



Empowering People to Change the World

**Power in the Blood
Good Friday 2021**

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Today is Good Friday. It is the time of Passover, the Day of Atonement. Fifty days from now will be the Feast of Pentecost.

- For 24 hours, Jesus is stripped and beaten.
 - Jesus' back would have been lacerated with a Roman whip (leather straps tied with sharp iron fragments and bone), that tore through his outer and inner skin, exposing muscle and subcutaneous tissue.

- Jesus' hands and feet were punctured by nails as He was affixed to the splintered wood of the cross.
- A Roman crucifixion was the most heinous, horrible death one could endure.
- One great historian wrote, "The Roman cross was the bloodiest of all deaths known to man."
- His blood was gradually, slowly being spilled out for us—Jesus was bleeding out.
- From Noon to 3pm on this day, Good Friday, darkness came over the land - a kind of blackout.
- The Bible says that at 3pm, Jesus breathed His last; the veil of the Temple was ripped from top to bottom.
- On this day, we celebrate His death. Our passage says we have been "justified by His blood."
- There is power in the blood! There is power in the blood of Jesus.

- God has a vision for you and me. God has a vision for planet earth. God has a vision for America. God has a vision for Colorado Springs.
- The blood of Jesus redeems us! There is power in the blood. The crucifixion of Christ is a RESTORATION OF THE ORIGINAL VISION OF GOD.
- God wants to dominate the earth through us. He wants to manifest Kingdom culture upon the earth. The Church is supposed to be heaven's colony on earth - a visible people who magnify His invisible country—the Kingdom of God.
- I will share more about this on Resurrection Day, Sunday.

God's Original Mission

Genesis 1:26a

"Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; let them have dominion..."

- In **Genesis 1**, man was given a mission from God—to have dominion over the earth; to bring the Kingdom of God from heaven to the earth.

- But the serpent came to Adam and Eve, and they sinned. They rebelled. In **Genesis 3:9**, Adam is hiding from God. We've been running from God, living in shame.
- Adam was out of position from heaven. **Isaiah 53:6**, "We all, like sheep, have gone astray..."
- You and I have gone astray. We have abandoned the covering of heaven. The word here is "sin."
 - Hebrew word, "guilt of rebellion." Man transgressed the agreement from God.
 - The original agreement was to have dominion over the earth. Rebellion.
 - Sin is not limited to moral issues. Sin means rebellion; someone coming against a governing authority.
 - All sin is rebellion to authority!
- You don't have to train a man to be unfaithful. You don't have to train a kid to steal other kid's toys.

- All rebellion is sin. From Adam, we inherited rebellion.
- God established the penalty of rebellion—death. Death is blood.
- Satan instigated rebellion. Satan capitalized on God's penalty. God established the "death penalty," and Satan capitalized on it.
- Satan is in charge of culture and the arts. One third of the angels went with Satan, the rebellious worship leader.

Blood Sacrifice: Prophetic Calvary Through Abel

- Adam and Eve had Cain and Abel. Cain was a farmer, and Abel was a keeper of sheep. Cain brought all his vegetables and fruit as an offering to the Lord, and it was not acceptable. But Abel killed just one lamb, and it was accepted by God.
 - This is a picture of all religions of the world. We lived in Japan for almost 10 years, and we would see these idols on every corner and in every home with fruit on them; all the rituals.

- But in Christianity, blood is required! Abel understood this. One sacrificial lamb, and it was accepted for the forgiveness of sins.

Leviticus 14:13

“Then he shall kill the lamb in the place where he kills the sin offering and the burnt offering, in a holy place; for as the sin offering is the priest’s, so is the trespass offering. It is most holy.”

Power in the Blood

Five Characteristics

1. All life is in the blood. If you shoot something, it’s not the bullet that kills, but the hole and leakage of the blood.
2. All healing is in the blood. Blood rushes to an injured area. It keeps you healthy. You get a bruise in an injured area because the blood is rushing in to heal.
3. All health flows from your blood. The nutrients and sustenance are in the blood. Blood takes your vitamins, food, and enzymes - nutrients - to different parts of your body.

4. All protection is in the blood—your immune system is in the blood. It protects you from a virus; immunity. Blood fights disease. Cancer is a blood disease. Blood keeps the body safe.
5. All death is also in the blood. You get poison into the blood, and you can kill someone. Your kidneys, pancreas, heart, and liver all depend on the blood. They can keep you alive without the heart, pancreas, and kidney; but if you don't have any blood, you die. If the blood quits flowing, you are dead.

Our blood is poisoned by our rebellion.

- Adam rebelled against God, and his blood was poisoned. Sin is like cancer. You look good on the outside, but your blood is bad; and you are dying. Your blood is bad.
- We were born with spiritual cancer, the genes of death coursing through our spiritual bloodstream.
- Our blood was contaminated. We must have a blood transfusion!

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- We need a blood transfusion! It can't come from someone else—a human being who also has contaminated blood. You know what I mean; they always ask you about your blood when you go to give blood. A person with AIDS or cancer can't give blood to another person.
- You have to have PURE BLOOD. It can only come from Jesus. We are all sinners. People can't help people! You can't get pure blood for the forgiveness of sins through another person.
 - Jesus' blood is not contaminated.
 - He was not born of a man. He was born of God.
 - Buddha and Mohammed were men. Their blood was contaminated. They can't help cleanse your blood.
 - You can't just live a good life and be a good person. Being a good person doesn't forgive sin.

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Jesus has pure blood.

- Impure blood will have disease, sickness, and poison in it.
- Jesus' blood is pure.
 - If you have pure blood, it is only filled with life, healing, protection.
 - Pure blood is the spiritual immune system you need! (More on this on Sunday.)
- Good Friday. We were held hostage by rebellion.
(Hosea 13:14)

1 Peter 1:18-19

“Knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.”

- All the religions of the world attempt to appease God with silver, gold, rituals, and traditions. But only the pure blood of Jesus redeems us.
- You can't get the blood until you puncture the flesh. Crucifixion is the bloodiest process ever in history. A leather whip was used to rip the person's flesh with the shards of glass and iron. By His stripes we are healed. He was a bloody heap.
- Man will die when Adam rebelled. A man must die to satisfy Adam's sin. The first Adam was of the earth. The last Adam was the Lord from heaven. We are now the second Adam. We have been restored, recreated, redeemed, revived, and renewed. We have God's image back!

Isaiah 53:5

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed."

- There is power in the blood! You've been given new power and healing from the blood.

Drink His blood.

- But if you can find healthy, strong, nutrients, healing blood, then drink it. “See this cup...”
- The first time in history, God said you can drink the blood. This cup is the New Covenant in My blood. Drink it.
- **Deuteronomy 12:16** - don't eat the blood. No matter how good a man is, he was born of a woman. All blood on the earth is contaminated but ONE.
- But for the first time in history, Jesus says you can eat the blood! At the Passover, at the Last Supper, you can now drink the blood!

Matthew 26:26-28

“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, ‘Take, eat; this is My body.’ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, ‘Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.’”

- Jesus is saying “My blood is pure.” There is healing in My blood, restoration in My blood, and redemption in My blood.
- Jesus is restoring the Kingdom lost at the Garden. He wants to bring the Kingdom of God to the earth through us.
- The original vision has been restored! We can have dominion over:
 - All principalities and powers
 - All sin and rebellion
 - All death

There is power in the blood of Jesus. The original vision has been restored! We are redeemed, restored, a recreation, reconciled, revived, and renewed!

Communion