

Series: At The Cross



Message Title: Nothing But The Blood Of Jesus

Message & Scripture Highlights:

Have a few people read the following scriptures:

Galatians 3:13-14

Christ purchased our freedom and redeemed us from the curse of the Law and its condemnation by becoming a curse for us—for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who hangs [crucified] on a cross”

¹⁴ in order that in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might also come to the Gentiles, so that we would all receive the promise of the [Holy] Spirit through faith.

1 Corinthians 15:45, 47

Thus it is written, The first man Adam became a living being (an individual personality); the last Adam (Christ) became a life-giving Spirit [restoring the dead to life].

⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual life which came first, but the physical and then the spiritual.

⁴⁷ The first man [Adam] is from the earth; the second Man [Christ] is from heaven.

John 1:14 “And the Word (Christ) became flesh, and dwelt among us ...”

Discussion Part 1:

If the name Adam means ‘first blood’ in the Hebrew language, discuss God’s ingenious plan in sending a “Last Adam”, the “second Man”, from heaven. Help everyone in the group understand that our Savior’s blood was from above, Father God’s seed, and His body was from earthly origin.

S.Marshall thoughts:

God’s original intention and plan was for Adam and Eve to occupy the Garden of Eden. God would have never sent a “Last Adam” except that His will, His plan is to “redeem” you from the curse. The plan was NEVER just to forgive you of your sin. Yes, that would be wonderful, but completely inaccurate. Jesus, the Last Adam, the second Man, came to “redeem” you back to God’s best plan which is the Kingdom of Heaven.

Have someone read:

Hebrews 10:19-20

We have confidence that we can enter the Holy Place by means of Jesus’ blood, through a new and living way that He opened up for us through the veil, which is His body,

Acts 13:35

For this reason He also says in another Psalm, ‘You will not allow Your Holy One to see decay.’

Hebrews 12:24

and to Jesus, the Mediator of a new covenant [uniting God and man], and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks [of mercy], a better *and nobler and more gracious* message than *the blood* of Abel [which cried out for vengeance].

John 1:7

But if we [really] are living *and* walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus *Christ* His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin *and* guilt.

Revelation 12:11

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony;

Discussion Part 2:

The Greek word for “new” in Hebrews 10:20 means ‘freshly slain’. Talk about how Jesus’ blood is always new, never corrupt or in a state of decay. Jesus’ blood cleanses us. You can’t use what’s dirty to clean dirty. In the medical world only what’s completely sterile can be used to operate on a body. Talk about how in the spiritual realm Jesus’ blood is so pure that it speaks mercy over you, with power to cleanse.

Stephen Marshall Thoughts:

As a boy I really struggled with the thought of a perfect Jesus being born of the blessed Virgin Mary. Yes, she was the blessed virgin, but she was still Adamic. It was exciting to discover the biology of how the mother’s blood is on one side of the placenta and the baby’s blood is on the other, but the two never intermingle. I hope that these scientific supporting facts for the purity of Jesus’ blood only further elevates your confidence that there is “Power in the blood of Jesus”. When you sing that hymn you should light up the room for God sent His best, and redeemed us entirely!

Life Application:

Knowing what you know about Jesus’ blood should intensify the way you pray, and the confidence you have to come boldly before His throne of grace. You are washed in the blood of Jesus, and that means you truly are made the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). Live with the perfection of Christ’s blood constantly on your mind.

Now Pray The Word:

Get someone (or a few people) to lead out in prayer based on the Truth talked about. Pray according to the above scriptures:

“Heavenly Father we rejoice because truly we have been redeemed from the curse by Jesus’ blood so that the blessing of Abraham might come on us. We overcome by that precious, heavenly blood, and by our testimony - our word of confession and agreement with Your sacrifice. Jesus’ blood cries mercy for us and so we have full right and privilege to walk in the Light. We have unbroken fellowship with one another as the family of God, IF we are truly walking in the Light ... (Continue praying this way and focus on any prayer requests for healing, depression, sadness, or emotional traumas).