**The Blood Still Works**

(Romans 3:25 KJV)

*Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;*

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he subject of this sermon is "The Blood Still Works." Someone once has said—that wherever you cut the bible it will bleed.”  So, that means that the subject of the blood flows through the bible just as it does through our veins.  The focus on the blood is spoken of 427 times in our Bible, so it is easy to see, this is not a minor theme. Insomuch—we must understand that without the blood, the Gospel is dead and we are deprived of eternal life.

Again, the bible as a bloody book begins in the fourth chapter of the book of Genesis with the chronicling of the first murder of Abel by Cain, and ends with the heavenly war correspondent, John the Apostle, reporting prophetically of the horse-bridle depth of blood flowing in Armageddon's grisly valley.

In the study of biology 101 you'll learn that the blood is essential to the body. And that no other tissue of creation is quite like the blood—with its mixture of fluid and tiny boats that are called corpuscles, it flows through the body. In fact, everyone here, every living body, is kept alive by the blood. And that blood flows through your body carrying life giving nourishment to the body cells, while at the same time, as it returns back to be filtered, it carries away life destroying wastes. How like the blood of Jesus Christ—as he flows through us, He washes our souls clean and takes away from us that which would destroy our spiritual life, just as the blood does in the body.

God's dealings with every individual soul are on the basis of the shed blood of Christ. To those who ridicule the blood, and reject the blood—there can be nothing else ahead for them but God's wrath. Now, some may ask, "How about the sins of the people before Christ came to the earth?" Well, Christ was the Lamb of God; He was slain from the foundation of the world in order that we may have eternal life. And today I must say, "The Blood Still Works!"

* The Blood of Christ **Satisfies**
* The Blood of Christ **Secures**
* The Blood of Christ **Sanctifies**
* The Blood of Christ **Safeguards**
* The Blood of Christ **Surrendered**

1. **The Blood of Christ Satisfies:**

The blood of Christ completely satisfied God, as the Pascal Lamb of God. If you know anything about the importance of the lamb as it referred to the blood of redemption—you'll understand that Jesus as the lamb provided His blood, for the sins of humanity and satisfied God's judgment rendered against us. Now under Judaism in order to atone for the sins of the people the lamb had to be male gendered. And for four days they had to examine the lamb before he could be sacrificed—being certain that the lamb had no blemishes.

In fact, for 33 years in the New Testament they examined our Saviour, and His enemies finally admitted and said, "I find no fault in Him." The Prophet Isaiah in the times of ole said, *"He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth: he is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth. (Isaiah 53:7)* You see? *A lamb to the slaughter as sheep before her shearers is dumb."* What was He? He was a lamb. He was a male lamb. He was what else? He was wilthout blemish. What else? He died, but that isn't all.

Paul is saying in the text that Jesus is our propitiation which means that He returned us to a state of favorability or good will with God— This means that our past sins are remitted, which means that we are restored to a sinless state—not because we are not sinners, but because our faith in the blood of Jesus takes our past sins away.

Jesus was appointed and published to be propitiation on our behalf—we can also verify this in a type and shadow of the Old Testament. The mercy-seat or place of atonement—because the blood of the sacrifice was sprinkled on and before the coming of Jesus, in order to obtain remission of sin, and punishment. The mercy-seat was the lid or cover of the Ark of the Covenant, where God was manifest in the symbol of his presence by way of a cloud, between the cherubim; therefore the atonement that was made by the priest was a simulation of Jesus giving His life on our behalf.

Again, “Propitiation” means to gain or regain the favor of, to appease someone who has been wronged. These results in expiation: the making amends or atoning. The Greek word translated propitiation in Romans 3:25 is the same word translated “mercy seat” in the Greek Old Testament. So that mean that Jesus was and is the Mercy Seat, “That’s where he’s sitting right now making intercession for humanity. "The Blood Still Works!"

1. **The Blood of Christ Secures:**

Thank God for Christ Jesus—because through His blood we are saved, sealed and secured until that great day of redemption. Well, how did Jesus redeem us? The answer will be found in the type and shadows of Jesus. The Old Testament sacrifice of animals and birds were types and shadows of the coming Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ. On a yearly basis, they would bring the blood of animals and offer it as a basis of atonement. "Atonement" has the idea of a covering. The New Testament emphasizes the word "reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18). It speaks of the restoration of the favor of God to sinners that repent and put their faith in the expiatory death of Jesus Christ. The Old Testament tells us Jesus is coming to redeem us.

Jesus gave His blood to secure us to himself. He gives us the confidence in knowing that he's in charge of our lives and protects us from our enemies. You must understand that no one can break through the barrier of his blood—no one can destroy the relationship that you and I have with Him. "The Blood Still Works!"

(Romans 8:38-39 KJV)

*38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come,39Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*