

Session XIII: THE POWER OF THE BLOOD

1. The Power Is In The Blood

- **Gen 3: 21** – God’s 1st step to help Adam/Eve was to provide clothing.
 - Why? Protection = both spiritual and physical
 - What? 1. Physical clothing (animal skins)
2. Spiritual (blood shed from animal skins)

- **Levit 17:11** – the life (soul life = *nephesh*) is in the blood.
 - Blood carries authority in life –
 - Lev 17:11 – life is in the blood
 - Ex 12:7, 12, 13, 23 – destroyer passes over when sees the blood
 - Heb 9:18-22 – no remission w/o the blood (*freedom*; (figuratively) *pardon*: - deliverance, forgiveness, liberty, remission.
 - Rev 19:13 – Jesus is clothed in blood
 - Blood carries authority in death – Gen 4: 10- 12; 9:6; Rom 3:15

2. The Victory Is In The Blood

- Rev 12:11 - *And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.*
- Not Just Any Blood will do it - Perfect Blood needed – Heb 9:25; 10:4; I Pet 1:19
- What Jesus’ blood does:
 1. Is the means of purchase/ownership by God – Acts 20:28; Rom 3:25
 2. Justified by His blood – Rom 5:9
 3. Redemption by His blood – Eph 1:7; Col 1:14
 4. Made near by His blood – Eph 2:13
 5. Peace comes by His blood – Col 1:20
 6. Reconciled by His blood – Col 1:20
 7. Power of death destroyed by His blood – Heb 2:14
 8. Protection by His blood (priest could enter Holy of Holies) – Heb 9:7, 12-14
 9. Boldness through His blood – Heb 10:19
 10. New Covenant by His blood – Heb 13:12; 12:24 – Jesus is mediator of
 11. Sanctified by His blood – Heb 13:12, I Pet 1:2
 12. Cleansed from sin by His blood – I Jn 1:7; Rev 1:5
 13. Made one by His blood – Acts 17:26

3. How The Blood is Applied

- Rom 3:25; Heb 11:28 – through faith, just like our healing, deliverance from curses, etc.
- Matt 26:28; Luke 22:20; I Cor 11:25-27; I Cor 10:16 – Communion wine is participation in His blood
- John 6:53-56 – drink His blood daily, eat His flesh. These refer to the earlier analogy in this chapter regarding gathering the Bread of Life daily as manna for the day. This means that we are to have conversations with Him daily. This is further illuminated in I John 1: 3-7:

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I John 1:3-7

*That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our **fellowship** is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.*

And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full.

This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

*If we say that we have **fellow ship** with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:*

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have **fellow ship** one with another, **and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son** cleanseth us from all sin.*

The benefits of the blood in these Scriptures are in the context of the fellowship which we keep with the Lord and thereby with the Father. In essence, the application of the blood is through the fellowship it affords. It is not in an Old Testament sense of "applying the blood" as on the lintels and doorposts (even though we often make it analogous to the lintels and doorposts of the heart), nor "pleading the blood" as in a declaration of faith and authority in the name of Jesus Christ (which is a lot more New Testament in character). But the blood is more literally enabled by the fellowship we keep with God and with His Son, Jesus Christ. The cleansing of sin through the blood is for a purpose: fellowship. And all the power of our ability to live and move and have our being in Him is wrapped up in the ongoing work of His blood. Thus the essence of faith in His blood, is actively living the relationship which it purchased.

4. Additional Suggested Reading on the Blood of Jesus Christ

1. Mary Baxter's book "The Blood" published by Whitaker House, 2005
2. Billye Brim's book "The Blood and The Glory" by Destiny House,
3. Clement Humbar'd's book "The Awesome Glory" by Xulon Press, 2005

There are so many wonderful books about the power of the blood of Jesus Christ, and I have mentioned the ones above which I have recently found to be most inspiring. But I must say that nearly every book which I have read so far tends to focus on spiritualizing Old Testament understanding of the blood in order to upgrade it to work by faith in the New Testament. In each such attempt, though full of good learning, there is a missing piece. It is this: the fullest New Testament application of the blood occurs through the fellowship that we keep with Jesus Christ and with the Father according to John 6 and I John 1: 5-9. This is new revelation to the church for this generation. Others are hearing it in other places – it is not exclusive to this author, but it is a revelation for this day and hour to increase the utilization of the power of the blood of the Lamb.

4. Conclusion

When the church gets a good grip on their personal fellowship with Jesus Christ, they will also gain both power over the enemy, and divine favor, like they have never seen before. What we have perceived formerly from Old Testament shadows about the blood will become a far more powerful and exquisite reality to the church. To gain an exit visa from the common experience of Christian wilderness wandering, we must learn to hear and obey the voice of the Lord, and gather our conversations with Him as daily manna from heaven. Christ's blood is the ink on our visa, and it provides both the legal authority and the access to our promised land of spiritual blessing. But the benefits of that blood are received not so much through the pleading of our souls, but through daily pillow talks with our First Love.

