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What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. That's the way the old hymn goes -a powerful truth simply stated: Only the blood of Jesus can wash you white as snow. Only the blood of Jesus can make you whole again.

But what if that was just the beginning? What if the Power in the Blood of Jesus did more than that? What if it continued its mighty work in our lives after our sins are washed away and we are whole again?

Good news -it does.

Dr. Adrian Rogers said, "Jesus is to your spirit what blood is to your body."

When we become Christians, our hearts pump new blood.

We are equipped to live in victory over every circumstance.

We are given the opportunity to heal from every heartache.

And we are strengthened to bear every burden.

It circulates resource after resource -every healing balm, every wise counsel, every drop of grace courses through the veins of our souls, keeping us strong in our faith and spiritually healthy.

It is all there.

Anything Jesus has overcome, we can overcome. We must learn how to possess the power that is already in our possession -what God has already given us through the powerful, wise blood of Jesus.

Everything that we need to live the Christian life is in Jesus.

Today, we learn how to appropriate this power and transfer it into our own source of strength

LIFE APPLICATION

Do you feel weak in your spirit -like there's a disconnect between the Power that was promised, and the power you feel in your life?

There is a remedy -the blood of Jesus mends the gap. It transforms the source of strength into strength of your own.

Jesus tells us in John 6: "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life."

Let His words abide in you today. Find the truth in Scripture and live by them.



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- 1) INTRODUCTION
 - a) John 6:53-57
 - b) Many Christians are failing in their Christian lives.
 - i) Many of us are miserable representations of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - (1) Jesus Christ declared and manifested the Father; how many of us are declaring and manifesting Jesus Christ?
 - c) Many Christians appear to be in the “secret service.”
 - i) They may be saved, but you would never know they are saved by the way they talk, walk, act and live their lives.
 - d) Many believers do not have the power that God wants them to have.
 - i) The difference is that they have never discovered the power of the precious blood of Jesus Christ.
 - e) The blood of Jesus Christ:
 - i) It is sacred blood.
 - (1) While Jesus Christ had a human body, the blood that flowed through His veins was sacred blood.
 - (a) This is the reason Jesus was born of a virgin.
 - (b) The blood type of a baby is determined by the father.
 - (c) Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and it was God's blood that flowed through His veins.
 - (i) Acts 20:28
 - ii) It is shed blood.
 - (1) Hebrews 9:22
 - (2) It was not spilled blood but shed blood.
 - (a) John 10:18
 - (b) Jesus did not die as a martyr but as a willing substitute.
 - iii) It is saving blood.
 - (1) Leviticus 17:11
 - (2) We are saved by the blood of the lamb.
 - (3) 1 Peter 1:18-19
 - (4) Had Jesus not been born of a virgin, He would have had Adam's blood coursing through His veins.
 - (a) 1 Corinthians 15:22
 - (b) Jesus Christ came as He did (virgin born) to be what He was (sinless) to do what He did (to die as our substitute).
 - (c) By the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, He became man that we might become sons and daughters of God.



- (5) 1 John 1:7
 - iv) It is shared blood.
 - (1) John 6:53
 - (a) When Jesus spoke of eating His flesh and drinking His blood, those around Him were so offended that they began to scatter and leave Him.
 - (i) John 6:67
 - (b) The Jewish people had been taught in the Old Testament to not eat or drink blood.
 - (i) Genesis 9:4
 - (ii) Leviticus 3:17
 - (iii) Leviticus 17:14
 - (2) However, Jesus was not talking about eating His literal flesh or drinking His literal blood.
 - (a) John 6:61-63
 - (i) The word “quickeneth” means “to make alive.”
 - (b) Jesus was speaking symbolically and using spiritual language.
 - (i) So we must move from the physical to the spiritual to understand the meaning.
 - (ii) God created both the physical and the spiritual worlds, and the physical world is just an image of the spiritual world so that we can understand the spiritual.
 - (3) Jesus was saying in John 6:53, “Let My life be in you.”
 - (a) John 6:57
 - (b) Jesus is to your spirit what blood is to your body.
 - (i) Just as the life of the flesh is the blood, the life of your spirit is Jesus Christ.
 - (c) Jesus is talking about His life being in us.
 - (4) Many Christians are not living in victory because, even though they may understand the saving blood, they’ve never understood the shared blood.
- 2) WE MUST APPROPRIATE THE CONSTANT PROVISION OF THE BLOOD
 - a) Our bodies live at the mercy of the blood.
 - i) The blood in our bodies is constantly providing every cell with nourishment.
 - ii) One of the most commonly accepted medical facts is that the life of the flesh is in the blood.
 - b) Just as our blood is a red river of life to our physical bodies, Jesus is saying to His body, the church, that we must have His blood in us.
 - i) Jesus Christ gave Himself for us that He might give Himself to us.
 - c) The reason many Christians are failing is that, even though we can thank God for His shed blood which is saving blood, we do not understand that His life is in us.
 - i) Romans 5:10
 - ii) Just as in our physical bodies everything we need to exist is delivered to us through the blood, everything we need to live the Christian life is found in Jesus.
 - d) 2 Peter 1:3
 - i) By His divine power, God has already given to us all things that pertain to life and glory.



