



E-Mail Newsletter *Bringing The Word of Life*

"... that you may know that you have eternal life." 1 John 5:13

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Blood the most amazing medicine Text: Leviticus 17:1-16

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The blood in our veins is the world's most amazing medicine for certain sicknesses like cancer, haemophilia, and some cases of AIDS. Blood and the medicines made from it, are saving more lives than any one drug that science has ever discovered, and there is still much to learn in how to use blood in the fight against disease. Blood has always fascinated man, and he has been prying into its mysteries for centuries.

River of Life In the year 1628, Sir William Harvey, an English scientist, discovered that the blood was a "river of life" flowing around in the body. Thereafter, doctors tried for the first time to replace lost blood with blood of other humans, and animals. Often the patients died, but occasionally a life was saved. However, failures were so common, that during the 17th century, laws were passed forbidding transfusions of blood.

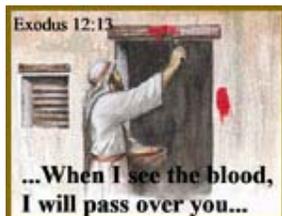
It was in the year 1900, that a German scientist, Dr. Karl Lansteiner, discovered that there are four types of human blood namely, A, B, AB and O. This unlocked the door to successful blood transfusions, for it was learned that if blood from a donor of one of these groups, was given to a patient of the same group, no harm could be done. Thereafter, many blood transfusions were made and many lives were saved. People with Type O-negative are the "universal donors" as their blood can be given to people of all other types. However, people with Type O-negative (10% of the population) can only receive O-negative blood in return. People with Type AB-positive blood are the "universal recipients" as they can receive any other type of blood.

It was not until 1915, when two American scientists, Peyton Rous, and Joseph Turner discovered a solution which, when mixed with blood, would keep it from clotting.

Now, blood could be preserved or "canned" for emergency and future use, and the first blood bank was established by an English army surgeon Oswald Robertson, back of the Allied army lines in France in 1917, resulting in what we have today in the various community "blood banks," which are endeavoring to serve their area day and night, which have as their slogan, "BLOOD IS LIFE – HELP SAVE A LIFE." Yes, "blood is life," and this truth is verified in God's Word.

*In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins,
according to the riches of his grace. Ephesians 1: 7*

One of the greatest Bible subjects "Blood" which is the very life of the Christian faith. This brings us to the subject of the "world's greatest blood donor," and none other than God's own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, who willingly and sacrificially gave His own blood, so that we poor guilty sinners might have eternal life. When Cain murdered his brother Abel look what the Lord said in Gen. 4:10. Yes, blood cries and speaks!



*He took the guilty sinner's place,
And suffered in his stead,
For man – O miracle of grace!
For man the Saviour bled.*

1. BLOOD SPEAKS OF LIFE (Lev. 17:11) The driving force of all physical life is blood while the source of everlasting life is the blood of Christ. See the connection of soul with blood at death (Gen. 35:18; cf. Matt. 26:28; Heb. 13:12, etc. vs. Isa. 53:10). The Bible seems to teach that the soul animates or controls the circulation of human blood.

2. BLOOD SPEAKS OF CLEANSING (I John 1:7; Rev. 1:5; 12:11a). A dual purpose of physical human blood is to dispose waste & toxins & supply oxygen & energy throughout the body organs. Likewise, the blood of Christ cleanses us from all sin & empowers us to have victory over sin and the devil.

3. BLOOD SPEAKS OF VALUE (I Pet. 1:18-19; Acts 20:28). We were bought & redeemed with the most precious fluid in the universe – the blood of Christ Himself!

4. BLOOD SPEAKS OF ONENESS (Eph. 2:13). Bridge the gap of separation between a holy God & sinful, fallen man. Calvary is the meeting place of heaven & earth when the Son of God reconciled us to the Father while He hang on the cross!