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Revelation 12:11

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A note about the source materials for this class:

The Living Free Seminar is designed to whet our appetite for a closer walk with Jesus Christ. The material in this seminar which concerns the connection between roots of bitterness and physical health are based upon the excellent materials offered by Wellspring Ministries, Dr. Art Mathias and his wonderful staff. While the Living Free Seminar by Pastor Paul Norcross is a short introduction to this topic, Wellspring Ministries offers many more in-depth classes, books, and materials – most of which are also carried in the bookstore at this seminar or may be ordered through the order form on the last page and/or directly from Wellspring Ministries.

Pastor Ish Payne is a precious brother who along with Dr. Mathias presents a powerful deliverance class, which expands these topics in a four day format for local churches. Ish is the dear saint whom the Lord used to help generate the “red zone” illustration for our understanding. His ministry website can be accessed at www.RestoringHearts.net . For even further depth, there are also two-week instructor counseling certification classes available at the Wellspring Ministry staff headquarters in Alaska. In addition, personal telephone counseling is available through this ministry which has proven to be very effective for thousands of people learning to more specifically apply the principles of this seminar to their own situations. Wellspring Ministries can be contacted by telephone at their ministry location in Anchorage, AK (907-563-9033) or through their website at www.akwellspring.com .

Pastor Carl Fox and his precious wife Sheila are dear friends and mentors who have pioneered in the Biblical understanding of how satan uses curses against the Body of Christ. They are also powerful teachers in equipping the saints to walk in greater faith – the kind that results in miracles and extraordinary healings. Pastor Carl sees more miracles in a day than most Christians see in a lifetime because he has learned and teaches principles of walking by faith, and not by sight. Brother Carl teaches the following seminars which have been conducted many countries around the world: *Turning Curses To Blessings*, and *Faith and Miracles: Keys To Having Great Faith*. Carl and Sheila continue to minister with extensive evangelistic church planting and orphanage work in Romania. They can be contacted in New Mexico at 505-894-5691 or on the web at www.CFIM.com .

The balance of the Living Free Seminar deals with our personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and various issues which are often in need of attention. They arise from studies and teachings in deliverance ministry which the Lord has given Pastor Paul Norcross. These can be researched further in the books noted on the next page. Paul continues to pastor a local church as well as directs a traveling and teaching ministry that seeks to help people learn to hear and obey the voice of the Lord Jesus Christ. You are welcome to contact Pastor Paul about these materials or about any questions you might have, or about scheduling a Living Free deliverance seminar at your church or home group by contacting him at the address noted below. If we can bless you with prayer or more information at any time, please let us know! Note that although the material is copyrighted, please feel free to copy it and pass it on to others. However, if you do copy it, we ask that you do so in its entirety, not in parts.

May the Lord fill you with His grace, and love and joy in the Holy Spirit.

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Together with his wife, Rita, Paul and their three children home school together on their rural farm. A former senior naval surface warfare officer, both Paul and Rita graduated from seminary and received their baccalaureate of theology degrees in Biblical Studies in addition to holding a master's degree in industrial engineering and in nursing respectively. In 1984 Paul was ordained to the Christian ministry, and in 2006 he earned his doctorate in Christian education. Paul is also professionally certified in emotional healing counseling, and regularly consults and teaches in this arena. The Lord has led Paul to write the following books which have blessed many believers around the world, and helped them connect much more confidently and intimately with Jesus Christ:

- *Dining At The Master's Table: Learning To Hear the Voice of the Lord*
- *Succeeding in Spiritual Warfare: Lessons From Joshua*
- *The Voice Upon The Waters*
- *Marriage Seminar: How To Walk By The Spirit In Your Marriage*
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Paul's ministry is to teach Christians to walk in their God-given spiritual power and understand how to hear and obey the voice of the Lord. His training courses to equip believers to operate each of the manifestation gifts of the Holy Spirit, and his seminar-style conferences to help them hear the Lord's voice with confidence have helped thousands of people around the world draw closer to Jesus Christ and walk in His steps. Signs, miracles, and wonders follow his ministry. Paul teaches pastors, church leaders, and enthusiastic believers to learn the divine purpose, plan, and destiny reserved for each of them by the Lord, and then helps equip them to carry it out. The author of many books and conference training materials, Paul continues to help Christians fulfill their mission in the Body of Christ to build His Kingdom (and His alone!). Paul's current missions work includes the countries of India, Romania, Guatemala, Kenya, Tanzania, and the Philippines. May God be praised as we each learn to run the race by keeping our ears close to the lips of our Beloved Savior, Jesus Christ!

To find out more about these and other materials and his ministry, Paul can be contacted at the address below:

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