- ii) If we are not living in glory and virtue, it is because we have not appropriated what God has given us.
 - iii) We have all the love, strength, courage, wisdom, etc., that we need - in Christ.
 - (1) God has already given it to us, and we need to possess what God has already given.
 - e) Deuteronomy 11:24
 - i) The land was already Joshua's, but he did not have it until he possessed it.
 - (1) For example, if you have books in your home library that you haven't read yet, the books are yours but you have not yet possessed your possessions.
 - f) We already have, through the blood of Christ, everything it takes to live the Christian life.
 - i) John 6:63
 - (1) Jesus is speaking metaphorically in this passage.
 - ii) There is abundant life through the resurrected Jesus.
 - iii) Jesus gave Himself for us that He might give Himself to us that He might live through us.
- 3) WE MUST RELY ON THE CLEANSING PROPERTIES OF THE BLOOD
- a) Not only does the blood supply what we need, it also cleanses.
 - i) In our physical bodies, the red blood cells not only supply every bodily cell with the good, nourishing things they need, but they also carry away the toxins to be expelled from the body.
 - (1) Psalm 139:14
 - ii) The blood of Jesus constantly cleanses.
 - (1) 1 John 1:7
 - (a) Not cleansed, past tense; but the blood is continually cleansing us.
 - iii) If the blood flow is cut off in our physical bodies, toxins will build up and cause excruciating pain.
 - (1) In a similar way, many people are living painful lives because they've let toxins build up spiritually: worry, fear, envy, jealousy, pride, bitterness, doubt.
 - b) If we don't allow the shared blood of Jesus to flow and be constantly cleansing us, then we will live a life of pain.
 - i) Toxins will build up within us if we do not allow the blood of Jesus to flow through us.
 - ii) We may be saved and on our way to Heaven, but we will be miserable.
 - c) Hebrews 9:11-14
 - i) We do not have to live with unconfessed, unforgiven of sin.
 - (1) We do not have to drag yesterday into today.
 - ii) Just as our physical bodies survive by the blood flowing through them, the life of God (which is the blood of Jesus Christ) wants to flow through His church.
- 4) WE MUST CLAIM THE CONQUERING POWER OF THE BLOOD
- a) The great enemy of mankind is not war or wild beasts, but bacteria and viruses.
 - i) In 1348, one-third of the population of Europe died from the Black Plague.
 - b) When bacteria and viruses invade the physical body, the blood declares war on them.
 - i) White blood cells and antibodies attack the invading bacteria and virus.



- ii) Blood that has had a particular disease and overcome that disease is called “wise blood.”
 - (1) A person who has been immunized has wise blood.
 - (2) The blood of Jesus is wise blood.
 - c) John 16:33
 - d) Revelation 12:11
 - i) Satan has no power against the blood of Jesus Christ that flows through His body, which is the church.
 - ii) Jesus has overcome and so can we.
- 5) CONCLUSION
- a) How do we let the blood of Jesus flow through us?
 - i) John 6:63
 - (1) The Word of God is to our spirits what blood is to our bodies.
 - (2) We are to let His Word abide in us.
 - b) The first thing we must do is experience Jesus’ saving blood.
 - c) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
 - d) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31



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Take your Bibles, find John chapter 6 would you please, and look up here. Some years ago, Billy Graham was preaching as a young man, and you know God's anointing and God's power has been on Billy Graham for many, many years, and I read somewhere where a young professor from Cornell University said to Billy Graham, to the young Billy Graham, "Billy, you're gifted. You have power. You have persuasion. But I want to give you some advice. If you expect to be used in a worldwide way, you're going to have to leave out that blood stuff." Talking about the blood of Jesus. "Leave out the blood." Billy Graham said, "I determined at that moment to preach more on the blood of Jesus Christ than ever before." And thank God for that.

