

The Blood of Jesus

(Exodus 12:13)

- Introduction:
1. Liberal theologian Harry Emerson Fosdick said that the idea of Jesus' death on a cross as a substitution for the sins of others was a slaughterhouse religion.
 2. Allen Jones, another liberal theologian said, "The Church's fixation on the death of Jesus as the universal saving act must end, and the place of the cross must be reimagined in Christian faith. Why? Because of the cult of suffering and the vindictive God behind it."
 3. We sing songs such as "There is Power in the Blood," "What Can Wash Away My Sins," and "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood."
 4. However, some today actually oppose such songs and sermons about the blood of Jesus.
 - a. Some are too sophisticated and urbane to sing and speak of such things.
 - b. Many denominations have dropped songs about the blood from their hymnals.
 - c. The Presbyterian church wanted to replace the phrase, "on that cross, as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied" to "the love of God was magnified."
 5. But the blood of Jesus is the "good news" of the gospel.

I. The Cleansing Power of the Blood of Christ is Conditional

- A. (1 John 1:7).
- B. "If" is a conditional conjunction and speaks of the conditional nature of the cleansing.
- C. The condition itself is - "walking in the light."
- D. Walking in the light has reference to a manner of life; a lifestyle that is habitual.
- E. Walking in the light does not demand perfection (Romans 3:10,23).

II. The Cleansing Power of the Blood of Christ is Continuing

- A. (1 John 1:7).
- B. "Cleansing" is in the present tense, which denotes ongoing, continual action.
- C. This fact builds our confidence and gives us hope and security; It doesn't fade away.

III. The Cleansing Power of the Blood of Christ is Complete

- A. His blood will cleanse us of "all" sin.
- B. Any sin that a Christian can bring himself to repent of and confess is a sin that can and will be forgiven by Christ.
- C. (Psalm 19:12-13).

IV. The Cleansing Power of the Blood of Christ Must Be Contacted

- A. We must be washed in the "Blood of the Lamb." (Revelation 1:5).
- B. This cleansing takes place in baptism (Romans 6:3-4, 17-18).

- Conclusion:
1. Will you avail yourself of that salvation?
 2. If you have already, will you go out and tell others about it, that they too, might be saved?