

The Blood of The Lamb

A Study by Franklin

Revelation 12:7-12

And there was war in heaven, Michael and his angels waging war with the dragon. The **dragon** and his angels waged war, (8) and they were not strong enough, and there was no longer a place found for them in heaven. (9) And the great **dragon** was thrown down, the **serpent** of old who is called the **devil** and **satan**, who **deceives the whole world**; he was thrown down to the **earth**, and his angels were thrown down with him.

- This is also spoken of in: Isaiah 14:12; Ezekiel 28:12+
- Satan **lost** the battle in heaven, but **won** the battle with Adam by his **deception**. Then the Revelation jumps forward to the coming of Christ and there was a **dramatic change**.

(10) Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, **Now** the **salvation**, and the **power**, and the **Kingdom** of our God and the **authority** of His Christ have come, for the **accuser of our brethren** has been **thrown down**, he who **accuses them** before our God **day and night**.

- **NOW Salvation has come! THE VICTORY HAS BEEN WON !**

A few days before the Cross, Jesus said: **Now** judgment is upon this world, **now** the ruler of this world will be cast out John 12:31

Hebrews 2:14 Through death (the Blood of The LAMB of GOD) He rendered **powerless** him who had the power of death, that is, the devil, (15) and **set us free**.

- **"The Power:"** Acts 10:38 Jesus of Nazareth, God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with **power**, and He went about doing good and **healing** all who were oppressed by the devil, for **God was with Him**.
- **"The Kingdom"** of God has **returned** to the earth with it's **power** and **authority** as demonstrated by the life and ministry of JESUS CHRIST. However, HE has now returned to HIS Throne.

And He says to us:

Matthew 28:18 **All authority** has been given to ME in heaven and on earth. (19) **Go therefore . . . In His Authority** (20) And truly **I am with you always**, to the very end of the age.

And : as the Father sent Me, so I **send you**. John 20:21

- **Who Me???**

Hebrews 2: (6) What is man . . . (7) YOU have crowned him with **glory** and **honor**, and **appointed him** over the works of your hands (Psm.115:16) (8) **You have put ALL things in subjection** under his feet But **NOW WE DO NOT YET SEE ALL THINGS SUBJECTED TO HIM**.

However That Day is Coming: Romans 16:20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under **your feet**

- **Yes You !!!**

You have "HIS Authority" and "The **Power:** "

Acts 1:8 **You** will receive **power** when the Holy Spirit has come **upon you**; and **you** shall be My witnesses . . .

Philippians 4:13 I can do all things through Him who **empowers me**.

And what about "**The KINGDOM**"

Jesus said: **the KINGDOM OF GOD is within YOU**. Luke 17:21

The KING is within you ! I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but **CHRIST LIVES IN ME**. Galatians 2:20

Colossians 1:26-28 the **mystery** which has been hidden from the past ages and generations, but has now been manifested to **His saints**, (27) to whom **God willed** to make known what is **the riches of the glory** of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is **CHRIST IN YOU**, the hope of glory.

- **His Apostles Demonstrate how we should live – our mission:**

Luke 9:1-2 He called the twelve together, and gave them **power** and **authority** over all the demons and to **heal** diseases. (2) And He sent them out to proclaim the **kingdom of God** and to perform **healing**.

Luke 10: 1,17-20 Now after this the Lord appointed seventy others, and **sent** them . . . The seventy returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are **subject to us** in Your name. (18) And He said to them, I was watching Satan **fall** from heaven like lightning.

When satan rises up **we** are to bring him down with the **power** and **authority** given us.

(19) Behold, **I have given YOU authority** to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the **power** of the enemy, and **nothing** shall by any means hurt you. (20) Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that **the spirits are subject to you**, but rejoice that **your names are written in heaven**.

- The “**accuser**” is dethroned – cast down. He **has been defeated** here on earth also.

The battle still rages, however we should walk and live in the **confidence**, the **peace**, the **power**, and the **authority** of **THE VICTORY** that is **Finished**, that is **final**, that is **determined**, that **HAS BEEN WON**.

- In spite of this He continually “**accuses**” us. Why? Because he hates us. Because Christ is now in us. And we are His ambassadors with diplomatic immunity and he cannot touch us without permission.
- Are his accusations just? Do we sin? YES!
- He accuses us of each and every sin with delight, that now he **may** be allowed to attack and again imprison us. Because sin gives him a legal right, sin is his territory, his kingdom. Example: Luke 22:31

So, WHAT CAN WE DO? HOW can we maintain and walk in THE VICTORY?

Revelation 12:11 And **they overcame him** because of

- (1) **the blood of the Lamb** and
- (2) because of the **word of their testimony**, and
- (3) **they did not love their life** even when faced with death.