I want to talk to you today about the power of the blood. Would you turn to John chapter 6, beginning in verse 53, and read with me. "Then Jesus said unto them, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you,'" underscore that phrase, "life in you." "Whoso eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For My flesh is meat indeed, and My blood is drink indeed. He that eateth My flesh, and drinketh My blood, dwelleth in Me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father, so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me."

Many Christians are failing in their Christian life. They are miserable representations of the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus Christ declared and manifested the Father, but I wonder how many of us are declaring and manifesting Jesus Christ.

I've told you about a little boy one time who had a mangy, old mutt, a dog. Somebody asked him, said, "What kind of a dog is that dog?" The little boy said, "He's a police dog." The man said, "Well, he doesn't look like a police dog," and the little guy said, "Well, he's in the secret service." Now, I think I know a lot of Christians who're in the secret service. I mean, they may be saved, but you would never know it by looking at them the way they talk, the way they walk, the way they act, the way they live. They do not have that power that God wants them to have. The life of Jesus Christ is not in them. And the difference is they have never discovered the power of the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

Now let me tell you several things about the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. First of all, friend, it is sacred blood. Now what I mean by that is this; that while Jesus Christ had a human body, the blood that flowed through His veins was not like the blood of any other man, any other woman. His blood was sacred blood. This is the reason that Jesus was born of a virgin.

Did you know that the blood type is determined not by the mother, but by the Father? Did you know that? That's the reason why sometimes they can have a paternity suit and prove who may have fathered a particular child. Some people have the idea that the blood that's in the baby's life and the blood that's in the mother's life interchanged somehow and flow together. No, no. The mother may have one type and, and the child may have another type of blood altogether.

Whose blood was in the Lord Jesus Christ? He was the Son of God, and I'm telling you it was



God's blood that flowed through His veins. You say, "Now, wait a minute, Pastor, God doesn't have blood." He did when Jesus was here on this earth. Let me give you a verse of Scripture, it's a wonderful verse. Put it in your margin, Acts chapter 20 and verse 28. Paul is talking to the pastors of the church at Ephesus and here's what he said, "Take heed, therefore, unto yourselves, and to all the flock over which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers," now listen to this statement, "to feed the church of God, which He hath purchased with His own blood." That's it. Who bought the church? God did. With whose blood? His own blood. I mean that the blood of God flowed through the veins of Jesus Christ. It is sacred blood.

Not only is it sacred blood, it is shed blood, for the Bible says, "Without the shedding of blood there is no remission of sins." And I say it was shed blood. It was not spilt; it was shed. Jesus said, "No man taketh My life from Me. I lay it down of Myself. I have the power to lay it down; I have the power to take it up." Jesus did not die as a martyr; Jesus died as a willing substitute. That sacred blood was shed blood. And because the sacred blood was shed blood, the shed blood becomes saving blood. We are saved by the blood of the Lamb.

Way back in the book of Leviticus, Leviticus chapter 17 verse 11. The Bible says, "For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that maketh atonement for the soul." No wonder the devil wants the blood message taken out of the church. And Peter in the New Testament said in First Peter chapter 1, beginning in verse 18, "Forasmuch as you know that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers, But with," listen, "the precious blood of Christ, as a lamb without blemish and without spot."

The sacred blood, the shed blood is that saving blood. That's why He had to be born of a virgin. Had He not been born of a virgin, He would have had the blood of Adam coursing through his veins. "In Adam all die; but in Christ shall all be made alive." He came as He did, virgin birth, to be what He was, sinless, to do what He did, to die as a substitute for us. He became man that we might become sons of God, by the virgin birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. And we can sing it, say it, shout it, believe it; "My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness."

A Sunday School teacher asked a little girl, "Is there anything God cannot do?" She said, "Yes, there's one thing God cannot do. God cannot see my sin through the blood of Jesus Christ." For the Bible says, "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin."

