

Eisenhower Church of Christ

There is Still Power in the Blood

The well-known hymn declares, “There is power, power, wonder-working power, in the blood of the Lamb.” As we study the New Testament, we identify numerous benefits of the blood of Christ.

1. ***It has reconciling power.*** The Gentile Ephesians, were at one time, “aliens from the common-wealth of Israel and strangers from the covenants of promise” (Ephesians 2:12), but they were “made nigh by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians 2:13); they were reconciled unto God by the cross (Ephesians 2:16). Even “when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of His Son” (Romans 5:10).

2. ***It has redeeming power.*** Jesus shed His blood and gave Himself for us in “that he might redeem us from all iniquity” (Titus 2:14). The only thing valuable enough to redeem us back into God’s favor is “the precious blood of Christ, “Who is “a lamb without blemish and without spot” (Titus 1:18-19).

3. ***It has remitting power.*** The blood of Christ is powerful enough to release us from the debt of our sins (Acts 2:22-38). As the song says, “He paid a debt He did not owe, I owed a debt I could not pay. I needed someone to wash my sins away. And now I sing a new song—Amazing Grace—Christ Jesus paid the debt that I could never pay!”

4. ***It has cleansing power.*** Jesus “loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood” (Revelation 1:5). John wrote of those who “washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb” (Revelation 7:14). Zechariah foretold that a fountain would be opened for sin and for uncleanness (Zechariah 13:1). That fountain was opened on Pentecost (Acts 2:38). It has been flowing ever since and we can triumphantly sing, “There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins. And sinners plunged beneath that flood lose all their guilty stains!” Only the blood of Jesus is powerful enough to wash away our sins. Thus, we sing, “What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus!”

5. ***It has sanctifying power.*** The Hebrews writer observed in Hebrews 9:13-14: “For if the blood of bulls and of goats and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” Thus, we read, “Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate” (Hebrews 13:12).

6. ***It has justifying power.*** Paul affirms that we are “justified by his blood” (Romans 5:9). We are “justified freely by his grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus: Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood... (Romans 3:24-25). This passage leaves no doubt concerning what it is that justifies us—it is the blood of Christ.

7. ***It has purchasing power.*** The blood of Christ purchased the church of Christ (Acts 20:28). One cannot be saved apart from the blood of Christ, but since the blood purchased the church, one cannot be saved without being a member of the blood bought church of Christ.

(Conclusion) The blood of Christ was shed so that all people of every kindred, tongue and nation might be saved (Rev. 5:9). The only beneficiaries of the blood of Christ are those who contact it by obedience to the gospel. The controversy has to do with when the blood of Jesus is applied to our sin-stained souls. The prevailing teaching among denominations is that, when one says the sinner’s prayer” he is saved. However, the fabled “sinner’s prayer is a concoction of the doctrines and commandments of men. Where is the verse where an inspired preacher ever instructed a sinner to say the sinner’s prayer in order to be saved?

Peter did not invite the hearers on Pentecost to bow their heads and invite Jesus into their heart. Rather, he commanded them to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). The

blood of Christ is what gives us remission of sins (Mt. 26:28) and being baptized in water, as a penitent, confessing, believer, is when this remission of sins is granted. The blood of Christ is what washed Saul's sins away (Rev. 1:5), but Saul's baptism in water (preceded by his faith and repentance) is when they were washed away (Acts 22:16). The blood of Christ is what purges our conscience from sins (Heb. 9:14), and the moment when we, as penitent, confessing, believers, are baptized is when we obtain that good conscience. (1 Pet. 3:21).

Some falsely accuse us of believing in "water salvation." In truth, we believe in "blood salvation." However, just as Naaman had to dip in water in order to contact the power of God to wash away his leprosy (2 Kings 5), we must, as penitent, confessing, believers, be dipped in water to contact the blood of Christ and enter the church of Christ.

— B. J. Clarke

Placed Membership

David and Jeanette Baldwin placed their membership with us here at Eisenhower last Sunday. Please give them and their daughter, Ariana, a very warm welcome.

Sympathy

Louis Ochoa (Rudy's brother) who was sent home from the hospital under Hospice Care last week, passed away around 11:00 a.m. on Friday, February 3rd in Bazine, KS. Rudy and Emma traveled there to be with their family during this sad time.