(12) **For this reason, rejoice**, O heavens and you who dwell in them. **Woe to the earth** and the sea, because the devil has come down to you, having **great wrath**, knowing that **he has only a short time**.

- The “evil one” is giving it all that he has, and his intensity increases as his time ticks away and is almost expired.
- 1 Peter 5:8 **Be careful, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.**

We overcome, and stand in Safety, in Peace and in Victory by:

1. The **Blood** of the Lamb – what JESUS **has done** for us.
HIS BLOOD WON THE VICTORY. WON OUR FREEDOM.
2. The **word** of our testimony – our part, what we do.
3. Total **commitment** to the LORD, regardless of whatever . . .
even unto death.

We overcome satan when we **know** - **believe** & **testify** to who JESUS CHRIST is, what His BLOOD accomplished in His Death on the Cross, and His Resurrection.

Isaiah 5:13 **My people go into exile for their lack of knowledge**

Hosea 4:6 **My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge.**

John 8:32 **you shall know the truth**, and the truth will make you free

Daniel 11:32 **My people who know their God** will display strength and take action.

What has the Blood of JESUS done for us? What is our testimony?

I. HIS Blood has JUSTIFIED us:

Romans 5:8-9 **God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (9) Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.** (justified - aorist passive participle: happened in the past with ongoing results to the present)

- To **justify** means: **to make righteous** / to release / set free / clear from sin and declared “not guilty.” Acquitted.

Therefore there is **now no condemnation** (no judgment) for those who are **in Christ Jesus**. For the law of the Spirit of life in **Christ Jesus** has set you free from the law of sin and of death. Romans 8:1-2

For understanding, here is the history:

Romans 5:12 Through **one man** sin entered the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned

Romans 5:17-18 For if by the transgression of **THE ONE** (Adam) death reigned through the one, much more **those who receive** the abundance of **grace** and the **gift of righteousness** WILL REIGN IN LIFE through **THE ONE**, Jesus Christ. (18) So then as through **one transgression** there resulted **condemnation** to all men, even so through **one act of righteousness** there resulted **justification of LIFE to all men**.

[Righteousness and Justification are the same Greek word]

Through the "**first Adam**" sin passed to all men (Romans 5:12).
Through the "**last Adam**" (1Cor.15:45) death was paid in full (Rom.6:23)

And the "**gift of righteousness**" is **offered** to all, but **given** to "**those who RECEIVE** the abundance of grace." And they are TOTALLY and COMPLETELY JUSTIFIED and "**reign in LIFE**" Eternally.

The Great Exchange – JESUS, the perfect, sinless Lamb of God, took our sin with its penalty & judgment, and paid the full price for our **justification** and **redemption** with HIS own **BLOOD**. The FATHER being satisfied OPENED WIDE THE GATES OF HEAVEN for all who will **believe** and **receive**.

➤ Here is my view of the "**Gates of Heaven**" being opened:
On His Resurrection He first (Ephesians 4:8-9) **descended into the lower parts of the earth**, then He **ascended on high**, leading captive a host of captives
Who were the O.T. saints waiting in "Abraham's bosom" (Luke 16:22)

Angels ascending with Him cried out to the heavenly gate keeper:
Psalm 24:7-10 **Lift up your heads, O gates, and be lifted up, O ancient doors that the King of glory may come in!** The Angelic Gate Keepers ask: **Who is the King of glory?** And the answer is: **The LORD strong and mighty, The LORD mighty in battle, The LORD of hosts, He is the King of glory.**

My Testimony is, as the Great Hymn says:

"My Hope is built on nothing less than JESUS BLOOD and RIGHTEOUSNESS."

The Death of JESUS CHRIST on the Cross – HIS BLOOD – has taken care of the **sin problem** for **those who receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness** for they **WILL REIGN** (rule, stand Victorious) **IN LIFE** through Jesus Christ.

My Testimony: The BLOOD of JESUS has Justified me – I am free – just as if I had never sinned –I am acquitted from the wages of sin - and I have been given HIS Righteousness. I am Righteous because of the BLOOD of JESUS Christ and have been given ETERNAL LIFE.

1Corinthians15:57 **Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our LORD JESUS CHRIST.**

II. HIS Blood has REDEEMED us

To redeem means to **"buy back what originally belonged to you."**

We were the LORD's – **He chose us in Him before the foundation of the world** (Eph.1:4) – but because of Adam we were born in sin and death - satan's kingdom – a slave, under the authority and control of the evil one.

But JESUS walked into the darkness of satan's domain and **paid the price** for our **FREEDOM**, paid the price for our **REDEMPTION**.

1 Peter 1:18-20 knowing that you were not **REDEEMED** with perishable things like silver or gold (**why not?**) from your futile way of life inherited from your forefathers, (19) but with **PRECIOUS BLOOD**, as of a lamb unblemished and spotless, **THE BLOOD OF CHRIST**.

