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The Fountain Filled with Blood

There have always been critics of preaching on the cross of Christ. There are also critics of preaching on the blood of Christ. Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins.

A woman once wrote a preacher the following in a letter: *"Brother _____ if you want to be effective, you are going to have to leave out that blood stuff"*. Then here is what a professor wrote to another preacher; *"Mr. _____, you have a great talent, and you have what it takes to be a successful minister. But if you want to continue to be successful, you are going to have to leave out the preaching on the blood. It is out of date and no enlightened man of our day and time can swallow it."* Would you like to know what both of these men did? They kept on preaching about the blood of Jesus.

Medically speaking, what happens if you remove blood from our body? We die. Could I be so bold as to say when we take the blood from the spiritual body of Christ, then the body would die? There is a scarlet thread that runs through the Bible. If you cut the book, the book bleeds. In fact, the entire Bible can be summarized by I John chapter 1. "The blood of Jesus Christ His son cleanses us."

Do you remember when Paul called the elders of Ephesus? Acts chapter 20 tells us they came to meet him at Miletus. In verse 28 He tells them to take heed to feed the church that Jesus purchased with His blood.

Think back to that night when Jesus ate the last Passover with the apostles. He instituted the memorial feast we refer to as "The Lord's Supper". He gave them a cup of fruit of the vine, grape juice. He told them it symbolized his blood he would shed.

When Paul wrote to the church in Galatia, he spoke of the cross. He said to them, *"God forbid*

that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Galatians 6:14) Paul might have gloried in his unique conversion. He might have gloried as the apostle to the Gentiles. He even might have gloried in his success as a minister. Yet, he only wanted to glory in the cross of Jesus Christ.

It is by the cross that the love of the Father is seen. John 3:16 tells us how much God loved the world. Yet the depth of that love is not seen until the cross. It was on that cross that Jesus shed His blood. The intensity of that love is not known until the cross. It is when we see the humiliation of the cross we know just how much God loved us.

The cross on Golgotha declares the love of God's son. Jesus loved me and gave himself for me. John 10:11 tells me the good shepherd giveth his life for his sheep. The greatest manifestation of human love is that a man should lay down his life for his friends. Yet, Jesus laid down his life, not only for his friends but also for his enemies.

Those nail prints in the hands of Jesus are everlasting monuments of His love for me and for you. It was a love that led him to sacrifice himself on Calvary's tree. The warmth of Jesus' love is equaled only by the preciousness of his blood. Can we not hear the searching words Jesus spoke to Peter by the sea coming to our own hearts? It's recorded in John 21, Jesus said, *"Lovest thou me?"*

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In Search Of The Lord's Way



Tune in to this Television Ministry
KSLA 12 – Shreveport -7:30 a.m. Sunday
DISH channel 239-6:00 a.m. Sunday
DIRECT TV channel 307 -6:00 a.m.

Gathered Here and There

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Sinners are reconciled to God by the cross. You see, the only way to enjoy the presence of God is through reconciliation. Humanity has been estranged from God since Eve and Adam ate the forbidden fruit in the garden. Mankind is not separated from God because of birth. Mankind is separated from God because of sin as we read in Isaiah 59:1-2. The only way to reconcile with God is through the shed blood of Jesus on the cross.

Like the ladder of Jacob, the cross was set upon the earth as the way to God. Jesus told Thomas he was the way, the truth and the life in John 14:6.

William Cowper is highly respected in English literary circles. In fact, he is the most honored poet between Pope and Shelley. He captured the importance of the blood of Jesus quite well in a familiar old hymn, "There Is A Fountain Filled with Blood" Take a look at those familiar words once more:

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

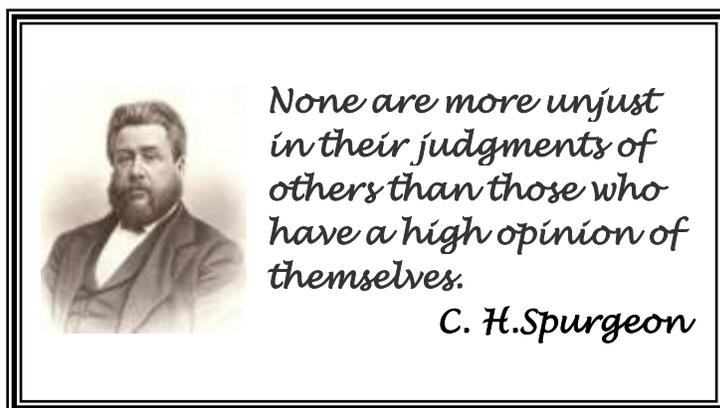
Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood
Shall never lose its pow'r,
Till all the ransomed church of God
Are safe, to sin no more:
Are safe, to sin no more,
Are safe, to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God
Are safe, to sin no more.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.

Cowper got the inspiration one day while reading the scriptures he read Zechariah 13:1, where the prophet writes; "*In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem for sin and for uncleanness.*" That passage caused other passages to become clearer to him. Passages such as Ephesians 2:13, where Paul writes; "*But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.*"

May we never lose sight of the importance of the blood of Christ or the cross of Christ.