Prayer Request

Rudy Ochoa is scheduled to have cataract surgery done on his left eye Wednesday, February 8th. Please keep Rudy in your prayers that the surgery will be a success with a speedy recovery time.

Ann Ellison, who moved to San Antonio last Fall to live with her son, is scheduled for a hip replacement. Keep Ann in your prayers.

Lorelei Wood (Bill and Colleen Wood's granddaughter) fell and broke her arm. Her arm was put in a cast. Lorelei is nine years old. Pray for her speedy recovery.

Prayer List

Wayne Anderson; Maria Baeza; Betty Branson; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; LaDonna Chism; Cathy Eastwood; Mark Erwin; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Lon & Lana Howard; Charles Lewis; Jason Moore; Melissa Moore; Juan & Estella Morolez; Bruce & Trina Plyler; Terresia Weaver; Luke Wells; Carolyn Wilkerson; Ron Williams; Bill Wood; John Wood.

Eisenhower's Shut-ins

Glenna Callendar; LaVerne Couch, James & Joyce Drake; Ronda Lyne; Dusty and Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw.

Events

Watch "*In Search of the Lord's Way*" Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9.

Thank You

To the Eisenhower Ladies,

Thank you so much for all the candies and Christmas goodies during the holidays. We appreciate you and enjoyed the treats very much. Love you all, George & Jurlean

Office News

The items requested for our “**Food Pantry**” for the weeks of 2/5 and 2/12 are: canned meat, boxes of Jello and puddings.

The Problem of Evil

“Why doesn’t God keep children safe? Why does he allow children to die from cancer or accidents?”

These are questions that are often asked in our world. Some people stop believing in God because terrible things happen to innocent children. Sometimes, folks have difficulty understanding how a good and benevolent God could allow terrible things to happen to the innocent children.

Those who ask these questions must realize there are terrible diseases in this world. They came into the world at the same time sin entered. Since the souls that sin shall die (Ezekiel 18:4), diseases entered the World at the same time as death. When Adam and Eve sinned, they could no longer maintain their home in the Garden of Eden, nor could they maintain their immortality with God.

Children are affected by disease because all human beings are. It is inconsistent to think that children would be given immunity from death when they are, after all, human beings subject to disease and death.

What about children who are killed in accidents? Why doesn’t God prevent those deaths? The answer to both questions may sound oversimplified. Accidents happen. While accidents can be prevented, humans are always going to make mistakes and there will always be accidents. How can God prevent us from making mistakes when the free will He gave us guarantees we will do foolish things?

Innocent children die from the actions of undisciplined tyrants and evil men. Why can’t God prevent this? Again, the free will men have permits them to do some pretty horrible things to children. Yet, it is not God’s will that anything evil would happen to them. These things are a part of man’s will. God offers all mankind his way and the peace that comes with it. God told Judah, “Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer, The Holy One of Israel: ‘I am the Lord your God, who teaches you to profit, who leads you by the way you should go. Oh, that you had heeded my commandments! Then your peace would have been like a river and your righteousness like the waves of the sea. Your descendants also would have been like the sand and the offspring of your body like the grains of sand; His name would not have been cut off nor destroyed from before Me” (Isaiah 48:17-19) NKJV.

Whenever human beings begin listening and obeying the Lord God, spiritual and temporal peace will be ours. Until then, we must remember that almost all of the evil in the world is the product of man’s disobedience, not God’s will.

—John Henson

February 5, 2023

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Jeff Wesson
Oliver Hernandez
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Caleb York
Scot Straw
Richard Siler

P.M.

Jeff Wesson
Jacob Carson
Allen Weakland
Jeff Wesson
Isaiah Armendarez
Larry May
Gary Loving

Lords Supper

Craig Wesson
David Ryan
Jackie Perkins
Jr. Munoz

Jon Roemisch
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Jeff Wesson 556-5547 *Deacon:* Jacob Carson 940-3775 — *Pulpit:* Richard Siler 556-2151 — *Table:* Jon Roemisch 202-7725 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Steve Easlon 260-9716 — *Collections:* Steve Easlon

Sunday AM

“Commander”
(Joshua 5:13-15)

Sunday PM

“Memorials”
(Joshua 4:1-7)

Our Records

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