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Worship: There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood

William Cowper (1731 – 1800)



Mother died at six... Then at 21, his father and stepmother died, and his best friend drowned. He had always struggled with mental health, but this sent him into a tailspin. Ultimately, he tried to commit suicide twice until his brother entrusted him to an insane asylum – where he lived for a year and a half. For comfort, he began reading the Bible. One day, he came across the passage we will be reading in a few minutes...

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood—to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness, because in his forbearance he had left the sins committed beforehand unpunished— he did it to demonstrate his righteousness at the present time, so as to be just and the one who justifies those who have faith in Jesus.

(Romans 3:25-26)

Justified: Just as if I'd ... never sinned.

“On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.”

(Zechariah 13:1)

*There is a fountain filled with blood
Drawn from Immanuel's veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains,
Lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood,
Lose all their guilty stains.*

*The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away:
Wash all my sins away,
Wash all my sins away;
And there may I, though vile as he,
Wash all my sins away.*

*E'er since by faith I saw the stream
Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die:
And shall be till I die,
And shall be till I die;
Redeeming love has been my theme,
And shall be till I die.*

Romans 3:21-31: But now...

Summary of Romans 1-3: We are all under the wrath of God.

(21) The same message throughout the OT...

(22-23)

22 - those who believe (present tense)

*...for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
(Romans 3:23)*

(24)

Redemption

*reclaiming something by purchase
release from enslavement by payment of a ransom
buying back*



*For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.
(1 Peter 1:18-19)*

(25-26) How is God just and the justifier?



God has demonstrated his righteousness...so as to be **JUST** and the one who **JUSTIFIES**.

(27-31)

Is this true of you? Are you one who trusts in Christ (and not yourself) for salvation?

If you have acknowledged your sinfulness and are trusting in Christ's work for your redemption...

1. You have been accepted by Christ.
2. You are not on “probation” (to see if you are going to live worthy enough).
3. Your past does not exist before God. That died at the cross, and Christ is your new life (baptism).
4. Grace once given is not withdrawn (because of your mistakes, your failure of devotion). (Adapted from William Newell)

You, being saved by grace, should...

1. Continue to believe and consent to be loved even while unworthy.
2. Not trust in your own flesh.
3. Expect continued blessing and relationship, even as you realize more and more of your unworthiness.
4. Testify to God’s goodness.
5. Be certain of God’s future favor for believers.
6. Consider his chastening hand as a mark of His Kindness. (Adapted from William Newell)

Things which the believer will discover...

1. To “hope to do better” or to “be disappointed in oneself” is to fail to see yourself in Christ only.
2. To be proud is to be blind!
3. Real devotion comes not from man’s will, but from the discovery that blessing from God was given while we were yet unworthy and undevoted. (Adapted from William Newell)

<i>Romans Road</i> to salvation	
<i>Every person is a sinner</i>	
Romans 3:23	“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.”
<i>We can receive eternal life as a free gift</i>	
Romans 6:23	“For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”
<i>God loves us even while we sin</i>	
Romans 5:8	“but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.”
<i>We all need to accept Jesus as savior and Lord.</i>	
Romans 10:9-10	“if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. “For with the heart one believes and is justified, and with the mouth one confesses and is saved.”
<i>Our assurance of salvation is in Jesus</i>	
Romans 10:13	“everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”