5. BLOOD SPEAKS OF IDENTITY (Exo. 12:13 cf. I Cor. 5:7). Christ the Lamb of God has become our Passover.

Conclusion: Friend, like the old-time Gospel hymn says, “*Are you washed in the blood, in the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb? Are your garments spotless, are they white as snow? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?*” Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God Who alone can forgive and take away your sins. Rodelio Mallari

Fearfully and Wonderfully made - Psalm 139:14

Repairing the Damage

Without the protection provided by the body's natural defences we might bleed to death from even minor cuts. In normal circumstances, the blood clots to seal a wound within about two hours of the injury.

The first line of defence is provided by the platelets, small cells in the body which clump together to build up a temporary plug in the site of the injury. They also release into the area of the wound a chemical called serotonin, which constricts the damaged vessels, reducing the flow of blood. In addition, the damaged blood vessel walls themselves release a second chemical called thromboplastin. Thromboplastin enables strands of a protein called fibrin to form a sticky mesh which traps red cells, so creating a more permanent clot which hardens into a protective scab

Your Blood

It has about 5.6 litres (6 quarts) of blood. This 5.6 litres of blood circulates through the body three times every minute. In one day, the blood travels a total of 19,000 km (12,000 miles)--that's four times the distance across the US from coast to coast.

Your Heart

It beats about 100,000 times in one day and about 35 million times in a year. During an average lifetime, the human heart will beat more than 2.5 billion times. It pumps about 1 million barrels of blood during an average lifetime - that's enough to fill more than 3 super tankers.

Your Body

It has 60,000 miles of blood vessels. That would stretch around the world twice.

Malaria Claims Doctor's Life

Dr. Ebi Kimanani grew up in Kenya surrounded by dire poverty. She immigrated to Canada, and dedicated her life to research and to promoting efforts to minimize the death toll from malaria.

In January 2005 Dr. Kimanani traveled to Africa to visit a testing site for a new anti malarial drug, and to lend her expertise. After returning to Montreal she developed flu-like symptoms. Two days later she was rushed by ambulance to the hospital. She died just hours later.

She died of malaria, the disease she knew so much about. Her husband told reporters that she did not take the prophylactic drugs that could help prevent the disease of malaria. Dr. Johns said, "When she went home, she just categorically refused to be treated any differently from anyone else." She was promoting the anti-malaria drugs for others in her country, but she thought she was safe. She seemed to be relying on a natural immunity from childhood, which would keep her from being at risk.

The Bible refers to a spiritual disease called sin.

Many people in the world know that "the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7), and that He is the cure for sin.

- They do many good works promoting religion. Just like Dr. Kimanani, they are very sincere, but they do not believe they need the cure for sin themselves.
- They feel safe, with no urgent need to trust Him as their personal Saviour.
- Maybe they think they have a natural immunity because they live such a respectable life, or due to their good upbringing.
- Perhaps they think their faithfulness to the church and dedication to prayers and sacraments helps to shelter them, but "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23)
- These are the people who resent being told they are lost in their sins and they need to be saved or rescued from going down to Hell. When these dear people leave this world and wake up in Hell, they will be there due to their refusal to accept the Remedy.
- There is no natural immunity, for everyone needs to personally have a moment when they took the Cure: the Lord Jesus Christ. Is the Lord Jesus Christ your personal Saviour? If not, accept Him today.



Prayer is not the least we can do – it is the most. Anon

I planned to pray this morning,
But I woke up rather late.
And I had to get to work, of course,
So prayer-time had to wait.

I could have prayed at break-time,
While the others had their tea,
But ten minutes hardly seemed worthwhile,
To spend upon my knee.

So I told myself the lunch hour,
Would be just the time to pray,
But by then I was so hungry,
And I still had half the day.

The afternoon some friends came by,
To natter over tea.
And I really couldn't slip away –
They'd think it odd of me.

Yet I knew that after dinner,
When the kids were all in bed,
And the washing-up was finished,
And the daily drivel read.

That I'd find a quiet corner,
Where I could pray at last,
But my neighbours came to visit,
And another day had passed.
Bernie Reid

Point to Ponder

Payment God will not twice demand / First at my bleeding Saviour's
hand / And then again at mine. *Augustus M. Toplady*

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Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? / Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb? / Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour? / Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?