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

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**God
said... 'when
I see
the blood
I will pass
over you.'**

EXODUS 12:13

In the case of the Israelites, it was the blood of the paschal lamb.

In our case, it is the blood of a divinely appointed victim. Jesus Christ came into this world appointed and sent by His Father.

The blood of Christ is well pleasing to God; for God Himself did send Christ to be the Redeemer and He Himself did lay upon Him the iniquity of us all. It was God's will that the blood of Jesus should be shed.

***JESUS IS GOD'S CHOSEN SAVIOUR
FOR MEN. HE IS ABLE TO SAVE YOU.***

Christ Jesus, like the lamb, was not only a divinely appointed victim, but he was spotless. Had there been one sin in Christ, He had not been capable of being our Saviour—but He was without sin. Turn, then, your eye to the cross and see Jesus bleeding there and dying for you. Remember, "For sins not His own, He died to atone." The blood of Jesus; is able to save thee because "He died, the Just for the unjust."

But some will say, "Whence has the blood of Christ such power to save?"

Not only because God appointed that blood and because it was the blood of a spotless being, but because Christ Himself was God. If Christ were man only, there would be no efficacy in His blood to save.

The blood is once shed for the remission of sin. The paschal lamb was slain every year. But Christ, once for all, hath put away sin by the offering of Himself. He has said, "It is finished." Let that ring in thine ears.

IT IS FINISHED

For a moment, try to picture to yourself Christ on the cross. Lift now your eyes and see the three crosses upon that rising knoll. See in the centre the thorn-crowned brow of Christ. See the hands nailed fast to the accursed tree! See His face, more marred than that of any other man. See it now as His head bows upon His bosom in the agonies of death! He was a real man, remember. It was a real cross. Do not think of these things as fancies and romance. There was such a being and He died as I describe it. Sit still a moment and think: "The blood of that Man, whom now I behold dying, must be my redemption.

AND

***IF I WOULD BE SAVED,
I MUST PUT MY ONLY TRUST
IN WHAT HE SUFFERED FOR ME."***

GOD SAYS,

***"WHEN I SEE THE BLOOD,
I WILL PASS OVER YOU."***

The blood of Christ—nothing but it can ever save the soul.

- If some foolish Israelite had despised the command of God and had said,
- "I will sprinkle something else upon the door posts," or,
- "I will adorn the lintel with jewels of gold and silver," he must have perished.

Nothing could save his household but the sprinkled blood. And, now, let us all remember that "Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ."

✕ MY WORKS,	} Cannot save me
✕ MY PRAYERS	
✕ MY TEARS	
✕ SACRAMENTS	

The blood, the blood alone, has power to redeem.

Nothing but the blood of Jesus has the slightest saving power. O you that are trusting in baptism, confirmation or the Lord's Supper—nothing but the blood can save.

I care not how right the ordinance, how true the form, how scriptural the practice: it is all vanity to you if you rely on it to save. God forbid that I should say a word against ordinances or against holy things—but keep them in their places.

If you make them the basis of your soul's salvation, they are lighter than a shadow. There is not – I repeat it again – the slightest atom of saving power anywhere but in the blood of Jesus. That blood only has the power to save. The blood stands out the only rock of our salvation.

**SO JEALOUS IS GOD ABOUT THIS THAT
ANYTHING YOU PUT WITH CHRIST, HOWEVER
GOOD IT IS, BECOMES, FROM THE FACT OF
YOUR PUTTING IT WITH HIM,
AN ACCURSED THING.**

And what is it that thou wouldst put with Christ? Thy good works?

What! Wilt thou yoke a reptile with an angel—yoke thyself to the chariot of salvation with Christ? What are thy good works?

Thy righteousnesses are "as filthy rags"—and shall filthy rags be joined to the spotless Christ? It must not be.

Rely on Jesus only, and thou canst not perish. But, rely on anything with Him and thou are as surely condemned as if thou should rely on thy sins. Jesus only—this is the rock of our salvation.

"OH," SAYS ONE, "I COULD TRUST IN CHRIST IF I FELT MY SINS MORE."

