

Power in the Blood

Prayer

Good Morning, Welcome to Palm Sunday. Today is the day when our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ made his triumphant entry into Jerusalem. The streets were full of people to greet him. They sang praises to the Lord crying out: "Hosanna to the Son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.

Remember last week we spoke about the Royal Prophet; Jesus prophetic role? Let me remind you. Jesus was fulfilling his prophetic roll up until this point in his ministry. As he enters into the city of David, Jerusalem he is taking up his Royal Robes once more. The King we saw born in the infancy narratives in Luke, we see coming back into his own at Jerusalem. Remember the other aspect of Jerusalem?

They put their prophets to death. Jesus had a purpose for entering Jerusalem. Turn with me to Matthew 16:21.

Matthew 16:21

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His Death and Resurrection Predicted

From then on Jesus began to point out to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders, chief priests, and scribes, be killed, and be raised the third day.

Jesus went to Jerusalem knowing that he was going to fulfill prophecy, that he was going to be put to death on a cross and shed his life blood in atonement for you and me.

How many of you here today know that there is still power in the blood of Jesus?

How many here today know that this is a blood that never loses its power?

I would like to talk about the power we have been given through the blood of Jesus today. Because of his sacrifice we have been given power.

We all know that the blood of Jesus has purchased us atonement with God. We can be saved because of his precious blood. That's step one, but what else does it do?

He is a brief list. We will look at each item in more detail as we go on today:

The blood of Christ is Cleansing:

- Power for forgiveness and removal of Sin

- Power for Personal Justification

The blood of Christ provides:

- Power for Peace
- Power for Health / Healing
- Power for Personal Identity
- Power for Protection
- Power for Living Victoriously

The blood of Christ brings a New Standard of Living:

- Power for deliverance from sin
- Power for participation in the promises and benefits of God

Power for Forgiveness and Removal of Sin

Because of the precious blood of Jesus Christ you are wrapped up in the cloak of his righteousness. Your sins are forgiven, it is a finished work. Does this mean that we can just go on sinning? NO, it means that we are covered by the grace of Christ. We are to work out our salvation with fear and trembling. (cf. Phil 2:12) We are to turn away from our wickedness. We are to repent and try anew each day. Repentance, in this context means to turn away from and lean heavily into God.

So what is the power? No matter how many times we fail, we are forgiven, no matter what we have done wrong; we can appropriate the blood of Jesus as our covering. Jesus has paid the price for us!

1 John 2:1-2

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My little children, I am writing you these things so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ the Righteous One. He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not only for ours, but also for those of the whole world.

2 Corinthians 5:18-

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