

"THE BLOOD STILL WORKS!"

Romans 5:9 - "*Much more than, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.*"



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In just a few days, we will be celebrating the resurrection of our Redeeming Savior. Resurrection Sunday is not about the Easter bunny or Easter eggs, but it is about that third-day morning when our Savior got up from the grave with all power in Heaven and Earth in his hands! So let's talk about the significance of blood, how it works and what it does for the human body. The dictionary defines blood as: 1) the fluid that circulates in the heart, arteries, capillaries, and veins of a vertebrate animal carrying nourishment and oxygen to, and bringing away waste products from, all parts of the body. 2) lineage, kinship; persons related through common descent. . . Blood is your lifeline! For without blood, there can be no life – physically (body), relationally (lineage) or spiritually (salvation).

There are four general blood types: A, B, AB, and O. And within those four general blood types, there is a positive or negative factor that is associated with each of them. There are restrictions on who can donate and who can receive blood, based on the blood type of the donor and that of the recipient. O- is the universal blood type. Any individual with that blood type can donate his/her red blood cells to anyone. The blood type of the father determines the ethnicity of the child. So if you are connected to God the father through the blood of Jesus Christ, then you ought to live like him, you ought to act like him, and you ought to love like him. Only Jesus Christ carries the universal blood type that can be given to anyone who is desperately in need of a transfusion – no matter what your sin type may be, his blood is the remedy!

The text lets us know that when Jesus died, he died for the remission of all sins – Past Sins (Adam and Eve) – [“much more than, ...”]; Present Sins (you and I) – [“being now justified by his blood,”]; and Future Sins (our unborn descendants) – [“we shall be saved from wrath through him.”] Even though the blood was shed over 2,000 years ago, it's still good today; and still has the same saving power, cleansing power, healing power, delivering power, resurrecting power, and sustaining power even now. The blood will never lose its power. And after all of these years, we are living proof that the blood still works!

There is significance in the blood of Jesus for the believer for: 1) REDEMPTION - the bible is clear as can be—the blood of Jesus redeems! 2) PROPITIATION - it is our faith in the shed blood of Christ that removes us from under the condemnation of God's law. 3) CLEANSING - it is Jesus' blood that cleanses away the sinners sins. The blood that was shed over 2,000 years ago is still actively waiting to redeem you from your sins today! Watch the blood of Jesus instantly cleanse you and permanently expunge your sins. Now whenever the Father looks at you, he does not see you in your sin but he sees what you shall become all because you are covered by the blood that his son, Jesus Christ shed for you!

So if you are at death's door and in serious need of a blood transfusion, I strongly recommend the blood of Jesus. You do not have to meet any special requirements. Your family does not have to come from a particular royal lineage. You do not have to live in a certain neighborhood. You do not have to be a certain gender. You do not have to fall within a certain age range. And you certainly do not have to rank in a particular socio-economic class to receive the blood of Jesus. It's free to everyone who believes. Jesus paid it all and all to him I owe. Sin has left a crimson stain. But he washed it white as snow!

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