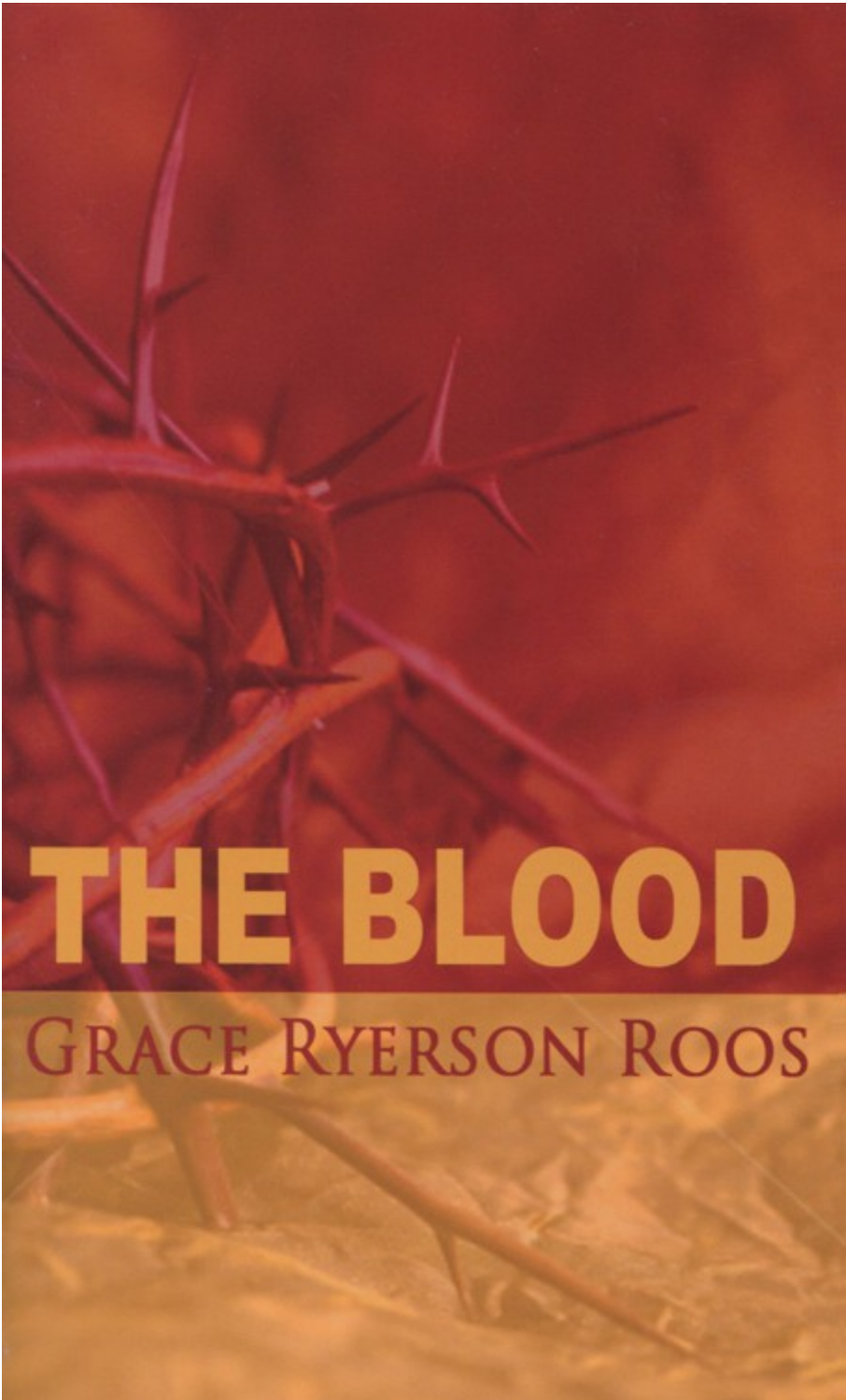


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The Precious Blood

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Oh! Precious is the flow

That makes me white as snow;

