

The Only Blood That Saves

Colossians 1:12-20

Thank you for joining me today for "It's a Good Life." We're going to be reading today from Colossians chapter 12, verses 12 through 20. Let me invite you to look at our website today, www.LRWM.org. On that website, you'll be able to leave prayer requests and share with us any answered prayers that you have had. We want to share with you, with God, the answered prayers and the needs you have in your life today. If you've recently been saved, you've recently trusted Jesus as your Saviour, why not share that with us. We want to rejoice with you. Go to the website, www.LRWM.org, and there you can...where it talks about prayer requests, simply leave us a message there that you have received Jesus as your Saviour. We want to rejoice with you in your salvation. And if you're a saved person today, we want you to share with us the things that God's doing with you and for you in your life. We want to rejoice with you today. That's www.LRWM.org.

We want to look today in Colossians chapter 1 and we're going to start reading there with verse 12.

¹²Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: ¹³Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [us] into the kingdom of his dear Son: ¹⁴In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins: ¹⁵Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: ¹⁶For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him....
Now, this is talking about Jesus Christ.

In verse 17, it says, *And he.... that's Jesus....is before all things, and by him all things consist. ¹⁸And he is the head of the body, the church... that's Jesus....who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all [things] he might have the preeminence....Jesus is to have the preeminence. ¹⁹For it pleased [the Father] that in him....that's in Jesus....should all fulness dwell; ²⁰And, having made peace through the blood of his cross....that's the blood of Jesus through His cross....by him....that's Jesus.... to reconcile all things unto himself....that's Jesusby him....that's Jesus....[I say], whether [they be] things in earth, or things in heaven.*

Now, let me speak with you just for a few moments about the precious blood of Jesus. All the way through the Bible, we have the bloodstream, and it teaches us that, without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins. There are several things I would like to point out to you today that we have in the blood of Christ.

Notice first of all in verse 13 of our chapter...of Colossians chapter 1. The first thing we see is redemption, verse 14.... *In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins....* "To redeem" means to buy back that which was lost, and it took the blood to redeem that which Adam lost in the fall. The Bible says, *Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned....* (Romans 5:12). It says for as by one man sin entered into the world. Well, that one man was Adam. He sinned. He willfully did wrong. It wasn't the woman. It was the man. The woman was confused. The command of God was given to Adam. "Don't eat of the tree." Adam knew not to eat of the tree, but he ate of

the tree and therefore disobeyed God and plunged mankind into sin.

Well, “to redeem” means to buy back that which was lost, and it took the blood to redeem that which Adam lost in the fall. Our kinsman Redeemer, Christ, had to die and give His life’s blood for us. In 1 Peter chapter 1 and verse 18, the Bible is very plain about this, and we’re going to read in 1 Peter chapter 1 and verse 18 and 19, it says there: *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, [as] silver and gold, from your vain conversation [received] by tradition from your fathers; ¹⁹But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot....* Yes, it’s through the Lord Jesus Christ, our kinsman Redeemer, that we have eternal life today. It’s through His blood.

The blood not only brings us redemption and gives us redemption, makes it possible for us to be redeemed, but it also brings peace. In verse 20 of Colossians 1, it says, *And, having made peace through the blood of his cross by him to reconcile all things unto himself....* notice “all things.” There could be no peace between man and God without the blood.

Romans 5:1 says, *Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ....* through our Lord Jesus Christ. It’s through His blood that we have peace with God. Man searches for peace today. We hear all around us, “Peace. Peace. We want peace.” Well, the only true peace there can be to any man or any woman, boy or girl, is to receive Jesus as their Saviour.

Through the blood of Jesus we see a new fellowship. In Ephesians chapter 2 and verse 12, it says, *That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the*

world.... Never before was there a fellowship between the Jew and Gentile before Jesus came. That is now made possible through His blood.

When a person is saved, they are no longer a Jew or a Gentile, but become members of the body of Christ. In Galatians chapter 3 and verse 28, the Bible says, *There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female....* listen now, what it says....*for ye are all one in Christ Jesus.* None of us are better than the other one. We are all the same, bond, free, Jew, and Greek. All of us are the same. Man, woman, boy, and girl, we’re all the same in the Lord Jesus Christ. We have a new fellowship, not only with other people who are saved and on their way to Heaven, but God has said that His people, the Jews, the Jewish people, they’re still His people and, therefore, He has reconciled us; He has reconciled them; we are no longer Jew nor Greek or Gentile, but we are all one in Christ Jesus.

Notice not only is there a new fellowship, but through His blood, there is cleansing from all sin. First John chapter 1 and verse 9 says, *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us [our] sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

When a person that was deep in sin, like the woman at the well or Mary Magdalene or the apostle Paul, when someone like that is saved, regardless of that person’s past life, the blood of Christ cleanses from all sin. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us and to cleanse us from all sin. Revelation chapter 1 and verse 5 says, *And from Jesus Christ, [who is] the faithful witness, [and] the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood....* How powerful is the blood of Christ? It’s powerful enough to cleanse us from all our sin.

Notice the blood of Christ can also and does bring a new and living way. It's open for us now. In Hebrews chapter 10, verses 19 and 20, it says, *Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus,* ²⁰*By a new and living way, which he hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh....* Now, Jesus is the way to the Father. No man cometh unless Jesus draws them. No man can get to Heaven until Jesus does what He is supposed to do. Well, what is that? Well, the good news is He's already done it. He died on the cross for sins. He shed His blood for the remission of sin. He was buried and on the third day He rose from the grave, that all of those who would trust in Him, who would receive Him by faith, they could enter in. They could have access to God.

One day, the Bible says, *Let not your heart be troubled: ye believe in God, believe also in me....* Jesus speaking. *In my Father's house are many mansions....* He goes on to say that, not only are there many mansions now, but....*I go to prepare a place for you ...that where I am, [there] ye may be also* (John 14:1-3). He opened a new and living way when he shed His blood on the cross of Calvary. Now, you can read more about this in Hebrews chapter 10. You can read more about this in Hebrews chapter 4. You can read more about this in Hebrews chapter 9, but notice in Hebrews chapter 9 and verse 12, it says there, *Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption [for us].* The high priest entering into the holy of holies is a type of Christ in the Old Testament. Christ Himself, according to that verse, entered into Heaven with His own blood for us. Jesus offered Himself. He offered His blood and He presented that to His Father for us.

And notice something else now that the blood does. It provides a song throughout the ages. Revelation chapter 5 and verse 9 says, *And they*

sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation....

Thank God, today, for a song of the blood. "What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus." Here on this earth, we sing some songs in a minor key, and many songs do not have much Gospel in them, but thank God, one day after a while, the angels will have to stop their harps and they will have to listen to a throng of people who have been washed, saved by the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Have you trusted Jesus today as your Saviour? Have you taken advantage of what He did for you on the cross? The Bible says, to as many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the children of God, the sons of God (John 1:12). If you will trust Him today, ask Him to come into your heart, receive what he did for you on the cross of Calvary, He'll save you today. All you've got to do is access what He's already done. *For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: [it is] the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast* (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Right where you're at right now, let me ask you to ask Jesus into your heart right now. "Dear Lord, come into my heart. I receive You as my Saviour. By faith, I receive You right now." If you'll pray that prayer, God will save you if you mean it in your heart today. And if you're a Christian today, get back to Him. Start serving Him. Let Him guide your life.

Well, God loves you today and so do I. Let me encourage you to look at our website, www.LRWM.org. Until this same time next week when you'll hear me say, "It's a good life," may the Lord bless you richly is my prayer.