

And, having made peace through the **blood of his cross**, by him to **reconcile** all things unto
himself; by him, I say, whether they be things in
earth, or things in heaven.

COLOSSIANS 1:20 (BIBLE)

YOU can be cleansed from your sin and guilt TODAY!

## WE NEED CLEANSING BECAUSE WE ARE ALL UNCLEAN IN OUR SIN

God's Word declares, "As it is written, There is **none righteous**, **no not one**" (Rom. 3:10) and "For **all have sinned**, and come short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23) We sin when we break God's law, the 10 commandments. 1 John 3:4 reads, "sin is the transgression (breaking) of the law." We have all broken God's law by lying, lusting, stealing, blaspheming, coveting, putting other things before God etc... and are therefore guilty before God. Because of our sin, we deserve the penalty for sin which is eternity in hell. Romans 6:23 warns, "**For the wages of sin is death**; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord." The Bible calls this death the second death, "And death and hell were cast into the lake of fire. **This is the second death**. And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire." (Rev. 20:15) As sinners, we deserve hell.

## WE NEED CLEANSING BECAUSE WE ARE UNCLEAN IN OUR SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS

Isaiah 64:6 reads, "But we are all as an **unclean** thing, and all our righteousnesses (good works) are as **filthy rags**..." Even the good things we do are stained with our sin. No amount of good works or deeds (e.g., baptism, acts of charity) can wipe our sin debt clean! God's Word plainly states, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; **and that not of yourselves**: *it is* the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9)

The only thing powerful enough to cleanse us from our sins is the precious blood of God's sinless Son. The Gospel (good news) is that "Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures:" (1 Cor. 15:3-4). Jesus Christ died on the cross and shed His perfect blood as the payment for our sin so we could be forgiven and have eternal life. God loves us! (Jn. 3:16)

There are <u>8 SALVATION BLESSINGS</u> the blood of Christ offers for those who will apply the blood by faith to their sinful hearts.

**RECONCILIATION is available through Christ's Blood:** "And, having made peace through the **blood of his cross**, by him to **reconcile** all things unto himself...And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he **reconciled**." (Col. 1:20-21)

**FORGIVENESS is available through Christ's Blood:** "In whom we have redemption through his **blood**, even the **forgiveness** of sins." (Col. 1:14) For those who repent, God is "**ready to forgive**; and **plenteous in mercy** unto all them that call upon thee." (Ps. 86:5)

## **REDEMPTION** is available through Christ's Blood:

"Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not <u>redeemed</u> with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with **the precious blood of Christ**, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot." (1 Pet. 1:18-19) To be redeemed is to be set free from slavery to sin and Satan!

**RESTORATION** is available through Christ's Blood: "But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are <u>made nigh</u> by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who hath made both one..." (Eph. 2:12-13)

**JUSTIFICATION** is available through Christ's Blood: "But God commendeth (showed, demonstrated) his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now <u>justified</u> by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." (Rom. 5:8-9) Justification means to be declared/made righteous before God by faith in Christ <u>alone</u>. "Therefore being **justified by faith**, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ." (Rom. 5:1)

**PEACE is available through Christ's Blood:** "And having made **peace** through the **blood** of his cross..." (Col. 1:20) (See also Eph. 2:12-13; Rom. 5:1)

**ATONEMENT (a covering for sin) is available through Christ's Blood:** "Whom God hath set forth *to be* a <u>propitiation</u> (atonement) through faith in his blood..." (Rom. 3:25)

**CLEANSING is available through Christ's Blood:** "And from Jesus Christ, *who is* the faithful witness, *and* the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that **loved us**, and <u>washed us</u> from our sins in his own blood," (Rev. 1:5) (See also 1 John 1:9)

Will you apply Christ's Blood by faith right now? You must:

**REPENT** (change of mind/attitude) over your sin and self-righteousness. Turn to Christ to save you from sin. Jesus said, "...except ye **repent**, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:3)

**BELIEVE** the Gospel that Christ died for your sins, was buried and rose again. "**Believe** on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be **saved**." (Acts 16:31)

**ASK** Jesus Christ to come into your life as your personal Saviour and Lord. Romans 10:13 gives a wonderful promise, "For **whosoever** shall call upon the name of the Lord **shall be saved**."

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