**The Precious Blood** **of Christ**

1Pe 1:18 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; 19 But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:

   Peter was an old man when he wrote those words. I suppose the blood of Jesus grew more precious to him as the years went by.

1. The Precious Blood REDEEMS
   1. The blood is precious because of His divine life
   2. It is precious because He redeems us through faith in His shed blood

1Pe 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being **much more precious** than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ: 1Pe 4:12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you:

* 1. 1:18 Redeemed… 1:19 with the precious blood of Christ
     1. From the hands of the devil
     2. From the arms of the law
     3. From the curse of the law
     4. From under the law.
        1. The law condemns the sinner
        2. Christ satisfied the claims of the law.
           1. He tasted death for every man

Heb 2:9 But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man.

* + - * 1. He has made it possible for every man to be saved.

Ro 8:32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?

* 1. Silver and gold could not redeem our souls.
     1. Our life had been forfeited.
     2. Death had come into the world by sin, and nothing but blood could atone for the soul

Ro 5:12 Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned: Jer 9:21 For death is come up into our windows, and is entered into our palaces, to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets. Eze 18:4 Behold, all souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son is mine: the soul that sinneth, it shall die. 20 The soul that sinneth, it shall die. The son shall not bear the iniquity of the father, neither shall the father bear the iniquity of the son: the righteousness of the righteous shall be upon him, and the wickedness of the wicked shall be upon him.

* + 1. But we are not redeemed by such corruptible things as Silver and gold, but by the precious blood of Christ.

1. Redemption means ''buying back''; we had sold ourselves for naught, and Christ redeemed us and bought us back.

   A friend in Ireland once met a little Irish boy who had caught a sparrow. The poor little bird was trembling in his hand, and seemed very anxious to escape. The gentleman begged the boy to let it go, as the bird could not do him any good; but the boy said he would not, for he had chased it three hours before he could catch it. He tried to reason it out with the boy, but in vain. At last he offered to buy the bird. The boy agreed to the price, and it was paid. Then the gentleman took the poor little thing, and held it out in his hand. The boy had been holding it very fast, for the boy was stronger than the bird, just as Satan is stronger than we; and there it sat for a time scarcely able to realize the fact that it had got liberty; but in a little while it flew away chirping.

   This is what redemption is — buying back and setting free. Christ came to break the fetters of sin, to open the prison doors and set the sinner free.

1. The Precious Redeeming Blood BLOTS OUT SIN

Past Sin is gone! It cannot be found. The blood of Jesus Christ blots out sin. There was a woman in Ireland had a little class in school; and she asked if there was anything that God couldn't do. And one little child said, ''Yes, He can't see my sins through the blood of Jesus Christ.'' That is what He cannot do. The blood blots it out

   When we get to heaven we will find men whom we have known to be thieves and drunkards and murderers, men as vile as could be, as vile as any that ever trod this earth, then as pure as the Son of God, because the blood of Jesus Christ has made them clean. And so any man or woman in this world who is steeped in the deepest kind of sin, can be as white as a lily by the blood of Jesus Christ.

1. The Precious Redeeming Blood BRINGS US NIGH Christ

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. Heb 7:19 For the law made nothing perfect, but the bringing in of a better hope did; by the which we draw nigh unto God.

   It not only brings us near to God, but brings us near to one another. I can go to any community where I am an entire stranger, and preach this doctrine of atonement, and get better acquainted in twenty-four hours than I could if I talked about Socrates and Plato for twenty-four years. The blood brings us nigh;

If a church divides preach the precious blood of Christ to unite. To keep the church from dividing preach the precious blood of Christ.

Hold up the cross, and you will get the true believers around it in a little while; but go to preaching science and botany and astronomy and metaphysics, and you will get them all quarreling. The cross is the drawing power. The cross is the center. Bring people nigh to it and you bring them nigh to each other.

   Let someone die, and see how quickly the family will come together. So we gather around the cross where Christ died for us. That brings us nigh;

1. The Precious Blood of Christ MAKES PEACE

 Col 1:20 And, having made peace through the blood of his cross, by him to reconcile all things unto himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven.

You can look for peace the world over, and you will never find it until you get to the cross.

He willed His spirit back to His Father; He willed His body to Joseph of Arimathea; He willed His mother to John the son of Zebedee ; and then to His disciples He said, Peace I leave with you; My peace I give unto you.'' Joy and peace were His legacies. You can have them if you will.

