

Wednesday Word, September 21, 2016: Pleading the Blood

In recent weeks I've had several inquiries concerning the practice of verbally pleading the blood over everything we do and say. This activity seems to be a widespread practice among certain groups. After reading some material defending this practice, I'm of the opinion that people who verbally plead the blood over themselves are not testifying to the finished and full Gospel. They, in fact, have reduced the blood of Christ to a mere superstition. Claiming the blood over them as a protection formula, puts them on the same level as a person who wears a rabbit's foot to ward away evil. Hey, it didn't bring that rabbit any luck when he had the foot neither will pleading the blood bring any blessing to us.

These dear people have, without knowing, turned the blood of Jesus into a hocus-pocus ritual, a sort of magic wand that they think will protect them from evil and harm.

But, pleading the Blood of Jesus is not Biblical. Nowhere in the Bible does Jesus tell us to plead His Blood over ourselves. Furthermore, nowhere in the Bible does anyone ever plead the Blood of Jesus over themselves or others. I repeat, this practice of pleading the blood over ourselves is non-biblical.

On the other hand, we see from Scripture what the blood has already accomplished.

We are,

Justified by His Blood, Romans 5:9

We have Redemption through His Blood, Ephesians 1:7

Peace has been made through His Blood, Colossians 1:20

We have been made near by His Blood, Ephesians 2:13

We have been cleansed by His Blood, 1 John 1:7

The Blood is incorruptible Blood, 1 Peter 1:18-19

Our conscience is purged by the Blood, Hebrews 9:14

We enter into the Holiest by His Blood, Hebrews 10:19

We are set apart by His Blood, Hebrews 13:12

We overcome by His Blood, Revelation 12:11...in other words, we make our testimony that which has already been accomplished by the blood (this is not the same as pleading the blood).

Jesus, the sacrificed Lamb, is now our High Priest in heaven. As God's Children, the blood of Jesus has already been applied to our lives. When Christ Jesus ascended to heaven, He entered into the Holy of Holies and sprinkled His precious blood upon the Mercy Seat before the throne of God. Hebrews 9:12 says; "Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."

His enemies are already vanquished. The blood has already triumphed. Christ became a curse, and now we have the blessings of Abraham (Galatians 3:13).

It's redundant to plead the blood of Jesus over us to protect us. We are already under the blood and the care of the one sovereign and true God.

Nor can we cover unbelievers with the Blood of Jesus so that they one day become saved. Is salvation now the result of ritual magic? A thousand times no! There is no magic ritual in the Gospel.

Of course, it is correct to thank God for the accomplishments of the Blood. Unquestionably, it's lawful to remind the forces of spiritual darkness of the triumph of the blood. But to reduce the blood of Christ to a little magic formula is anti-gospel. It is another form of legalism. In the legalists mind, God will do something but only if we do something first (i.e. plead the blood).

Pleading the blood is sheer anti-gospel nonsense and leads to disappointed casualties up and down the country.

And that's the Gospel Truth!