



Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Justified by Faith

This guide offers a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme

How Faith in the Blood Brings Peace and Righteousness

Prayer Focus

Lord Jesus, remind me that You're my advocate before God when I stumble. When the enemy tries to deceive me, help me stand firm in Your promises. I plead the blood of Jesus over my life and declare the victory You've won for me. Strengthen my heart and assure me of my identity in You. In Your name, I pray, amen.

Key Truths

Apart from Christianity, every religion is humanity's attempt to reach out to God. However, in Christianity, it began with God reaching out to us. The value of blood connects to the value of life, so the blood of goats and bulls was never enough to pay for our sins. Only Jesus' blood is sufficient to cover everyone's sin. There are two reasons why Christ's blood achieved what no other could: God paid for our redemption with His own life, and Jesus' life was perfect and sinless. He's the only one capable of redeeming us.

No one can reach Heaven through good works alone. We've all sinned and need a Savior. As Jesus hung on the cross, God placed our guilt on Him and, in turn, gave us Jesus' righteousness. Everyone will live somewhere forever. We can either choose to spend eternity with God or eternal separation from Him. When God looks at us, He doesn't see our sin; He sees us carrying His Son's righteousness and our debt paid in full. The Devil can convince us of many things but can't counterfeit God's peace. Unless we're made aware of God's promises and blessings, we will live a substandard Christian life. We limit God if we don't know what His blood purchased for us.

Practical Application

The enemy will try to convince us that we've messed up too much or are too broken. He feeds us lies and deception in an attempt to distance us from God. Our encouragement is in 1 John 2:1-2: *"But if anybody does sin, we have an advocate with the Father—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One. He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world."*

When the enemy tries to deceive us, we need to plead the blood and speak the promises of God. Assure your heart and remind the enemy of who you are in Christ.

Reference Verses

- Romans 3:25, 3:20, 5:9
- Leviticus 17:11
- Acts 20:28
- 1 Peter 1:19
- Psalms 49:7-9, 91:1-3, 107:2, 103:2-3
- Galatians 2:20
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- 1 Thessalonians 5:23
- Hebrews 9:11-14
- Isaiah 32:17
- 2 Peter 1:2-4
- 2 Thessalonians 1:9
- Isaiah 43:26
- 1 John 2:1-2, 3:19-20
- Job 22:28-29

Declarations

- By the blood of Jesus, I'm made righteous and stand blameless before God.
- God's peace guards my heart and mind because I trust in the power of Christ's sacrifice.
- The enemy has no claim on me—I plead the blood of Jesus and walk in victory.

What's Next?

Understanding the power of Jesus' blood is essential for living a victorious Christian life. His sacrifice not only cleanses us from sin but also secures our identity, assures our hearts, and empowers us to walk in peace and righteousness. By applying these principles daily, we can confidently stand against the enemy's accusations, renew our minds with God's truth, and live in the fullness of Christ's victory.

1. Understand and Declare Your Identity in Christ (Pleading the Blood)

To walk in victory, you must first grasp that your salvation and righteousness come solely from the blood of Jesus, not your own efforts. When facing doubt, guilt, or temptation, verbally declare the power of His sacrifice by saying, "I plead the blood of Jesus over my life." Regularly remind yourself of scriptures that affirm your identity, such as *2 Corinthians 5:21* ("I am the righteousness of God in Christ"). By doing this, you silence the enemy's accusations and build confidence in Christ's finished work.

2. Assure Your Heart Through Daily Confession (Speaking God's Promises)

Speaking God's promises strengthens your faith and aligns your heart with His truth. Create a list of scriptures about healing, provision, and victory, and confess them daily. For example, declare *Philippians 4:19* ("*My God will supply all my needs*") and *Isaiah 53:5* ("*By His stripes, I am healed*"). You can also incorporate daily

communion as a tangible reminder of Jesus' sacrifice. Through consistent confession, your mind is renewed, and your faith is strengthened, enabling you to stand firm in God's promises.

3. Live in the Peace and Righteousness of Christ (Walking in Victory)

True peace comes from knowing that you are right with God through Jesus. When challenges arise, trust in His provision and protection, knowing you are covered by His blood. Let His righteousness shape your daily actions, allowing His character to shine through you. When you fall short, quickly repent and return to step one, resting in His grace. Living this way fosters a lifestyle of faith, gratitude, and obedience, demonstrating to the world the power of Christ's redemption.

By understanding, confessing, and walking in the power of Jesus' blood, you can experience lasting peace, confidence, and victory in your life. No matter what comes your way, remember that you are redeemed, righteous, and secure in Christ. Keep declaring His promises, standing on His truth, and living in the freedom He has given you!

Scripture References

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Romans 3:25 KJV Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood...

Leviticus 17:11 KJV For the life of the flesh is in the blood...

Leviticus 17:11 KJV ...and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls...

Acts 20:28 NKJV...to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

1 Peter 1:19 NKJV ...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Psalms 49:7-9 NJB But no one can ever redeem himself or pay his own ransom to God, the price for himself is too high; it can never be that he will live on forever and avoid the sight of the abyss.

Romans 3:20 NKJV Therefore by the deeds of the law no flesh will be justified in His sight...

Galatians 2:20 NKJV I have been crucified with Christ...

2 Corinthians 5:21 NKJV For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us...

Colossians 2:14 NKJV REF having wiped out the ^{la}handwriting of requirements that was against us, which was contrary to us. And He has taken it out of the way, having nailed it to the cross.

1 Peter 1:18 NKJV ...knowing that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers...

1 Peter 1:19 NKJV ...but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Romans 5:9 TPT For through the blood of Jesus we have heard the powerful declaration, "You are now righteous in my sight." and because of the sacrifice of Jesus...

Hebrews 9:11 NKJV But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands...

Hebrews 9:12 NKJV ...but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Isaiah 32:17 NKJV The work of righteousness will be peace...

2 Peter 1:2-3 NKJV Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue...

Psalms 78:41 NKJV ...And limited the Holy One of Israel.

2 Thessalonians 1:9 RENNER A verdict will be issued in God's court of law and a sentence will be passed, requiring all those who rejected the gospel to pay the consequences of eternal destruction, This doesn't mean they will cease to exist. However, in eternity they will lose the meaning of existence...

Isaiah 43:26 KJV Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

Isaiah 43:26 NIRV But let us go to court together. Remind me of what you have done. State your case. Prove to me that you are not guilty.

Revelation 12:11 NKJV And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony...

1 John 3:19 NKJV And by this we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before Him.

Psalm 91:2 NKJV I will say of the Lord, "He is my refuge and my fortress; My God, in Him I will trust."

Psalm 107:2 NKJV Let the redeemed of the Lord say so...

Psalm 103:3 NKJV Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases...

Psalm 27:1 NKJV The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?