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On The Lighter Side.....



WOW, THIS CHURCH IS REALLY OLD SCHOOL

This and That



Those To Remember In Prayer

Something to think about. . .

It is quite possible to work without results, but never will there be results without work.

An egotist is a person of low taste, more interested in himself than in me.

A cynic is a man who is never happy unless he is unhappy.

The old-fashioned wall telephone had its advantages over the cell phones of today.

For instance, folks quit talking when their feet got tired.

To assume a hard and ugly feeling or attitude toward your brother is to open your heart's door to the devil.

One of the best tests of religion is to find yourself in church with nothing less than a fifty dollar bill in your pocket.

Upcoming Events

Friends and family Day
September 8, 2019

Hospitality Committee for June

Ladies who are serving on the hospitality committee for the dinner today are:

Martha Bradshaw
Betty Miller
Debra Pate
Alda Yarbrough

Thank you ladies for your willingness to serve. You are appreciated!

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FOR THE PANTRY—Boxed Macaroni & Cheese

Tammie Scarber (friend of Sandra Hughes) is recovering from surgery this past Thursday.

Denise Cox is scheduled for surgery on June 10th

We extend our sympathy to the family of **Roy Martin**, Debra Pate's cousin who lost his life in a dirt bike accident last week.

Our church family to remember in prayer:

LaJuan Baugh, Anne Burson, Lee Ola Eaves, Dale Fincher, Martha Jean Golden, Rodney Golden, Sonya Golden, Sue Hagler, Alice Hall, Thelma Hinton, Ethel Holder, Ted Holt, Dora Livingston, Debra Pate, Jerry Pate, Betty Permenter, Mike Permenter, Melvin Williams, Betty Willis, Alda Yarbrough.

Our "extended family" to remember in prayer:

Jacob Benton (friend of Ann Burson) **Pauline Bradshaw** (Gene Bradshaw's sister-in-law), **Jennifer Britt** (friend of Thelma Hinton) **Kaden Butler** (Debra Pate's great grandson) **Denise Cox** (member at Joaquin Church of Christ) **Ronnie Emanis** (Sue Hagler's nephew) **Mary Fleming** (Mike O'Brien's aunt) **Hugh Fletcher** (Sarah Fletcher's brother) **Mike Fults**, **Jonica Glaze** (student from Tenaha injured in serious car accident) **Virginia Goodrum** (Debra Pate's sister-in-law) **Buddy Hancock** (Martha Jean Golden's brother) **Allison Harbison**, **George Holder** (Ethel Holder's son) **Larry Landry** (Glenna Noles Brother) **Juston Lout** (Patricia Lout's son) **Shirley Lout** (Mike Lout's mother) **Glynn McCleod** (brother-in-law to LaJuan Baugh, Sherry Burgay and Trish Lout) **Mitchell McLeod** (LaJuan Baugh, Sheri Burgay, Trish Lout's nephew), **Elsie Lee McDaniel** (Alice Hall's sister-in law) **Roger Scott** (LaJuan Baugh's son-in-law) **Robert Shull** (friend of Sue Hagler) **Winston Smith** (Thelma Hinton's brother) **Margie Weaver** (friend of Debra Pate) **Janice Williams** (Ethel Holder's daughter)

Those being treated for cancer:

Guadalupe Beltran (friend of Sue Hagler), **Laura Cuzzi** (Ann Burson's niece) **Harold Dawkins** (friend of Thelma Hinton) **Reita Doty** (friend Ann Burson) **David Greer** (son of Gene Greer, former minister here) **Dora Livingston**, **Connie Mettauer**, **Tem Morrison**, **Bobbie Smiley**, **Tina Vaughn** (Sue Hagler's daughter) **Jo Windham** (Betty Miller's sister-in-law)

Also remember **Leland Bradshaw** and **Amanda Bradshaw**, (Gene and Martha's son and granddaughter) in Iraq



Across The Preacher's Desk

Joshua was born a slave and yet became the leader of Israel. He was appointed to lead Israel into the Promised Land and was commissioned by the Lord to lead His people. Leading the people of God, Joshua went from victory to victory. They successfully crossed the flooded Jordan and conquered the fortified city of Jericho.

Yet, Joshua sent a few thousand to conquer Ai, and they were defeated. Following this, we see Joshua on his face, defeated and in despair. We hear the Lord tell Joshua to get up and He asks Joshua why he is lying on his face. (Joshua 7:10)

Joshua must not focus on this one defeat. He needs to consider the good things God has done for Israel. He must think of all the blessings God has already given and all of the blessings God has promised for the future. Instead of being power conscious Joshua has become problem conscious and is focusing on this one defeat.

Well, Joshua did rise up and he led his people to victory. When we feel defeated, we need to remember all that God has done for us. He loved us, He gave His son for us and he will also give us the victory. Like Joshua, when we suffer defeat, if we are not careful we too will become problem conscious and not power conscious. It was Paul who tells us that God gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (I Corinthians 15:57). That victory come to those who submit to the will of God, give their lives to Christ and live their lives for Jesus.

it's something to think about. . . .tlp

**Great Churches are built with
Commitment!**