   They say now-a-days that they can't make a will that is so sure that some keen lawyer can't smash it all to pieces; but I challenge any man to break Christ's will. He rose to execute His own will. Neither man or devil can break it. He made peace by His blood on the cross.

Peace of conscience, Peace of mind, Peace of soul

Peace can only be found under the shadow of the cross. The billows may come surging and rolling up against us, but if we find refuge and shelter under the cross of Jesus Christ we have peace.

   Do you want peace? Is your soul tossed on the waves of trouble and sorrow and persecution?

   During the last days of the civil war, when many men were deserting from the South, Secretary Stanton sent out a notice from the War Department that no more refugees be taken into the Union army. A Southern soldier hadn't seen that, and he came into the Union lines and they read the order to him. He didn't know what to do. If he went back into the Southern army he would be shot as a deserter, and the Northern army wouldn't have him. So he went into the woods between the armies and stayed until he got starved out. He saw an officer going by, and he rushed out of the woods and told this officer that if he didn't help him he would have to take his life. The officer asked what was the trouble. He told him. The officer said:

   ''Haven't you heard the news?'' ''No,what news?'' the war is over. Lee has surrendered. Peace is declared. Go to the first town, and get all the food you want.'' The man waved his hat and went to the town as quick as he could.

Peace is declared, the war is over. Be ye reconciled to God, and the whole thing is settled. The trouble is on your side. The blood is on the mercy seat, and as long as it is there the vilest sinner can enter and be saved for time and eternity.

1. The Precious Blood of Christ JUSTIFIES

   Ro 5:9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

  The  word ''justified'' is like getting over the mountain. Do you know what it means? It is better than pardon. Justification means that there isn't a charge against you. Your sins are completely washed away; they are not to be remembered; they are not to be mentioned. Think of it! God says He puts them out of His memory. In other words, I have been running up an account down at the grocery store for some years, and I haven't any money to pay. I go down there and the storekeeper says:

Paid in full by the Precious Blood of the Lamb, the whole bill; it is all settled.

That is justification.

Ro 8:33 Who shall lay any thing to the charge of God's elect? It is God that justifieth. He won't do it; we shouldn’t 34 Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us. Thank God for the precious blood which justifies me. Martin Luther, rose to shake all Europe. The just shall live by faith.

1. The Precious Blood of Christ CLEANSES

   It is precious because *it cleanses me*.'' 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 blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin. Not a part of our sin, but ALL. We Christians ought to be the happiest people in the world.

1. The Precious Blood of Christ GIVES BOLDNESS

  It is precious because it is going to *give me boldness in the day of judgment*. Isn't that good?

1John 4:17 ¶ Herein is our love made perfect, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment: because as he is, so are we in this world. Heb 2:15 And deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.

I am behind the Precious blood of the Son of God, judgment is already passed; it is behind me; it is not before me. 1Co 6:2 Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? People live in constant dread of the great white throne judgment. When that comes, I am going to be with Christ on the throne, I am not going to be judged! That day is passed to the true child of God. ''He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities, I will have boldness in the day of judgment.

   There is a story of a man who was going to be tried for his life, and if found guilty there was no hope for him unless the king would intercede. They went to the king, and he finally consented to give a pardon, but he said:  ''Let it be secret, and if the man isn't condemned, do not say anything about it'; if he is condemned, he can use the pardon.'' The man went into court with the pardon in his pocket, and he was quite cheerful about his trial. It went against him, and when the judge pronounced the sentence upon him, he took pains to say that he and the whole court were shocked to think that a man could be on trial for his life and be so unconcerned. When the judge got through, the man stepped up and laid the king's pardon on the judge's desk, and walked out bold as a lion.

You have a charge against me. What do I care? God has justified me. He comes and says, you are a saved man. saved by grace, saved for time and for eternity.

The Precious Blood has provided so Great Salvation

Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him;

Heb 3:12 Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God. 13 But exhort one another daily, while it is called To day; lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

The Precious Blood has proved all powerful

Heb 10:29 Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye, shall he be thought worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the Spirit of grace?

Heb 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Heb 12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven:

Heb 13:12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.

Heb 13:13 Let us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach.

Ps 36:7 How excellent is thy lovingkindness, O God! therefore the children of men put their trust under the shadow of thy wings. {excellent: Heb. precious}

Ps 139:17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

La 4:2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, how are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!