- **Value** is determined by . . . the **Price Paid to Purchase**.
- So, **How Valuable Are You ?**

Hebrews 9:12 . . . through **His own Blood**, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained **ETERNAL redemption**. This will NEVER change!

Therefore there is now no condemnation (no judgment) **for those who are in Christ Jesus**. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. Romans 8:1-2

Not only did the LORD JESUS Purchase us but: He **rescued us from the domain of darkness, and transferred us into the kingdom** of His beloved Son, (14) in whom we **have redemption**, the forgiveness of sins. Col.1:13

So, to what degree am I still living as **if I was in** the kingdom of darkness?

- Something to seriously consider:

1 Cor 6:13-20 Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that **you are not your own?** (20) **You have been bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body.** The LORD holds us Responsible for what we do with HIS BODY.

The Truth and Importance of REDEMPTION is taught early in the Scriptures as **THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB** refers back to the LORD's chosen people being REDEEMED and set free from Pharaoh in Egypt.

Exodus 12:2 This month shall be **the beginning of months for you**
(3) **EACH ONE to take a lamb for themselves**

- Every individual person is to "take the LAMB of God," JESUS CHRIST for their salvation. And that point is the beginning of unending months for you.

according to their **fathers'** households, **a lamb for each household.**

- There is ONE LAMB for **our FATHER's household or family.**

(7) **they** shall take some of **the blood** and put it on the two **doorposts** and on the **lintel** of the houses in which they eat it.

- We do this, and enter into the Blood Covenant, when we **believe** that **Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God** and that **His Blood alone** provides salvation. At that point we **receive the abundance of grace and the gift of righteousness and reign in life through the One, Jesus Christ.**

(Romans 5:17)

(8) They shall **eat the flesh** that same night, . . . and they shall eat it with unleavened **bread** This is a traditional Covenant meal of that day.

(11) you shall eat it in this manner: with your **loins girded**, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand. . . — **it is the LORD'S Passover.**

- Having entered into the Blood Covenant (laying down my life for Him) we should be ready to go wherever the LORD leads or sends us.

(2Cor.5:14-15)

(13) **The blood** shall be a sign for you on the houses **where you live**

- The Blood on the doorposts and lintel **guard** the place of **entry** and **exit** to the place where you live – **your body**.

and **when I see the blood**

- The Blood is for the LORD. HE looks for the Blood of HIS SON.

And when HE sees it . . .

I will **pass over you**, and **no plague** will befall you **to destroy you** when I strike the land of Egypt. See Psalm 91

(23) . . . and **when He sees the blood** . . . the LORD will **pass over the door** and **will not allow** the destroyer **to come in to your houses** to smite you. The LORD guards and keeps the door of our life.

THE PASSOVER CELEBRATION. HALLELUJAH !

JESUS, The LAMB of GOD, now explains the Passover: John 6:54-57

He who **eats My flesh** and **drinks My blood** has **eternal life**, and I will raise him up on the last day. For **My flesh is true food**, and My blood is true drink. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood abides in Me, and I in him.

- How do we understand this? What does He mean?

At the Last Supper: the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took **bread**; (24) and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, **This is My body**, which is for you; do this in **remembrance** of Me. (it is a reminder of the covenant) (25) In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, This cup is **the new covenant in My blood**; do this, as often as you drink it, in **remembrance** of Me. (26) For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, **you proclaim** the Lord's death until He comes.

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

- When we **eat** the bread (His Body) and drink the cup (His Blood) we are **proclaiming**, (testifying) and **reminding** ourselves, that we **have** received the LORD JESUS CHRIST **within** ourselves and **have** entered into **Blood Covenant with Him**.

Psalm 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD **say so**, whom **He has redeemed** from the hand of the adversary

Our testimony is well stated in: Colossians 1:13-14

He delivered me from the authority of darkness, and **transferred me out** of that kingdom and **into** the Kingdom of HIS beloved SON, (14) in whom **I have redemption**, the **forgiveness of my sins**. . . by the BLOOD of JESUS Christ.

1 Corinthians 15:57 Thanks be to God, who **gives us the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

III. HIS Blood has FORGIVEN us:

Hebrews 9:22 **without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness**

Ephesians 1:7 In Him **WE HAVE redemption** through **HIS BLOOD**, the **forgiveness** of our trespasses, according to the **riches of His grace**

Hebrews 9:26 He . . . **put away sin** by the sacrifice of Himself

Hebrews 10:17-19 And their sins and their lawless deeds **I will remember no more**. **Now there is forgiveness** . . . Therefore, **we have confidence** to enter the HOLY PLACE by the **BLOOD of JESUS**

1 John 3:5 You know that He appeared in order to **take away sins**; and **in Him there is no sin**. We are "in Christ" (Rom. 8:1; 1Cor.1:30; 2Cor.5:17)

Revelation 1:5 To Him who **loves us** and **released us** from our sins **by HIS BLOOD**

Psalms 103:10-12 **HE has not** dealt with us according to our sins, nor **rewarded us** according to our iniquities. (11) For as high as the heavens are above the earth, **so great is His lovingkindness** toward those who fear Him. (12) As **far as the east is from the west**, so far has HE **removed** our transgressions from us.

