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The Blessings of the Blood

Introduction

Gal 6:14-16 ... *“Glory except in the Cross”*

Paul’s thorough and radical conversion —

“a new creation” (v15)

“this rule” (v16)

i.e. a personal revelation of the New Covenant

(1 Cor 11:23-25) ... *I received from the Lord*

The life is in the Blood (Gen 9:4)

Our redemption is thro’ the Blood of Christ —

(1 Pet 1:18,19)

Blessings of the Blood of Jesus —

1. Deliverance from Judgment & Darkness

Ex 12:12,13/Heb 11:28 ... Firstborn passed over!

Similarly, Josh 2:15-18 ... Rahab! Even the worst of sinners can be saved!

“Harlot Rahab” (Heb 11:31)

Heb 2:14,15 ... *Fear of Death*

(Natural fear overcome by supernatural boldness)

Col 1:13,14 ... *Power of darkness*

eg) Eph 6:12

2. Justification & Sanctification

Step I —Eph 1:7 ... Forgiveness

Step II —Rev 1:5 ... Washing

Step III—I Jn 1:7 ... Continual cleansing

Step IV—Rev 7:14 ... Washing amidst trials & tribulations

3. Witness & Access

1 Jn 5:8-11 ... Inner assurance

No more guilt

So we may *boldly enter the Holiest* —

Heb 10:19-22

The Father sees us “in” and “through” Christ only —

Total identification

Rom 6:3-6 ... *dead ... buried ... rose ...*

Here lies the significance of water baptism.

4. Fellowship with God’s Children

Eph 2:11-16 ... eg) Jews & Gentiles

1 Cor 11:25 .. The Lord’s Supper

“In remembrance of Me” (1 Cor 11:24)

a) The Lord’s Death (v26)

b) The Lord’s Covenant (v25)

c) The Lord’s Body (v29/ 10:16,17) (1 Jn 1:7)

d) The Lord’s Coming (v26)

The Lord’s Supper is **not** for unbelievers —

Ex 12:43-47

Unworthy participation — Sickness (vv29,30)

Worthy participation — Healing!

Ex 15:22-26 ... The Tree and then the statute of healing

Isa 53:5/Mt 8:16,17 ... Healing stripes

5. Life of Obedience & Service

- We are basically children of disobedience (Eph 2:1-3)
The Blood of Jesus not only cleanses us but also leads us to obedience —

1 Pet 1:2 ... very *election*

Heb 12:24,25 ... *speaking better things than Abel ...*

so obey.

Cain could not escape the voice of Abel's blood!
The Blood of Christ exerts a holy influence on us
to keep us in the bounds of obedience.

- Heb 9:14 ... *Conscience purged* to serve God
(v21 ... *vessels sanctified*)

Service not accepted without Blood (eg. Cain)

Heb 13:20,21 ... *complete in every good work* ...

6. Victory over Satan

Rev 12:11 ... *Blood + Testimony*

Not easy ... like a magic ...

but to resist risking life — “*though unto death*”

The enemy tempts us through —

a) the flesh —

Victory thro' the Cross (Gal 5:24)

A constant reckoning.

b) the world —

Victory thro' the Cross (Gal 6:14)

Sodom & Egypt (Rev 11:8)

Beware of demonic music, etc.

Demonic oppressions/Corrupting the mind

7. Eternal life & Resurrection

Jn 6:53-55 ... *My flesh ... My blood*

Heb 9:12 ... *Eternal redemption*

We are safe and secure under Christ's Blood.

Rev 5:9,10 ... *The Song of the Redeemed* ...

:12,13 ... *The Lamb who was slain*

Thus Christian life from Alpha to Omega

is covered by the Blood of Christ.