No other fount I know,

Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*For the life of the flesh is in the blood: and I
have given it to you upon the altar to make an
atonement for your souls.*

Leviticus 17:11

The modern day so-called Christian, despises or just ignores the dynamic importance of the blood of the Lord Jesus to our Christian faith. It has been called “that bloody religion” by the scoffers who prefer to trust in their own good works to take them to heaven, forgetting that it is written:

*Of how much sorer punishment, suppose ye
shall he be thought worthy who hath trodden*

under foot the Son of God, and HATH

COUNTED THE BLOOD OF THE

COVENANT, wherewith he was sanctified, AN

UNHOLY THING and hath done despite unto

the Spirit of grace?

Hebrews 10:29

It was God who demonstrated the protecting and

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delivering power of the blood, when He commanded Israel to take the blood of a perfect Lamb and daub it on the lintel and door posts of their houses to protect them from the judgment of the death angel who would pass through Egypt that night. All who hid behind the sign of the blood escaped judgments and those brave souls who preferred to “go on their own,” paid dearly for their presumption.

It IS presumption that we weak, sinful mortals can offer anything to God to take the place of the Blood of His Son. The blood of Jesus was His LIFE—not just merely spilled blood! When He shed His blood, it was His Holy LIFE that poured out before God, making atonement for our souls (giving satisfaction for wrong, loss or injury; in this case our

sins.) So tremendous was our sin and estrangement from God's righteousness, that it took the stainless life blood of the very Son of God to restore us.

Remember Galatians 3:21:

... For if there had been a law given which could have given life, verily, righteousness should have been by the law.

If God could have satisfied His perfect holiness and still atone for our sins in any other way, it would have been done, but WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO

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REMISSION.

Hebrews 9:22

God's complete holiness had to be justified in whatever He permitted. Sin HAD to be judged. There had to be a satisfactory solution in keeping with the gravity of the offense. The only answer possible was hid in God Himself. He had to provide

the way. He had to give of Himself (His Only Son) who alone was qualified to make atonement for us! In His infinite grace He provided our way of escape from eternal damnation and restored us to His fellowship. This is why the atonement of Jesus Christ is called “the precious blood.” It is infinitely precious because it was stainless, completely satisfying God’s holiness and yet redeeming us from our doomed and sinful state.

Satan knows how mightily the Blood of Jesus prevails before the throne of God for our redemption and so he seeks to discount it, to scoff and make light of it—to turn our understanding to lesser things. He knows well that Revelation 12:11 states, *“And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony.”* He seeks to keep us in ignorance of our surest weapon with which to defeat him. He knows the power that resides in the Blood of Jesus to overcome him. He

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fears the blood for it ministers death to him and his schemes.

For some time I had been facing a problem that apparently would not yield. I had exercised all the spiritual knowledge I possessed to bear on the situation. I was sure of my ground but still no results. Then Satan sought to whittle away at my foundation by suggesting I was going over board in my zeal to make much of the Blood of Jesus. I should simmer down to a rational view and be content—leave it all with God! But how could I rationalize the command to “*Resist the devil and he will flee from you?*” That was a direct order and the result was just as certain, “*he will FLEE from you.*” It came down to this, I either had to utterly believe what God said, or I would have to abandon my stand on the power of the Blood of Jesus to deliver us from Satanic oppression.

“Yes,” agreed Satan, “But you have battled

this problem for two years and the end is not yet in sight.”

Then deep within the voice of the Spirit of God gently admonished, “Do not let anything shake your faith in the power of the Blood of Jesus to overcome the enemy. Hold your

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ground and you will see!”

So I took a renewed stand of faith and declared to Satan, I was not his victim but his victor through my Lord Jesus who delegated His power to me in Luke 10:19, “*Behold, I give unto you power (authority) to tread on serpents and scorpions (types of demon power) AND OVER ALL THE POWER OF THE ENEMY; nothing shall by any means hurt you.*”

Today I can testify that my problem has resolved itself. I can begin to see the hand of God moving in a quiet undertow, carrying along circumstances and

people toward HIS complete will in the matter. I KNOW the end result is the complete victory I had sought.