Now, we've known that, but here's a fourth thing I want you to notice. That sacred blood, which is shed blood, which is saving blood, is also; listen to me, shared blood. Get it down; shared blood. Now our Lord Jesus Christ is talking to these people about eating His flesh and drinking His blood. Look in verse 53, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you have no life in you." Now, folks, at that time when Jesus said that, they began to scatter, they began to leave, they got out of there. They said, "I don't want anything to do with this." They began to go here and there. They left Him; so much that Jesus had to go to say to His disciples, "Will you also go away?" What was it that so offended them when He said this that you had to eat His flesh and drink His blood? Well, over and over again, these Jews had been taught in the Old Testament, you



don't drink blood, you don't eat blood.

Put these Scriptures down. You can understand why they left. Genesis 9 verse 4. God says, "But the flesh with the life thereof, which is the blood thereof, ye shall not eat." And Jesus here is talking here about drinking blood. You can wonder why these orthodox Jews left. Leviticus 3:17, it says, "It shall be a perpetual statute for your generations throughout all your dwellings, that ye eat neither fat nor blood." And, by the way, you'd be a whole lot more healthy if you'd obey that. Don't eat the blood, don't eat the fat for all your generations. That's what God said to the Jews. That's Leviticus chapter 3 verse 17. Then Leviticus chapter 17 verse 14, "For it," He's talking about the blood, "is the life of all flesh; the blood of it is for the life thereof; therefore I said unto the children of Israel, 'Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh; for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof; whosoever eateth it shall be cut off.'" And here Jesus is saying, "Eat My flesh and drink My blood." They said, "That's it. That's it; so long, goodbye, I'm outta here. This is horrible. It sounds like cannibalism. It's absolutely unorthodox. It's revolting. It's savage. Goodbye." They left. They were so offended at this statement of eating His flesh and drinking His blood.

Well, they were not listening through spiritual ears. Jesus is not talking here about eating His literal flesh and drinking His literal blood. That would have been impossible. Five or six quarts of blood in the human body; He's talking the human race. I mean, there's not enough blood if we were to eat His literal flesh, His literal blood. Skip on down to verse 61, "When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples murmured at it, He said unto them, 'Doth this offend you? What and if ye shall see the Son of Man ascend up where He was before?'" And then notice, here's the key to the whole thing in verse 63, "It is the Spirit that quickeneth." Do you know what the word, quickeneth, means? It means to make alive. The Bible speaks of the quick and the dead. Just like in big city traffic, if you're not quick, you're dead. "It is the Spirit, it's the Spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing," now underscore this phrase, "the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." Jesus said, "I'm not talking about eating My literal flesh. I'm not talking to you about drinking My literal blood. I am talking symbolically." "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit and they are life."

Jesus is using symbolic language. Jesus is using spiritual language. So we have to move from the physical to the spiritual to understand what our Lord is talking about because God created both worlds. He created the physical world and He created the spiritual world, and the physical world is just an image of the spiritual world so we can understand things. What Jesus is saying when He's saying, 'You eat My flesh and drink My blood,' is that, "You let My life be in you." Look again in verse 53 and then you're going to understand it. "Jesus said unto them, 'Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of Man, and drink His blood, you have no life in you.'" And then look in verse 57, "As the living Father hath sent Me, and I live by the Father, even so he that eateth Me, even he shall live by Me." What Jesus is talking about is this; that we must feed our spirits on Him, that Jesus, don't miss this; Jesus is to your spirit what blood is to your body. That's it.

Did you get it? Could you repeat it? If I gave you a test on it, could you write that down? That'll be on the final examination. Jesus is to your spirit what blood is to your body. Just as the life of the flesh is the blood, the life of my spirit is Jesus Christ. Do you understand that? "The words that I speak



unto you, they are spirit and they are life." And Jesus is not talking only about the saving blood; He's talking of now about the shared blood. Jesus was talking about His life being in me.

Do you know the reason that many Christians are failing? I mean, they're saved, they're born again, they're Heaven born, Heaven bound, but they're not living in victory because they may understand the saving blood, but they've never understood the shared blood. They have never understood what it means to eat His flesh and to drink His blood. That is literally to feed on Him.

I read a book by Dr. Paul Brand, wonderful surgeon, the title of the book is, "In His Image." And he said some wonderful things about the blood and I'm going to try and share some of them with you. Although the sermon outline is mine, some of the thoughts are his because I'm certainly not a medical doctor. And I want to share some things he said concerning blood. And I want us to think about the natural world and then I want us to make the application to the spiritual world.

