

The Wednesday Word, July 16, 2014: Sanctified by The Blood Part 2

Hebrews 13:12: Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without (outside) the gate.

Usually, when non-gospel centred people hear me, or people like me, talk about the blood, they say we are teaching that anyone can sin and get away with it. I am not teaching that at all. What I am saying, however, is because of grace alone, we are in Christ and in Christ there is a superabundance of grace to cover us when we fall. We are sanctified, redeemed, purchased and legally set apart unto God by the blood and neither we nor Satan can destroy that which God has accomplished. Since believers are the recipients of eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:12), we will neither be re-sold into the slavery of sin nor prised away, nor fall from the loving, powerful hands of the Master.

Listen to Hebrews 10:14; “For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.” We are sanctified, forever, because of gospel grace. We are part of the New Covenant. The blood has made us perfect and has set us apart in the sight of God. Isn’t it time to believe this from our hearts?

Adolph Saphir states; “The Holy Ghost Himself witnessed by the prophet Jeremiah that the New Covenant was connected with complete and eternal forgiveness of sin. ...The characteristic of the New Testament standing of believers is that they are free from sin in the sight of God, and that always and forever. “No more remembrance of sin;” because Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

This is our sanctification; this is our standing before God.”

Adolph Saphir: The Epistle to the Hebrews: Kregel Publications: Page 645.

If a priest of Israel sinned (Leviticus 4:2-5), he did not begin working harder. He did not say, “Now, wait a minute, I am not sanctified enough. I need to do more.” He did not look back, he didn’t look inside himself, —he almost didn’t do a thing. He instead brought a bullock to the Lord. But, even that required a little work. Bullocks are heavy beasts. A little, just a little, work was needed to bring the sacrifice ... this shows one of the flaws in the Old Covenant!

In the New Covenant, however, when a person sins, they only need by faith to bring the offering. And what is the offering? The offering is Jesus Christ. In Hebrews 10:10 we read; “By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.” The sinner, by faith, brings the offering that has been presented 2000 years ago by Christ. Christ offered Himself---and He is the offering we bring. We don’t have to carry him, or lead Him, we simply, by faith, present Christ and His shed blood.

Someone asks, “How long do I have to wait to be restored after I sin?” The answer is simple, there is no waiting time. While there may be time given in the church assembly, decreed for healing and restoration to service after a serious fall, there is no fellowship probation in Heaven’s courtroom. Bring the blood and enjoy instant communion with the Father. We have already been purchased forever. He does not cast us off and spurn us.

Jesus was numbered among the transgressors and publicly displayed on the accursed cross. As He became our sin offering, He was reckoned as being sin. To the unbelieving Jews, He was a curse. Indeed, multitudes of people yet find no beauty in Him. The Hymn writer speaks well of His passion saying;

“O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down,
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;
How pale Thou art with anguish, with sore abuse and scorn!
How does that visage languish, which once was bright as morn!

J.W. Alexander 1830

However, this same, despised and rejected Saviour, who poured out His blood and died, rose from the dead, entered the most holy place with His own blood, ascended to His throne and has sanctified and perfected us forever. We look to Him and not ourselves. He is our only hope. He is our certain hope. He is our assured hope!

And that's the Gospel Truth!