Dear Reader, if you are a member of the household of faith (faith in His Precious Blood to redeem YOUR soul from sin) then you are on the WINNING SIDE. The enemy sometimes wins a skirmish or a round with us, but that is not the overall WAR, just a tiny part of the great whole. The WAR is already won, for our Lord Jesus put the power of darkness to an “Open Shame” at the CROSS OF CALVARY. When He said, “*It is finished!*” He meant the complete atonement for sin was finished and He had purchased unto Himself the

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souls of men redeeming them from the power of Satan.

Jesus bought you! He paid for you with His own blood! You are His the minute you accept His gift of

life for your spiritual death! Believe it! Rejoice in it!

Never doubt it!

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A Spiritual Lesson

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*And they overcame him (Satan) by the
Blood of the Lamb and the word of their
testimony.*

Revelation 12:11

Several years ago the Holy Spirit taught me a lesson in spiritual warfare that I have never forgotten, and I have used it successfully many times since.

I was sitting in my living room praying, when in a vision I saw the outside door open and a giant of a man step into the room, closing the door behind him. He had a sneering grin on his face and in my heart I knew he was a demon spirit. I ordered him to leave the house. He threw back his head and laughed mockingly. I repeated my order emphatically. Again

he just laughed, highly amused. I jumped out of my chair and faced him. Pointing to the door, I commanded, “*In the Name of the Lord Jesus, get out of here!*”

He roared with laughter, utterly unconcerned.

Then to emphasize I was nothing in his sight, he reached for me with his long, powerful arms and picked me off my feet, cradling me against his chest like one would a baby. I was very indignant and

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began beating his head with my fists, ordering him with every breath to put me down. He laughed the harder, overcome with mirth that I should even try to fight him. Look at his size! I did not have a chance! I created so much fuss, however, he finally put me back on my feet.

I stood there looking up at him, praying silently, “*Lord, what do I do now?* ’ Immediately I felt the handle of a long whip slipped into my hand, and

then I KNEW what to do. I raised that whip (which represented the Blood of our victorious Lord Jesus) and whipped him unmercifully with it. He was startled but gave no sign that he noticed the beating, continuing to laugh mockingly at me. But I KNEW the power of this whip and faithfully applied it to him with all the strength and determination I had. He kept up his bold front of unconcern and confident victory—but suddenly I noticed the mocking light in his eyes was fading and an unwilling look of respect took its place. I immediately took courage and renewed my attack, commanding him on the authority of the Blood of Jesus Christ to leave my home at once. Continuing to laugh, yet seeking to deceive me to the end, he tried to hold his ground, but suddenly overcome with the power of that victorious holy blood, he opened the door and fled.

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Another time I came out against Satan in

definite conflict. I knew I was fighting the powers of darkness in a certain matter and the way to victory was to deal with them, not the individual they were using. I walked up and down the room, witnessing to Satan ALOUD that Jesus had given me victory over him and all his works and I resisted him here and now. Suddenly the Holy Spirit rose within me and spoke through my lips, *“I chastise you, Satan, with the Blood of The Lord Jesus Christ.”*

Immediately I felt the opposing wall of darkness begin to recede. Seizing my advantage, I repeated the statement exactly as the Spirit Himself had worded it. Again I felt the “give” in the opposition. I continued to fight the unseen adversary until I Knew he had fled and I had *“overcome him with the Blood of the Lamb and the word of my testimony.”*

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Time for Reflection

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A great deal has been said in this issue about the

power and virtue of the Blood of our lovely Lord Jesus.

Some of you have read with reservations. Some of you are rejoicing because God has put a new sword in your hand to fight the enemy with.

Some are saying inwardly, *“Yes, I believe all that is possible, but it's not for me. I just can't lay hold of the Word in such a fashion and make it work for me.”* (Doesn't that savour Satan, the chief instigator of doubt?? Be careful WHOSE thoughts you are uttering!!)