Number one; listen to me, we must appropriate the constant provision of the blood, we must appropriate the constant provision of the blood. Every word there is important. We must appropriate the constant provision of the blood.

Now your body right now, sitting in that seat, lives at the mercy of the blood. Your blood is constantly providing every cell in your body with nourishment. I want you to imagine a pipeline that runs all over the world, and it runs past every village, every town, every city, and it goes down every street, every alley, every pathway into the smallest, little hut, little home. A pipeline is just flowing all over the world, all around the world. There's not an island, there's not a continent, there's not a village, there's not a hamlet, there's not a neighborhood this pipeline doesn't go. And in this pipeline are little boats that are just going through this pipeline everywhere. These little boats are just going all over. And on those boats is everything that a human being would need to survive. And so, if they need anything, any kind of sustenance, all they have to do is just kinda reach into that pipeline and take what they need off of those boats, and those boats are just constantly coming and everybody is just getting what they need off those boats that are coming fast. Well, friend, that is what the blood does in your body. There is a pipeline in your body that is just supplying your body with everything that your body needs. Those little boats are the red cells in your blood stream.

And through these vessels, through this pipeline to every cell, every part of your body, every organ of your body the blood is flowing, and the blood, these red cells, how many of those? Dr. Brand says one hundred trillion of these little boats are just going through your body like that. While you're sitting here, just flowing to every part of your body, pipeline is going. And in those boats is everything that every cell of your body needs in order to have life. There's: oxygen, amino acid, nitrogen, sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, sugars, lipids, cholesterol, hormones; everything you need is on those little boats, and your cell is just picking them out, picking them out, picking them out, and they are just flowing past just like this. I mean billions of them, just going like this. No wonder you're so tired. That's all going on inside of you right now as you sit there.

Now, you live at the mercy of these cells. You could live a few days without water. You can live several weeks without food. Only a few minutes without oxygen. And those red cells are bringing that oxygen to your body as you sit here. And so, these vessels have everything that you need. Now, that's



the reason why you have to keep replenishing the blood because approximately 45 billion of your red cells will die today. And 2 to 3 million die a second, so you've been sitting here dying while you're listening to me right now. These blood cells are dying, but they're being reproduced all of the time.

One of the most commonly accepted medical facts is this; the life of the flesh is in the blood. Now men did not know that for a long time. It wasn't until about the 16th Century that William Harvey even discovered that the blood circulates in the human body. But every cell in your body lives at the mercy of your blood. Your blood is a red river of life. And so Jesus is saying to His body, to the church, "You've got to have My blood in you." Not only is it saving blood, it needs to be shared blood.

You know, the Bible says over there in the Book of Romans chapter 5 verse 10 "For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son," that's the saving blood, "much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by His life." That's the shared blood. Listen, listen. Jesus Christ gave Himself for us that He might give Himself to us.

Now you want me to tell you why we're failing? We can be going to Heaven and we can thank God for the shed blood, which is saving blood, but He gave Himself for us that He might give Himself to us, that we eat of His flesh, drink of His blood. And He's saying that My life might be in you, for He goes on to say, listen, "If we have been reconciled by His death, much more we'll be saved by His life." Saved by His life. There is the saving life of the Lord Jesus Christ. God didn't just forgive you and say, "All right. Now gut it out. Live it as best you can." No. Just as in my human body everything that my human body needs to exist is delivered to me by those red blood cells, those little boats coursing through all these channels in my physiological makeup, so everything I need to live the Christian life is in Jesus.

Put down Second Peter chapter 1 and verse 3, a great, great, great verse, listen to it, "According as His divine power," don't you love that? "His divine power." Boy, we just blow past these words, don't we? Listen to it, "According as His divine power hath given unto us," listen, "hath given." We already have it. Not will give, not might give, not that we need to beg for it, "Hath given to us all things." Not some things. A-double-L. How much does that mean? What does it all mean? It means all. Listen, "According as His divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him that hath called us to glory and virtue."

How many people do you know are living in glory and virtue? Not many because they have not appropriated what God has given us. By His divine power He has given to us all things, all things that pertain unto life and glory. How many of you have all the love that you need? How many of you have all the wisdom you need? How many of you have all the strength that you need? How many of you have all the courage that you need? How many of you have all the patience that you need? Well, I submit to you, friend, that you do have all that you need. You say, "If I have it, how come I don't have it?" You don't have what you have because you haven't possessed your possessions. God has given it to you, and what you need to do is to possess what God has already given to you.