Is thy repentance to be a part—Saviour?

The blood is to save thee, not thy tears; Christ's death, not thy repentance. Thou art bidden this day to trust in Christ, not in thy feelings on account of sin.

Many a man has been brought into great soul-distress because he has looked more at his repentance than at Christ:

Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save and Thou alone.

"NAY" SAYS ANOTHER, "BUT I FEEL THAT I DO NOT VALUE THE BLOOD OF CHRIST AS I OUGHT, AND, THEREFORE, I AM AFRAID TO BELIEVE."

That is another insidious form of the same error. God does not say, "When I see your estimate of the blood of Christ I will pass over you." No, but, "When I see the blood."

IT IS NOT YOUR ESTIMATE OF THAT BLOOD - IT IS THE BLOOD THAT SAVES YOU.

As I said before, that magnificent, solitary blood must be alone.

"NAY" SAYS ANOTHER, "BUT IF I HAD MORE FAITH THEN I SHOULD HAVE HOPE."

That, too, is a very deadly shape of the same evil.

You are not saved by the efficacy of your faith but by the efficacy of the blood of Christ.

I bid you believe, but I bid you not to look to your believing as the ground of your salvation. No man will go to heaven if he trusts to his own faith. You may as well trust to your own good works as trust to your own faith. Your faith cannot hang upon itself – it must hang on Christ. You must not think of your faith, but of Christ. Faith comes from meditation upon Christ. Turn, then, your eye, not upon faith but upon Jesus. It is not the efficacy of your believing in Him; it is the efficacy of His blood applied to you through the Spirit.

I do not know how sufficiently to follow Satan in all his windings into the human heart. But this I know – he is always trying to keep back this great truth: The blood, and the blood alone, has power to save.

"OH," YET SAYS ANOTHER, "IF I HAD SUCH-AND SUCH AN EXPERIENCE, THEN I COULD TRUST."

It is not thine experience – it is the blood. God did not say, "When I see your experience," but, "When I see the blood of Christ." Acquire experience, cultivate the Christian graces. But, oh, do not put them where Christ's blood ought to be. C. H. Spurgeon

I hear Thy welcome voice
That calls me, Lord, to Thee
For cleansing in Thy precious Blood
That flowed on Calvary.

All hail, Atoning Blood!
All hail, Redeeming Grace!
All hail, the Gift of Christ, our Lord,
Our Strength and Righteousness.

WHAT THE BIBLE SAYS ABOUT THE BLOOD OF CHRIST



✚ **Redemption (purchased) & the forgiveness of sins by the blood of Christ**

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

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; But with the precious blood of Christ. **1 Peter 1: 18–19**

✚ **Cleansed from all sin by the blood of Christ**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
1 John 1: 8–9

✚ **Justified (cleared of all charges by God) by the blood of Christ**

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him. **Romans 5:8–9**

✚ **Brought into a place of nearness by the blood of Christ**

But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. **Ephesians 2:13**



TRANSFORMED BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

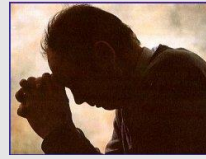
Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 2 Corinthians 5:17

When evangelist John Wesley (1703–1791) was returning home from a service one night, he was robbed. The thief, however, found his victim to have only a little money and some Christian literature.

As the bandit was leaving, Wesley called out, "Stop! I have something more to give you." The surprised robber paused. "My friend," said Wesley, "you may live to regret this sort of life. If you ever do, here's something to remember: 'The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses us from all sin!'" The thief hurried away, and Wesley prayed that his words might bear fruit. Years later, Wesley was greeting people after a Sunday service when he was approached by a stranger. What a surprise to learn that this visitor, now a believer in Christ as a successful businessman, was the one who had robbed him years before! "I owe it all to you," said the transformed man. "Oh no, my friend," Wesley exclaimed, "not to me, but to the precious blood of Christ that cleanses us from all sin!"



POINT TO PONDER



In taking the sinner's place on the cross, Jesus Christ became totally accountable for sin as if he was totally responsible for it. Anon

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