I feel deeply impressed to remind you that God says we are MORE THAN CONQUERORS. Are we? He also plainly stated that, *“Behold, I have given you power over... all the power of the enemy, and NOTHING SHALL BY ANY MEANS HURT YOU.”* (Luke 10:19) Do we believe it, or are we filled with some more reservations?! Just how much do we BELIEVE WHAT GOD SAYS??? Does God have favorite children He pours out His Spirit upon,

and others He deals with a stingy HAND AND WITHHOLDS THE DEEPER BLESSING?? Is He like THAT?? Can you find or recall one incident in 15

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the Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) where He withheld His deliverance when it was sought for? When God brings us into spiritual light and understanding, He expects us to walk in that light. When He shows us that the Blood of Jesus Christ wields great power in the spirit world against the enemies of the Cross, then He expects us to take that truth and apply it to our circumstances and gain the victory that He promises it contains. If we REFUSE to do so, we “*cut off our nose to spite our face,*” as the world says. We have cut ourselves off from our deliverance. God will not permit us to slip back into the easier way of begging God to undertake and refuse to shoulder our share of the fight and develop our “soldier” potentials that make us ever more

valuable to Him. He wants courageous followers, trained fighters who KNOW HOW to force the battle and take the victory.

The Lord wants YOU and ME to gain the victory. He wants US to stand our ground and not give place to the devil. He wants us to learn first hand just how mighty IS the power that is in the Blood of Jesus. It is not written for nothing that they *“overcame him (satan) by the blood of the Lamb and the Word of their testimony.” Rev 12:11*

Take up the whip of the Blood of the Lamb and

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fight the battle you are IN NOW. Stand on your ground, declare openly to Satan that this is your ground and you hold it by virtue of the Blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Keep testifying to him that you are more than a conqueror thru that same glorious Blood and he has already been defeated at Calvary. Witness to him of his defeat—let him know that you

know He is a conquered foe and only holds his position by bluff and deceit.

It is the blood of JESUS that Satan fears and runs from. We must identify the Blood that we bring to our defense. It is something I never fail to do. It is Jesus who secured our victory. It was Jesus who shed his blood!!! It was Jesus who purchased us with His own Blood and defeated the Satanic hordes forever! Rejoice and give heed—let His Blood cover you and prevail for you constantly.

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His Flesh and His Blood!

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I woke myself up early one morning, saying in the Spirit, *“I eat His flesh, and I drink His blood, and I am HIS!”* My spirit, even in my sleep, was testifying to the enemy just how thoroughly I belong to God!

It brought to mind the 6th chapter of John, verses 53-57:

Then Jesus said unto them, verily, verily, I say unto you, except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you. Who so eateth my flesh, and drinketh my blood, hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood, dwelleth in me, and I in him. As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father. So he that eateth me, even he shall live by me.

(The same unity between God the Father and the Lord Jesus, is the unity Jesus seeks to have with His own!)

Here is the mystical food and drink of the Lover of the Lord Jesus Christ. Here is the “bread” and the “wine” that feeds our spirits and causes us to

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flourish. Of course, this eating and drinking is a

spiritual thing. It is the branch drawing life and fruit from the vine which nourishes it. (John 15:1-8) The branch has no life in itself except as it draws from the vine; so we have no spiritual life in ourselves, only as we abide in Him.

We “eat” his flesh and “drink” his blood, when we partake of His Spirit, blend with His purposes and submit ourselves to His perfect will in ALL things! We eat his flesh and drink His blood when He is the sole object of our heart’s desire; when HE is the hub of our wheel, when every day is lived under the conscious management of the Holy Spirit.

When we eat of Him, we live By Him.

This is better experienced than explained. Since it is an experience, a deeply satisfying life in the Lord, words will never truly depict ALL THAT IT MEANS. Our spirit KNOWS and ENJOYS this unity with God—rejoices in the strength received from the “flesh” and the “blood;” but to put it in words where everyone can understand is almost an

impossibility. Yet we try.