Peter says, listen, "His divine power He has given us all things." All things; not He will give, might give. He has given to us. What did God tell Joshua when Joshua was about to go into the Promised Land? Let this rug represent the Promised Land. Let me represent Joshua. And God says to Joshua, "Now, Joshua, there's the land, go in and possess it." And then He says, "Every place that the sole of



your foot shall tread upon, that have I given you." Now here's Joshua over here; there's the land over there. Was it Joshua's? Yes. Did he have it? No. Why? He did not possess his possessions. "Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given you." Not I will give it to you. Go in and take it. I've given it to you. Take it. It's already yours. Take it.

You say, "I don't understand that. What do you mean possess your possessions?" How many of you have books in your library you haven't read yet? Okay, are those your books? Yes. Have you possessed your possessions? No. You see, listen. We need to understand that we already have, through the blood of Jesus Christ, everything it takes to live the Christian life. I'm telling you there is a river of life flowing in us. And now Jesus is speaking metaphorically. He's not talking literally; He's talking symbolically. He said, "The words that I speak unto you they are spirit and they are life." There is an abundant life through the resurrected Jesus. Jesus Christ who gave Himself for us is Jesus who has given Himself to us that He might live through us. And that's what the Christian life is all about. There are so many people struggling and trying and failing, like that poor dog in the secret service. We need to possess our possessions.

Now, that's the first point, and I want you to get it down in your heart. We must appropriate the constant provision of the blood. Just as in my physical body the life of my physical body is the blood stream, in your spiritual life that life is Jesus in you.

Number two; we must rely on the cleansing properties of the blood, because not only does the blood supply, but the blood cleanses. Did you know that your blood not only is bringing those little boats that we're talking about that are constantly bringing everything that you need to nourish every soul, did you know those same little boats that are bringing all those wonderful things to every cell in your body are the same little boats that are hauling away the garbage? I mean those red cells they give all the stuff that you need. It's all in there. Then they pick up all of the uric acid and they pick up the carbon dioxide and they pick up these poisons, these toxins, and they're carrying them away. They're carrying them to the lungs to be expelled; carrying them to the kidneys to be extruded. They're just taking all of these things. Be an amazing thing if you could get the milk truck to be the garbage truck at the same time, wouldn't it? That's what God has done. No wonder the Psalmist said, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made."

The blood not only supplies every need, but, dear friend, it cleanses constantly. It cleanses constantly. First John 1:7, "The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son," does what? "cleanses us from all sin." Not it cleansed; past tense. It is continually cleansing us. And without the blood flowing you're going to have a lot of toxin that builds up in you. Dr. Brand said, "You can take a cuff." You know, when they take your blood pressure and they go puff, puff, puff, puff, puff, puff, and that thing goes like that. You've been there, you've done that? "Put a cuff on your arm," he says, "and pump it up real tight." And then, he says, "Begin to exercise your arm, begin to do something. Get a rubber ball and begin to squeeze it. At first," he said, "you'll feel weak. Then after a while you'll feel worse than weak. After a while you will feel pain." And he says, "After a while the pain will become so excruciating that you will scream in pain if you've just cut off the blood flow." Why? You know what's happening? There are toxins that'll be building up in that arm, in that hand, and the blood will not be flowing through



there and the blood will not be carrying away those toxins, and the pain will be overwhelming. Then you release, release that cuff and the blood begins to flow back and forth again. You feel that relief.

Now, folks, I know a lot of folks who are living painfully because they've let toxins build up in their lives: worry, and envy, and jealousy, and fear, and pride, and bitterness, and doubt. Those things just build up. And if you don't allow the shared blood to be constantly cleansing you, you're going to be living a life of pain. First John 1:7, "The blood of Jesus Christ, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin." And if those things, those toxins are in you, it's because you've not been letting the blood of Jesus flow through you.

Now you may be saved and on your way to Heaven, but you're miserable, you're miserable because you don't have the saving life of Jesus Christ in you and you're just miserable. You see, listen, not only is there the constant provision, friend, there is the cleansing property of the blood. It is the blood that cleanses: in the physical world and in the spiritual world.

