HANDOUT OCT. 29 PART TWO: The Power of the Blood!

The Entire Bible can be Summarized by One Statement: "The Blood of Christ Cleanses Us from All Sin." The Only Spiritual Detergent that can Remove the Stain of Sin is the Shed Blood of Jesus Christ!

READ Hebrews 4:14-16 Jesus the Great High Priest

Have you ever wondered whether you were really forgiven after you sinned? OR, felt troubled by the fear that the stain of your sin would be with you forever? If You Have, You Need to See the Powerful Effectiveness of the Blood of Christ in Dealing with Your sins.

- Today We Will Focus on 4 Core Verses that will Fortify Your Faith in the Blood of Jesus and its Effectiveness for Your Christian Life.
- **1. The Blood of Jesus Cleanses Us from Every Sin:** You Know that for Us to Experience God's Forgiveness and Cleansing when we've Sinned, We Need to Confess Our Sins to God.
 - To CONFESS Requires We Admit what We've Done Against Gods Word and Agree with God that it is Sin. NO SIN IS TOO SMALL FOR CONFESSION1 John 1:9

Marvelous Fact: When We Confess Our Sins to God, We're Forgiven and Cleansed by the Blood of Jesus... And Our Sins are Removed from Us as Far as the East is from the West!

- **2. The Blood of Christ Purifies Our Conscience:** Just as None of us can go through the day without getting our hands dirty. Similarly, none of us can live a single day without committing a sin, whether it's big or small. Just as we must wash our hands when they're dirty, we Need too Confess our Sins whenever the Holy Spirit speaks to Our Conscience telling us We' **Hebrews 10:22**
 - When We Sin, our Conscience is Weighed down by Guilt, which Negatively Affects Our Faith.
 - Satan wants US to NOT have the Assurance that We Can Come to God! He wants Us to Think We Have NO Right To Ask God's Forgiveness Again!
 - Hebrews 10:22 tells us we *can* come into the Holy of Holies, before God's Throne, after Confessing Sin, And Be Assured that We are Forgiven!
- 3. The Blood of Christ Speaks for Us: The Blood of Jesus is Powerful and Effective in Cleansing Us from Our Sins When We Confess.

BUT MORE...The Blood of Christ Speaks to God For YOU! And This Speaking God Hears and Heeds.

- Hebrews 12:24 says: "to Jesus the Mediator of a New Covenant, and to the Sprinkled Blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel."
- In Genesis 4, Cain killed his brother Abel. God then told Cain, "The voice of your brother's blood is crying out to Me from the ground."
- Hebrews 12:24 tells us that today the blood of Jesus speaks something better than Abel's blood.
 Here is What Jesus' Blood says...

"The Blood of Christ Not only Redeems, Sanctifies, and Purifies; It Also Speaks.

• In Gen. 4:10-15...Abel's Blood Spoke to God for Accusation and Vengeance. whereas Christ's Blood Speaks to God for Forgiveness, Justification, Reconciliation, and Redemption."

KEY: Nothing We Speak can Ever Justify Us Before God. BUT...The Blood of Christ Powerfully Speaks to God of Forgiveness, Justification, Reconciliation, and Redemption for Us, Making Us Clean Before God. That's NOT All. "Moreover, this Precious Blood Speaks to God on Our Behalf, saying that by the Blood (as unveiled in Hebrews) the New Covenant, which is Eternal, has been Enacted, and that in this New Covenant God Must give Himself and All His blessings to the Believers in Christ who Receive this Covenant By Faith."

A Covenant is Binding. The Lord's Blood Speaks to God that He Must give Himself and All His Blessings to Us, Not Because We're Worthy, NO...But Because Jesus Enacted the New Covenant by the Shedding of His Blood.

• Just before Jesus went to the Cross, He told the disciples in Matthew 26:28, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins".

POINT: The Lord's Blood, having Satisfied God's Righteousness, Enacted the New Covenant. In this New Covenant God gives Us Forgiveness, Life, Salvation, and all Spiritual and Divine Blessings.

• Luke 22:20 "In the same way, after the supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is poured out for you".

KEY: The Lord Shed His Blood, God Established the Covenant, and We Enjoy the Cup, in which God and All that is of Him Are Our Portion.

- The Blood is the Price that Christ Paid for Us.
- The Covenant is the Title Deed that God made for us.
- And the Cup is the Portion that We Receive from God."

Today the Blood of Christ Also Speaks that the New Covenant has Been Enacted. God's Righteousness has Been Completely Satisfied by the Blood of Jesus, *and We're the Beneficiaries*.

- Because of this, we can Enjoy God and Forgiveness, Life, Salvation, Love, Peace, Grace, and All Other Spiritual Blessings in the New Covenant.
- TRUE FAITH REST IN THE WONDERFUL SHED BLOOD OF CHRIST!

#4 IS IMPORTANT TO GRASP...The Blood of Jesus Christ Releases Us! If After You've Confessed Your Sins You Still Feel as if You're Bound and Subdued. **Take Revelation 1:5 to Heart**: "And from Jesus Christ, the faithful Witness, the Firstborn of the dead, and the Ruler of the kings of the earth. To Him who loves us and has Released Us from Our Sins by His Blood."

<u>KEY:</u> We are Released from our Sins by the Lord's Blood that He Shed for Us on the Cross. When we Confess our Sins, We Must Realize that We Are No Longer Held by Them, Because the Blood of Jesus Frees Us.

 The Blood of Jesus is a Releasing Blood! We can declare this great fact found in the Word of God and Say, "Lord Jesus, thank You for Releasing me from my Sins by Your Blood! Because of Your blood, they NO Longer Hold Me!"

Believing and Standing on the Word of God: When We Confess Our Sins, We should Believe in the Word of God and Put Our Trust in it, Not in our Unreliable Thoughts or Feelings.

POINT: Since the blood Christ shed for us is Enough for God, it should be Enough for Us.

God wants us to come to Him all the time to enjoy Him as our life and everything, and the blood of Christ is our way to do that.

• His Word is Unchanging and Trustworthy and tells Us the Blood of Christ Cleanses Us, Purifies Our Conscience, Speaks for Us, and Releases Us. We can have absolute confidence in it.

Therefore...Instead of being filled with fear and doubt, Let's Stand Upon God's Word and Declare the Facts in it. This will fill us with faith and thanks to the Lord!

"LIFE" POINT: I Will Run to the Cross and the Shed Blood of Christ!