

# **The Blood of Christ**

## **Dumisani Theological Institute Chapel Service**

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In preparation for this coming Good Friday and Easter we want to focus upon the theme of the blood of Christ.

A man once challenged me to move away from this old message of the blood of Jesus. His thinking was that this was something very old and we are now more sophisticated than that. My response is that this is the very heart of the Bible and the heart of the Christian message is centred in this theme of the blood of Jesus.

Today I want to take us through five aspects in the New Testament of the meaning of the blood of Jesus Christ.

### **1. BLOOD BOUGHT      ACTS 20 :28**

Paul tells the elders who have assembled for a special farewell meeting that there are many dangers they will face. Yes, they will face dangerous wolves and false teachers. We must guard the precious church because the church has been bought by the price of the blood of Jesus.

When you buy something at a store they give you a cash slip saying this is how much that you have paid and it is now all paid. It is good to know that something has been paid in full. WE as believers have had our sins paid for in full! Jesus paid it all with his blood. It was all finished with his blood at the cross. There is no more blood that is needed. No goats are needed now. The blood of Jesus has done it all and we are now the special property of the Lord.

### **2. BLOOD JUSTIFIED      Romans 5:9**

Justified by the blood of Jesus is a second way the New Testament speaks of the blood of Jesus. What is it to be justified? It means that one is declared righteous. This is incredible. I am a sinner but now Paul says Jesus blood is the basis for my being declared righteous. This is just amazing. Jesus blood at the cross is the covering that I need as a sinner. The shed blood of Jesus is what is reckoned to my account. I believe in Jesus blood and righteousness as now all the righteousness that I need.

### **3. BLOOD RECONCILED    Colossians 1:19-20**

We have got a terrible problem. We as people are estranged or alienated from God. Colossians 1 verse 19 and 20 are telling us how we can be reconciled. We are not living in harmony with the Lord nor are we living in harmony with our fellow humans. But there is a way provided for us to be brought to peace with the Lord or to be reconciled to the heavenly Father and that is by the blood of Jesus which brings us reconciliation. The Bible is so rich in expressing many aspects of what the blood of Jesus does for us as sinners. Surely we need to hear about each of these—we are blood bought, blood justified, blood reconciled, and now number four—

### **4. BLOOD CLEANSED    1 John 1:7**

We have been fixing the brakes on our car and our hands are covered in grease—we need to clean them with soap and water. Our lives have been covered in the dirt of our sins. We have been rubbing our hands in the ways of filth, we have been allowing our minds to think about wicked ways and delight in them, we have been talking rubbish and blasphemies—we need deep cleansing. We need the blood of Jesus which cleanses us and pardons and forgives us.

I love to sing the old gospel hymn, “Nothing But the Blood” which is based upon 1 John 1:7 in part. Listen to some of the words of this hymn: “What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus” and “For my cleansing this I see, Nothing but the blood of Jesus. For my pardon this my plea, Nothing but the blood of Jesus.” Do you need cleansed today? Come now and partake of the blood of Jesus and he will cleanse you and make you clean.

### **5. BLOOD FREED    Revelation 1:5**

Sin causes us to become slaves to it. It takes hold of us and holds us in bondage. Here in Revelation 1 verse 5 we gain a wonderful picture of the liberating power of the blood of Jesus Christ. Christ is the one who brings us freedom from the yoke of sin and its enslavements. There is a story of a Roman Catholic priest who was in a hospital room with an

American evangelist. A priest came every day to visit the young priest. The young priest kept telling the old priest that he had no freedom from his guilt and sins. Finally after many days the old priest said : "Well I suppose that Jesus can free you." The American evangelist in the next bed said. "I do not suppose, BUT I KNOW Jesus can free you from your sins". He opened his Bible and started to read from Revelation 1, verse 5..... The evangelist told him come to Jesus and let Him free you by His blood. The young priest reached out in faith to Jesus and found real freedom.

As you prepare for Good Friday, think about the BLOOD of Jesus and all that the scriptures say about Christ's blood: a blood bought people, a blood justified people, a blood reconciled people, a blood cleansed people and a blood freed people. AMEN