Put down this verse from Hebrews, chapter 9; talks about the cleansing power of the blood. Hebrews 9, beginning in verse 11, "But Christ being a high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands," that is to say, not of this building, "neither by the blood of bulls, of goats and calves, but by His own blood, He hath entered once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us. For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh," listen to this, "how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience." Do you know what the word purge means? It means purify. "From dead works to serve the living God?"

You don't have to go around with unconfessed, unforgiven of sin. You don't have to drag yesterday into today. I've told you before, the way I start a day, on a normal day, is to lift my hands to God and just say, "God, I thank You, Jesus, that You gave Yourself for me." That, friend, is the saving blood. Then I lift my hands and I say, "Thank You, Jesus, that You gave Yourself to me!" That is the shared blood. Then I lift my hands in surrender and I say, "Now, Lord, live Your life through me. I am Yours today. Live Your life through me." He didn't just forgive me and say, "Okay, Adrian, it's up to you." He gave Himself for you that He might give Himself to you that He might live His life through you. And just as your body survives by that red river of life, the blood that is flowing in your body right now, the blood of Jesus Christ, the life of God wants to flow through His church, and there's that constant provision and there are those cleansing properties of the blood of Jesus Christ. It is the blood that cleanses. It doesn't say cleansed. It says cleanses. It is continually cleansing when we let that blood flow.

Now here's the third thing. Number three; we must claim the conquering power of the blood. The cleansing properties, but also the conquering power of the blood. Did you know that there is power, power, wonder-working power in the blood of Jesus? Do you know what the great enemy of mankind is? The great enemy of mankind is not war. The great enemy of mankind is not wild beasts. The great enemy of mankind is bacteria and viruses. In 1348, the Black Plague hit Europe. What had happened is this, that about a million visitors had come to Rome. And when they were there they



got infected with the plague, and historians tell us that it killed one third of the people in Europe, one third. I mean, it would be like just taking one third of this auditorium and they all were killed with that one disease.

Now these bacteria, these viruses, they invade the body. And when they invade the body, listen, the blood declares war on them. Now the part of the blood that does that is the white blood cells. Dr. Brand says, "There're five distinct kinds of white blood cells." And let me quote him. He says, "Some white cells, armed with crude chemicals, serve as shock troops and attempt to overwhelm the invaders through sheer numbers. Others with massively shielded cell walls roll in with heavier ammunition like battle tanks. Attack strategy differs also. Some white cells free float in the blood stream sniping at strays. Some stalk the vital organs, alert for any invader that may slip through the initial defenses. Others try to corral invaders into a fortress-like lymph gland for execution. And still others, the sanitary core, linger until the battlefield is, is strewn with bits of cells and leaking protoplasm, then move in to clean up after the *mêlée*."

What he's saying is that there are warriors inside of you, these white cells, normally 25 billion at one time in the body. But if you get an infection, those 25 billion can multiply 10 times that many right away. That's one way a doctor can tell whether or not you have an infection. And some of these white cells have little entities attached to them called antibodies. That's kind of a bad name because they're not against the body; they're really for the body, called antibodies. And these antibodies have a memory. And if there ever comes an invader, any kind of a virus or bacteria, this antibody has a memory, said, "I know you. I know your name. I know your rank. I know your serial number. I know what you're up against." And this antibody tells the right kind of white cell, said, "Go get him. Sic him. Get him." And these antibodies have a memory, a wonderful memory. And so, they mobilize these white cells in your body to go and attack that enemy, and an antibody will only attack one kind of an enemy. For example, the antibody against measles would not be an antibody against polio, or whatever. But you have all these little antibodies.

We're so fearful and wonderfully made. And God's got these little gizmos in there and they're guiding these cells. You know, it's command central. But Dr. Brand said that sometimes a person will get a disease transported from some foreign land or something and comes over here, and the body doesn't know it; it doesn't recognize this invader. Never seen him before; doesn't know his name, doesn't know his rank, doesn't know his serial number. So the antibody runs to the lymph glands and says, "Look, we've got to build some munitions. We got to get started. We've got an invader. We've got to get ready. Come on, guys, get together. Come one, let's go, let's go, let's go." But there's a time gap and the body cannot mobilize and the body cannot get ready and this invader has come in and there's a time gap and people die because of the time gap, because there's no antibody and they're at mercy of this time gap. And then came along Louis Pasteur and Jenner, and others, and they learned something about how to immunize people against these diseases. And an immunization is you take a weakened or a tired form of that disease that somebody else has had and that weakened or tired form has a chemical memory and you put that from somebody else's body into your body and then your antibodies have the same memory that that person's antibody



has and then you're ready to go.

