

# Power in The Blood

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[0:00] Ephesians 2, verse 13.

! 290 times it refers to the love of God in the New Testament.

1,300 times in the New Testament it refers to the atonement, God's work at the cross. The blood is used repeatedly from cover to cover over 400 times.

We should emphasise the blood. That's why we love to sing songs about the blood. That's why we care about the blood, the preaching of the gospel. Moody said, I do not believe there is a word in the Bible that Satan fears more than the word blood.

The cross is a graphic picture of God's love. There is power in the blood. We read here, but now in Christ Jesus, you who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

[1:19] We're brought close to God. There's got a magnetic drawing force, the drawing power of the blood of our dear Lord. He's made peace through the blood of his cross.

We read in Colossians 1, verse 20. Hebrews 10, we read that we can draw nigh. We've got boldness to enter the holiest by the blood of Jesus.

The blood has got soul-saving power. The blood. The blood. It brings us closer to the Father. It helps us to live for Christ.

It saves us and makes us whole. The saving power of the blood. The life-giving power of the blood. In Leviticus 17, 11, For the life of the flesh is in the blood.

It is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul. And as believers, we have life today. Life today because of the blood of our Lord.

[2:18] The blood as we think naturally of the blood. It brings life. It maintains life. It brings health to the body. The blood itself acts like a river of life within your human being today.

And we can get a life, as it were. Get a spiritual life because of the blood. Every one of our hundred trillion cells receives a continuous supply of oxygen, nitrogen, sodium, potassium, calcium, sugars and hormones through the blood.

The blood keeps you alive. And the blood, it removes the wastes and the inert chemicals from the body. The blood itself is a living thing.

There are the white corpuscles and the red corpuscles and all the antibodies and immune system cells. Our blood vessels end to end can stretch for 60,000 miles.

That's a lot of travelling for that blood, isn't it? Every drop of blood on the way back to the heart and kidneys is purifying you, inwardly cleansing you.

[3:26] And if the blood supply to the brain is restricted, even for a short time, irreversible damage occurs in the brain cells. As the blood circulates, it keeps the body healthy, removes the toxins and the viruses, and it sends its version of the emergency services racing to the need if there's an injury or an infection.

So when we speak of life's blood, this is a reality. The life is in the blood. Friends, are we living under the blood? Is our mind under the blood?

Is our home under the blood? Are our sins under the blood? Is our old nature under the blood? There's saving power in the blood. There's life-giving power in the blood.

There is overcoming power in the blood. Revelation 12, 11, Christ was not defeated at Calvary. Satan was overcome there. Satan was beaten at Calvary. And the cross is a place of tremendous victory. Victory for you. Victory for me. Why?

[4:43] Because of the blood. They overcame him by the blood. When he cried, it is finished. It was a cry of victory.

It is finished. His stamp paid him for by the blood that he shed. The great victory cry of the cross. It was fulfilled.

It was completed. Mission accomplished. The Lord Jesus breaks the chains and brings rescue.

Takes us from prison and bondage. Gives us freedom and liberty.

There's overcoming power in the blood. And there is cleansing power in the blood. 1 John 1, 7, 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.

Are we feeling guilty? Sinful? Dirty? There's cleansing in the blood today. There's power to cleanse the foulest stain. Power to give complete cleansing from the defilement of our sin.

[5:50] As Zechariah 13, 1, the prophet said, There's a fountain. There's a fountain opened. There's a fountain opened for sin and uncleanness. A fountain was opened on Calvary's hill.

Fountain was opened at Calvary's cross for you, for me. For the soul unclean. There's delivering power in the blood. In Exodus 12, 13, As the angel was coming to visit death, the homes with the blood were spared.

The homes with the blood splattered. The homes with the blood applied to the doorpost and the lintel. The doorpost and lintel. He said, When I see the blood, when I see the blood, I will pass over.

The home with the scarlet cord in Joshua 2. The prostitute's home. She was spared. Not for any virtue of her own, as we can imagine. But why? Because of the scarlet cord.

There was delivering power in the blood, as it was typified there. And as the Israelites knew, they were safe and sheltered. Why?

[6:58] Because the blood was there. It was a picture of the blood to be spilt for us, to be shed for us. A security against the storm. An eternal home security system, as it were.

Are you fully covered? Have you got comprehensive cover? You need the blood. You need the blood on your heart. You need the blood applied to keep you, to protect you.

And the cost of that blood, friends, think of it, for ye are bought with a price, therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

We are bought with the precious blood of Christ. The price was paid in full. Friends, think of it as we partake the emblems that represent it just now.

And I'll call it ushers, and I believe everyone's here actually, which is wonderful. Well, Joshua, Paul, Danchenko, David and Jim are going to help.

[7:53] You're on the roster. I trust you're prayed up and prepared to join. Where's Joshua? He's not here. Meet another man to stand in the gap. All right, Dennis.

Praise the Lord. Please, let's hold together. We'll pass the bread and the cup in turn, and please hold together and be prayerful, shall we, as we do so. Feel welcome.

If you're a believer this morning, the Bible says, let a man examine himself and so let him eat and drink of that cup. It's certainly an examination time. This is not a careless time.

As much as we do so regularly, it should never be a flippant or careless thing. It should be a holy season. And friends, think of it, that blood, 400 times from cover to cover, it's mentioned in your Bibles here.

Satan fears nothing more than the word blood. Saving power, life-giving power, overcoming power, cleansing power, delivering power.

[9:01] There's power in the blood, the soul-saving blood of the Lamb. Think of Christ and Him crucified. Think of Christ and Him betrayed. Think of Christ and Him deserted.

Think of Christ and Him beaten. Think of Christ and Him disfigured. More marred. More marred than any man. Worse than any car accident. More marred than any man.

Our dear Savior's face. The cross, the instrument of torture, we think of that this morning. The instrument of death. We think of the execution.

We think of the shame. We think of the curse. The curse of our own sin. Think of His loneliness there, of His disappointment, of the hours on the cross, the agonies of death, of His thirst, of His thorn-crowned brow, of His hands nailed fast to the accursed tree.

And why? For you. For you. For your sin. For my sin. For us. For all our guilt and shame was born there. We can apply the blood.

[10:04] Make it personal today. Prayerfully. Consider your state, your conditions towards Him today. Only you can answer for your heart and its need today.

We all need the blood. But now in Christ Jesus, you who were sometimes far off, are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

The Bible says, let a man examine himself. Let us prayerfully do so and pray to the Lord for His grace if there's sin. Confess it to Him.

There's no man you need to confess it to but there's a mediator between God and man who stands ready to hear your prayer today. If you're not saved this morning, the power is in the blood.

The blood that was shed, the sinless blood, the perfect holy blood. There's not any re-enacting of it here today. It's not any magical formula or any mysterious ceremony here.

[11:17] We are remembering what our Lord has done for us. I love to tell the story of haunting things of God.