : 05] In this world, we're prone to getting soiled. I know at home we're looking forward to getting some new carpets. They will be clean for one day. Then they'll start getting soiled just like the current ones are.

But thank God, this constant cleansing. This constant cleansing pictured here. The continual cleansing of the blood. Of the precious blood. Of the Lord Jesus Christ.

This blood has got a constant cleansing effect. His blood shed on Calvary can do what nothing else can do. The tense of cleansed.

The blood of Jesus Christ, his son, cleansed. Cleansed us. It is present tense. So in other words, it's showing that continual, even eternal, that continual cleansing effect on sin.

The blood of Jesus Christ keeps on cleansing. It keeps on cleansing. It cleanses us. It gives what our soul deeply needs. That sin forgiving. Guilt removing.

[4 : 07] Heart cleansing. Conscience purifying blood. And all this is the blood of Jesus for you. The blood cleanses, it says. It has cleansed.

It will cleanse. And we have present cleansing. The blood of Jesus Christ, his son, cleansed us. It's shed at the blood. The shed of the cross.

Shed at Calvary's cross. This blood shed has power today. Not only for the one-time justification, the declaration that we made righteous in Christ, but that daily sanctification, that work of God which impacts our day-by-day living, our lifetime.

It's got that sanctifying, cleansing, continual cleansing. It says in Hebrews 13, 12, Jesus also, he might sanctify the people with his own blood.

He suffered without the gunning. So friends, not only is this a certain cleansing, God's promised it for you. It's also a constant cleansing. It's continual.

[5 : 09] It cleanseth, cleanses and keeps on cleansing and cleaning. And thirdly, it's a complete cleansing. This cleansing, this cleansing action of the blood is complete.

Notice it says the blood cleanses us from all. Isn't that a comfort? It's cleansing us from all sin.

From all. There's a fullness to this cleansing. It's not a partial one. It's not in part. It is complete. It is all, A double L, which means all, without exception.

So friends, this cleansing is comprehensive. This is comprehensive. The blood cleanses us. Even now, it cleanses us from all sin. You might ask, is it possible that now a man may be forgiven?

That no matter what I have done, that a man can be forgiven? Can a harlot know all her sins blotted out of the book of God as if they never happened?

[6 : 13] Can she know this? Can the thief this day have all of his transgressions cast into the sea? Forgotten. Taken.

Erased. Can he know it? Can I, the chief of sinners, as Paul would reckon himself, this day be cleansed from all my sin and know it? Can I know that I stand accepted before the throne of God, a holy creature, because I'm washed from every sin?

Yes. Yes, he can. Yes, the blood can wash you now. Friends, there's great comfort in these words, isn't there? That all, A double L, all my sin.

Yes, the blood can wash you now. Notice the completeness here. It cleanses from all sin. It paid and clears the blasphemy of Peter, of the shortcomings of everyone since Adam.

Our iniquity, gone. All gone. If we would but receive that action, that transaction on our path. Gone. Gone at once.

[7 : 21] All gone. Forever gone. The finished work of the cross. It's complete. It's finished. Done. Done. All done. All done and dusted.

Completely. Comprehensively. Completed. The blessed completeness of the finished work of the cross. That's what we think of today. As we, in some measure, just tangibly connect with that. In the partaking of these signs of that blood given. Beloved, what sin are you dealing with? That you think is too great for God to forgive.

He says, A double L. All the sin can be dealt with. The blood of Jesus is continually affected. For all sin. For all time. Past, present and future.

And the last reference in the word of God to the blood of Jesus Christ our Lord is Revelation 12.11. Where it says, And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb.

[8 : 23] And by the word of their testimony. And they loved not their lives unto the death. By the blood. We can withstand the attacks, the deceptions, the accusations of Satan.

And what does, one of his names is the accuser of the brethren. And he might say, Oh, the pastor doesn't know. But the devil would say, I know what you've done.

But Jesus would say, I've paid for it. It's gone. It's washed away. It's erased from God's memory banks, as it were. Friends, there's a certain cleansing.

It's certain. It's for sure. God says it can be for you that believe. You can know and claim certain cleansing. And you can know the cleansing blood, the washing of the blood.

Revelation 1 verse 5 says that he's washed us by the blood. The blood. There's certain cleansing. And it's the very price of our salvation.

[9 : 22] There's constant cleansing that it washes you even in your daily walk. When you have those moments when, as the carpet gets soiled, it's continually washed. This soul of yours has a continual cleansing.

And the blood of the everlasting covenant is what it's called. Hebrews 13 verse 20. It's complete as well. It's complete because it's everlasting.

This covenant is a complete covenant. The infinite and eternal power of the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is the blood of the everlasting covenant. That's Hebrews 13 verse 20.

And the very first reference in the New Testament of this covenant of this testament is as our Lord took the Last Supper with his beloved disciples.
Matthew 26 verse 28. It says, this is my blood of the New Testament or New Covenant. Same word. The New Testament which is shared for many for the remission of sins.
[10:28] Remission, what does that mean? It means freedom. Freedom. Deliverance. It means pardon. Forgiveness. And by the blood, this cleansing is certain, constant and complete.
To be determined.