This spiritual eating and drinking reminds me of the feeding and nourishment that the unborn babe receives through its mother. The sustenance to produce life and to encourage development and

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growth are provided by the mother—so it is in the Spirit, we “draw” all our spiritual life from Him who is our LIFE. In Him is all necessary ingredients to make us strong, completely developed and vigorous. The eating and drinking are not as “conscious” a thing as our natural meals (at least to begin with) but it is as definite a necessity for spiritual development as the unborn babe in the womb. When the child is born, he begins to recognize his own needs and cries for the nourishment his body demands. This is our spiritual selves crying for the satisfaction that only comes from HIM who is the Source of our Life. Finally he develops sufficiently to “feed” himself.

So do we—through the Word and communion in prayer. As we develop further in obedience to the Word and grow in spiritual understanding, HE BECOMES THE FOCAL POINT OF ALL OUR INTEREST. Everything else takes a secondary place. This is the stage in our experience where we CONSCIOUSLY eat and drink of Him, because without it we would “die.”

Our spirits are so completely dependent upon Him for all their satisfaction. We yearn for Him, search for Him, r-e-a-c-h for Him because HE IS OUR LIFE, OUR COMPLETE SATISFACTION AND APART FROM HIM THERE IS NOTHING! We just seek Him, not His gifts, not His blessings,

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not anything He can give in return for our devotion, but just because we just MUST HAVE HIM, JUST MUST ABIDE IN HIS PRESENCE AND DRAW FROM HIS LIFE. Only He can meet the cry of the

soul for an ever-greater unity with its Creator and
Lover.

So, we can testify, *“I eat His flesh and I drink
His blood, and I am His!”* For He said, *“My flesh is
meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that
eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood DWELLETH
(abideth) in Me and I in HIM... he that eateth me,
EVEN HE SHALL LIVE BY ME,”* in the unity with
His father as He walked the earth, ministering to the
needs of men! Hallelujah!!

*Looking for that blessed hope, and the
glorious appearing of the great God and Our
Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us,
that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and
purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of
good works.*

Titus 2:13-14

*And having spoiled principalities and
powers, he made a shew of them openly,
triumphing over them in it.*

Col. 2:15

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Meditate upon these things; give thy self

wholly to them—

I Tim 4:15

ADDRESS HIM! It was almost one o'clock in the morning. I had left my bed and was sitting at my desk in my small office preparing to meditate and pray, or wait on the Lord in whatever way He indicated. I was quiet of spirit and peace reigned all around me. Suddenly the command came forcefully, "*Stand tall in the spirit and address him!*" Amazed, my thoughts flew, "*Address him!*" Why? I am not aware of any spirit of darkness! But knowing the Lord had spoken, I stood to my feet and turning I addressed the empty room, quietly, calmly, phrasing my words with care, listening for the guidance of the Spirit, "You messenger of Satan, you have no part in me. The Blood of Jesus ministers death to you. You

are bound and defeated, I will not be a brick to be used to build your kingdom. All your works around me, over me, and in me, come tumbling down as the Blood of Jesus sends them to a crushing defeat. On the authority of the Lord Jesus Christ I overcome you!”

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The Life & Flesh - Lev. 17:11

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Precious - 1 Peter 1:19

Necessary - Heb. 9:23

Conquering - Rev. 12:11

Reconciliatory - Eph. 2:13, 16

Redemptive - Rom. 3:24, 25 & Eph. 1:7

Justifying - Rom. 5:9

Sanctifying - Heb. 10:29 & Heb. 13:12

Eternal - John 6:53-56

Cleansing - Rev. 7:14

Communion - 1 Cor. 10:16

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The Blood of Jesus Is

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Alive!

I woke up and the Spirit was speaking. I hurriedly rose and wrote the following:

The Blood of Jesus purges me of every defilement of the enemy.

The Blood of Jesus keeps and guards my mind day and night.

The Blood of Jesus prevents deception and aborts every attempt of the enemy to deceive me.

The Blood of Jesus is my divine covering and protection against all the fiery darts of the evil one.

Yea, the Blood of JESUS IS ALIVE! So full of life and grace it perfects that which concerneth me—reconciling everything in me to the perfect will of God every day and

in every way.

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