For example, smallpox, smallpox used to be a devastating disease. When Cortez, the explorer, came and visited the Aztec Indians, he left behind one of his soldiers that had smallpox, and in two years four million of the Aztecs died because they didn't have any antibodies. They didn't recognize this. Then one day, Jenner was talking to a milkmaid and she said, "I'm not afraid of smallpox." He said, "Why?" She said, "I've had cowpox." He got to thinking and he learned how to immunize by taking a weakened form of a disease and putting it in a human body so that that weakened form of that disease could then mobilize and get the name, rank, and serial number of these invaders and call their army to war. And we virtually eliminated smallpox because of this. And you know what they call that blood that has had this disease and overcome this disease? I love it. They call it wise blood, wise blood. "We know you. We're gonna get ya." Wise blood.

Now listen. A person who has been immunized has wise blood. Now listen to me carefully and I'm almost finished. The blood of Jesus is wise blood. Now that's the whole thing. The blood of Jesus is wise blood. You see, anything Jesus has overcome we can overcome. Anything Jesus has overcome we can overcome. John 16, verse 33, "These things have I spoken unto you that ye might have peace; in the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." And that's the reason they said over there in Revelation chapter 12 and verse 11, speaking of the saints who're coming doing warfare against Satan, "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb." "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb." Satan has no power against the blood of Jesus Christ that flows through His body, which is the church. This is the shared blood. We're not here just to wallow in pain. Jesus said, "Because I live, you'll live also. My life is in you. If you don't eat My flesh and drink My blood, you won't have any life in you."

Thank God for the constant provision of the blood. Every need I have is in the blood of Jesus. Thank God, friend, for the cleansing power of the blood because all of my sin can be forgiven in the Lord Jesus. Thank God for the conquering power of the blood, the wise blood, Jesus has overcome and so can I.

Napoleon, they said that Napoleon, after he lost the Battle at Waterloo, was in a chart room with some of his generals. And, they had the map of the world up there. And the British Isles were in red. And they said Napoleon took a pointer and pointed to the British Isles that were in red and said, "Had it not been for that red spot I would have conquered the world." Surely the devil has to say that about Calvary, doesn't he? "Had it not been for that red spot I would have conquered the world." "There is power, power, wonder-working power in the precious blood of the Lamb." Friend, let that blood that was shed on Calvary now flow through you.

Well, you say, "Pastor, how do you do that?" Read that sixth chapter of John. Here's what it is. Jesus said, "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." The Word of God is to your spirit what blood is to your body. "The words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life." Jesus is saying, "The flesh profits nothing. I'm not talking about eating My literal flesh and drinking My literal blood. 'Let My Word abide in you.'" Get these truths down, friend, and live by them and get out of the secret service and be a real police dog. I mean, be a man of God or a woman of



God. "There is power, power, wonder-working power in the precious blood of the Lamb."

Bow your heads in prayer. Heads are bowed and eyes are closed. You know, it's time that some people did business with God. Some need to be saved; you've never been saved. I mean, you don't know anything about the saving blood. You've never really had your sin forgiven. You've never been made fit for Heaven. Remember, there's no way that you can be saved apart from the shed blood of Christ. The Bible says in Leviticus 17, "Without shedding of blood is no remission." But, right now, because Jesus took your sins upon Himself and with His blood upon the cross paid your sin debt, you can be saved. If you want to be saved, I want you to pray this prayer. Pray it silently but fervently, "Dear God. I know that You love me, I know that You want to save me. I am a sinner, I am lost. My sin deserves judgment, but I need and want mercy. Jesus, You died to save me, and You promised to save me if I would trust You. I do trust You, Jesus." Would you tell Him that? "Right now, this moment, with all of my heart, like a child, once and for all, now and forever, I trust You. Come into my life; forgive my sin; save me, and begin now to make me the person You want me to be. Thank You, Jesus, for doing it. Thank You for saving me. Thank You, Jesus. You're now my Lord and my Master and I will live for You. I will not be ashamed of You. I will confess You openly and publicly; not in order to be saved but because I have been saved. I will acknowledge You as my Lord and Savior. Give me the strength to do it. In Your name I pray, Amen."



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