

## **The Power of the Blood**

For the month of April we have been looking at the different aspects of the Resurrection that can be applied to our lives to empower us. Each aspect brings with it a Power from God that can be activated or applied in our lives.

### **The Power of the Resurrection –**

#### **Col. 2:15**

And having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.

#### **2Cor. 2:14**

But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ's triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him.

His triumph becomes our triumph if we begin to live as victors instead of victims.

### **The Power of the Cross - Rom. 6:6**

For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin-

Gal 2:20 I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God,

...our **old man** is crucified with *him*...

The Cross is a stake in our lives that says 'this far and no more.' We are dead to sin IF we are willing to take our stand.

### **The Power of Forgiveness – Luke 6:37**

Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Forgiving, releasing others that have hurt or offended us releases God to rule over those situations, hurts, etc., and brings greater freedom in our lives.

EX. Elma India Healing

**So our encouragement is that you take the principles from this month and apply them to your lives.**

## **This Week – The Power of the Blood.**

The Blood of Jesus is the agent or ingredient that brings cleansing, healing, and so much more.

Blood is the life of all flesh.

**Lev. 17:11** For the **life** of a creature is in the **blood**.

Man's blood became corrupted by the entrance of sin. Sinless blood was needed to redeem man.

**Isa 7:14** (NKJV) *""Therefore the Lord Himself will give you a sign: Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and shall call His name Emmanuel."*

The Holy Spirit over-shadowing the Virgin Mary planted within her the Divine seed of the Father and with it the sinless blood needed for the atonement.

### **Heb. 9:22**

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the **shedding** of blood there is no forgiveness.

For us to be forgiven, the price for our sins has to be paid. The payment for sins is blood.

### **Rom. 3:25**

God presented Christ as a sacrifice of atonement, through the shedding of his blood--to be received by faith. He did this to demonstrate his righteousness,

The BLOOD OF JESUS IS the payment.

**Romans 5:9** Since we have now been **justified** by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him!

We are made JUST – righteous through His blood and no more enemies of God! Just as if I had not sinned!

WE have **PEACE** with God through the Blood:

**Colossians 1:19-20** *For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, 20 and through him **to reconcile** to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.*

*To reconcile =to coagulate. To bring together.*

We have CONFIDENCE to come **BOLDLY** before God because the Blood has made a way, and MADE US HOLY.

**Hebrews 10:19** *Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,*

The curtain in the temple was torn. WE have access to go in. NO more a mediator or a priest.

**So all of this is the Result of the Blood shed on the Cross: Forgiveness, Righteousness, Salvation, Peace with God, Confidence, Boldness.**

**That is the Power of the Blood.**

I want us to jump back to the Old Testament and see the process so that we can get a better picture of how this works and what it means to us.

We first see blood at work in Genesis chapter 3.

After sin entered, man deserved death. So death had to take place for his sin to be covered.

God introduced a substitute, a sacrificial death in order to cover man's sinfulness. This was implied when God clothed them with coats of skin, which had to have come from an innocent animal.

**Gen 3:21**

The LORD God made garments of skin for Adam and his wife and clothed them.

Adam and Eve were clothed in the death of another. The innocent died for the guilty. This was the first of all the animal sacrifices.

So the stage is set for Jesus Blood Sacrifice just 3 chapters into the Bible.

We find blood again in the **Exodus out of Egypt**. After 400 years of slavery, it is time to be FREE.

The REDEEMED life is about a move from spiritual, moral, physical slavery – into **FREEDOM**. Only possible through the Cross, Resurrection, Forgiveness of Christ.

Plague after Plague was released over Egypt to secure the RELEASE OF GOD's people. Nothing worked.

Then in Exodus chapter 12, the death angel was passing through Egypt and the firstborn were dying.

For the Israelites, they were instructed to sacrifice a lamb and put the lamb's blood over the doorpost of their homes.

**Ex. 12:22** Take a bunch of hyssop, dip it into the **blood** in the basin and put some of the **blood** on the top and on both sides of the doorframe. None of you shall go out of the door of your house until morning.

**Exo 12:13** (NKJV) "Now the blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you are. And when I see the blood, I will pass over you; and the plague shall not be on you to destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt."

**The blood is a SIGN of God's protection over our lives.**

This EVENT became the Passover FEAST. An annual spiritual festival in Judaism from this point forward.

It so happens that Jesus WAS CRUCIFIED on the actual Jewish Calendar of Passover. **HE became the FINAL Passover Lamb to be sacrificed.**

John 19:14 And it was the preparation of the **passover**, and about the sixth hour: and he saith unto the Jews (Pilate), Behold your King!

From these two Biblical stories, we clearly see that blood has the power to cover us. And foreshadows the Blood of the Lamb at the Cross.

As we jump ahead to Jesus, the difference is that his sacrifice is once and for all. His blood is holy and without sin.

His blood does not just cover. His blood CLEANSSES. WASHES AWAY. His blood is like no animal blood was. Those were just types and shadows until THE LAMB made the ultimate sacrifice.

In Revelation chapter 12 it is talking about the devil making war against the saints of God. But .....

**Rev. 12:11** says, "And they **overcame** him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

The devil DOES not have a weapon that penetrates the blood of the Lamb.

You can pray a blood covering over whatever belongs to you, your property, business, home, car, children, spouse, etc.

**Rom 10:8** (NKJV) "But what does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the **word of faith** which we preach):"

FAITH in the Power of the resurrection, Power of the Cross, Power of Forgiveness & Power of the Blood of Jesus.

Speak by faith out of your mouth and cover what is under your authority with the Blood of Jesus! This is something we do regularly.

This is where the POWER of the Blood **continues** to have an impact in our lives.

**WE OVERCOME BECAUSE HIS BLOOD ALREADY OVERCAME AS WE HAVE TALKED ABOUT THE LAST THREE WEEKS.**

YOU WANT TO LIVE UNDER THE BLOOD'S POWER TO PROTECT YOU!

**EPH 6:17** says PUT ON the helmet of Salvation. This is part of our armor – our protection as believers. How are we saved? The blood of Jesus.

So a HELMET of Salvation is the same as covering your MIND with the blood of Jesus. Dreams, thoughts, nightmares, fear, the WAR going on in your head can be stopped by declaring that your mind is covered with the blood of Jesus. (EX. BING FRYER)