

THE CHURCH IN DENVER

***THE PRECIOUS BLOOD
OF CHRIST***

You were redeemed

With precious blood

The blood of Christ

1 Peter 1:18-19

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THE SPEAKING BLOOD

I. We have all sinned against God and need His forgiveness

Romans 3:10–12 Even as it is written, “There is none righteous, not even one; There is none who understands, there is none who seeks out God. All have turned aside; together they have become useless; there is none who does good; there is not so much as one.

Romans 3:23 For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

Luke 15:18b–19a . . . Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; . . .

II. Our sins separate us from God

Genesis 3:6–10 6 And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food and that it was a delight to the eyes and that the tree was to be desired to make oneself wise, she took of its fruit, and ate; and she also gave some to her husband with her, and he ate. 7 And the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves. 8 And they heard the sound of Jehovah God walking about in the garden in the cool of the day, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of Jehovah God among the trees of the garden. 9 And the Jehovah God called to the man, and said to him, Where are you? 10 And he said, I heard the sound of You in the garden, and I was afraid because I am naked; so I hid myself.

Isaiah 59:1–2 No, Jehovah’s hand is not so short that it cannot save; Nor is his ear so heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have become a separation between you and your God, And your sins have hidden His face From you so that He does not hear.

II. God requires the shedding of blood for the forgiveness of sin

Hebrews 9:22b . . . and without shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you to make expiation for your souls on the altar, for it is the blood, by reason of the life, that makes expiation.

Genesis 3:21 And Jehovah God made coats of skins for Adam and for his wife and clothed them.

III. Only the blood of Jesus, the Lamb of God, can take away the sin of the world

John 1:29b Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!

Isaiah 53:6 All we like sheep have gone astray; Each of us has turned to his own way, and Jehovah has caused the iniquity of us all To fall on Him.

1 Peter 2:24 Who Himself bore up our sins in His body on the tree, in order that we, having died to sins, might live to righteousness; by whose bruise you were healed.

V. Abel's blood cried out to God for vengeance, but the precious blood of Christ, sprinkled in the heavenly holy of holies, speaks forgiveness to God for us

Genesis 4:10–11 And He said, What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying out to Me from the ground. And now you are cursed from the ground, which has opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand.

Hebrews 9:12 Nor through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, entered once for all into the Holy of Holies, having found an eternal redemption.

Hebrews 12:24 And to Jesus, the Mediator of a new covenant; and to the blood of sprinkling, which speaks something better than that of Abel.

IV. We must repent and turn that our sins may be wiped away and be forgiven

Acts 3:19 Repent therefore and turn, that your sins may be wiped away.

Acts 2:36–38 Therefore let all the house of Israel know assuredly that God has made Him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you have crucified. And when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and they said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, What should we do, brothers? And Peter said to them, Repent and each one of you be baptized upon the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 20:21 Solemnly testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance unto God and faith in our Lord Jesus.

Message Two

THE CLEANSING BLOOD

I. We are all unclean and filthy in heart and conscience

Psalm 14:2–3 Jehovah looked down from heaven upon the sons of men, To see if there was anyone who had insight, who seeks after God. They have all turned aside; they are all together perverse. There is none who does good; there is not even one.

Isaiah 64:6 For all of us became like him who is unclean And all our righteousnesses are like a soiled garment; And we all wither like a leaf; And our iniquities, like the wind, carry us away.

Proverbs 20:9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean; I am pure from my sin?

Proverbs 30:11–12 There is a generation that curses their father, and does not bless their mother; there is a generation that are pure in their own eyes, yet are not washed from their filthiness. (cf. Romans 1:30; 2 Timothy 3:2)

II. If we hide our sins, we will not prosper, but if we confess and forsake our sins, we will receive mercy

Proverbs 28:13 He who covers his sins will not prosper, But whoever confesses and forsakes them will obtain mercy.

Psalm 51:2–4a Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and from my sin cleanse me. For I do know my transgressions, and my sin is before me continually. Against You and You alone have I sinned, and I have done what is evil in Your sight.

Psalm 51:7 Purge my sin with hyssop, and I will be clean; wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

III. If we confess our sins, the Lord will both forgive us and cleanse us

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

IV. Christ loves us and cleanses us from our sins in His own precious blood

Revelation 1:5c To Him who loves us and has released us from our sins by His blood.

1 John 1:7b . . . the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from every sin.

V. The blood of Christ purifies our conscience so that we may serve the living God.

Hebrews 9:14 How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

Revelation 7:14–15 And I said to him, My lord, you know. And he said to me, These are those who come out of the great tribulation, and they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Because of this they are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in His temple; and He who sits upon the throne will tabernacle over them.

Revelation 22:14 Blessed are those who wash their robes that they may have right to the tree of life and may enter by the gates into the city.

Revelation 22:3 And there will no longer be a curse. And the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His slaves will serve Him.

Message Three

THE REDEEMING BLOOD

I. We sold ourselves and became the slaves of sin

Isaiah 50:1m Behold, through your iniquities have you sold yourselves.

Romans 5:21 In order that just as sin reigned in death...

Romans 6:6b ... that we should no longer serve sin as slaves;

Romans 6:12 Do not let sin therefore reign in your mortal body so that you obey the body's lusts;

Romans 6:16 Do you not know that to whom you present yourselves as slaves for obedience, his slaves you are whom you obey, whether of sin unto death or of obedience unto righteousness?

John 8:34 Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say to you, Everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.

II. We were living a vain manner of life

1 Peter 1:18 Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers.

A. A vain manner of life is a life without purpose that accomplishes nothing

B. A vain manner of life is a life without God

Romans 1:21, 25 Because though they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God or thank Him, but rather became vain in their reasonings, and their heart, lacking understanding, was darkened. . . . Who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshipped and served the creation rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

C. A vain manner of life is a life given up to uncleanness

Romans 1:24, 26a Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to uncleanness, so that they dishonor their bodies among themselves, 26 Therefore God gave them up to passions of dishonor....

III. We were redeemed by the precious blood of Christ from the slavery of sin, and from our vain manner of life

1 Peter 1:18–19 18 Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, 19 But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ.

A. The Lord's precious blood is the highest price in the universe

Acts 20:28 Take heed to yourselves and to all the flock, among whom the Holy Spirit has placed you as overseers to shepherd the church of God, which He obtained through His own blood.

John 18:38b And having said this, he [Pilate] again went out to the Jews and said to them, I find no fault in Him.

Isaiah 53:5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed.

B. Knowing that we were purchased with such a price, we should pass the time of our sojourning in fear, becoming holy in all our manner of life

1 Peter 1:15–19 15 But according to the Holy One who called you, you yourselves also be holy in all your manner of life; 16 Because it is written, "You shall be holy because I am holy." 17 And if you call as Father the One who without respect of persons judges according to each one's work, pass the time of your sojourning in fear, 18 Knowing that it was not with corruptible things, with silver or gold, that you were redeemed from your vain manner of life handed down from your fathers, 19 But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot, the blood of Christ.

IV. We were purchased to God by the blood of Christ

Revelation 5:9b ...You were slain and have purchased for God by Your blood men out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

V. Now we do not belong to ourselves; we belong to God

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 Or do you not know that...you are not your own? 20 For you have been bought with a price. So then glorify God in your body.

VI. Based on the Lord's redeeming us with His own precious blood, we have to give ourselves to God

References: *Life-Study of 1 Peter*, Msgs. 11–12; *Life-Study of John*, pp. 232–233; *Life-Study of Romans* pp. 33–35.