Colossians 2:13-15 When you were **dead in your transgressions** and the uncircumcision of your flesh, **HE made you alive** together with Him, (How?) **having forgiven us** all our transgressions, (How did He do this?) (14) having **anceled out** the **certificate of debt** consisting of decrees against us, which was hostile to us; and **He has taken it** out of the way, having **nailed it to the cross**. (What was the result of this?) (15) When He had **disarmed** the **rulers** and **authorities**

- Satan's armor is his lies & deceit. "angel of light" 2Cor.11:14
- His weapon is sin

HE made a **public display** of them, having **triumphed over them through HIM**.

The Public Display:

A Roman general, after he had defeated his enemies, would strip off their armor, their weapons, their clothes and then march his defeated enemy through the streets of Rome. It was a public spectacle and his victory march.

And now He has given us the victory:

1 Cor. 15:57 Thanks be to God, who **gives us the victory** through our Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Cor 2:14 Thanks be to God, who always **leads us** in triumph in Christ, and manifests through us the sweet aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place.

Romans 16:20 The God of peace will soon **crush Satan under your feet**.

Psalms 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD **say so**, whom **He has redeemed** from the hand of the adversary

We MUST Boldly believe and declare, **"By the Blood of JESUS I am redeemed from the hand of the evil one."**

IV. HIS Blood has Reconciled us:

To reconcile means: to restore to a **right relationship**, to restore friendship, to restore peace. To restore the relationship HE had with Adam.

Colossians 1:22 **HE has now reconciled you** in His fleshly body through death, **in order to** present you before Him **holy** and **blameless** and **beyond reproach**

1 Cor 1:8 **He will** confirm you to the end, **blameless** in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Phil 1:6 He who began a good work in you **will carry it on to completion** until the day of Christ Jesus. What the LORD has begun HE WILL FINISH. He will NOT lose a single one.

Romans 5:10 For if while **we were enemies** we were **reconciled** to God **through the death of His Son**, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life.

We were enemies – separated from our Father. Isaiah 59:2 **But your iniquities have made a separation** between you and your God, and **your sins have hidden His face** from you so that He does not hear.

Psalms 11:7 The LORD is righteous, He loves righteousness; **the upright will behold His face**
 Psalms 105:4 **Seek His face continually.**

2 Corinthians 5:17-21 God **reconciled us** to Himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation**, (19) namely, that God was in Christ **RECONCILING THE WORLD** to Himself, **NOT COUNTING THEIR TRESPASSES AGAINST THEM**, and He has committed **to us** the **word of reconciliation**. (20) Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God**. (21) He made Him who knew no sin to **be sin** on our behalf, **so that** we might become the **righteousness of God** in Him.

- **We** have been **reconciled** & **all** given the **ministry** of reconciliation. Every believer is a minister and has a very important ministry.
- HE has **reconciled the world** to Himself **not holding their sins against them**. This is the GOOD NEWS we are to tell everyone.

1 John 2:2 HE Himself is the propitiation (satisfaction) for **our sins**; and not for ours only, but also for those of **the whole world**. John 1:29

JESUS was introduced by John: Behold the Lamb of God who **takes away the sin of the world**.

Not only has He reconciled ALL but He has also bought ALL.
2 Peter 2:1 But false prophets also arose among the people, just as there will also be false teachers among you, who will secretly introduce destructive heresies, even **denying** the Master who **bought them**, bringing swift destruction upon themselves.

He has **reconciled all** & He has **purchased all** . . . So does this mean everyone is going to heaven? NO ! Because

There is one SIN UNTO DEATH:

Jesus said, speaking of the Holy Spirit, : John 16:8-10 HE will **convict the world of sin** and of righteousness and of **judgment**; (9) **of sin, because they do not believe in Me**. (10) concerning righteousness, because I go to the Father and you no longer see Me; (11) and concerning judgment, because the ruler of this world has been judged.

- This is the "sin unto death" - unto eternal death.

This answers **the question**:

"If God is a God of Love, how can He send anyone to hell?"

The Answer: He doesn't. People send themselves.

We **MUST** beg them on behalf of Christ, **be reconciled to God**. 2Cor.5:20
 We **MUST** encourage them **to receive** the abundance of **grace** and the **gift of righteousness** Romans 5:17

It is OUR RESPONSIBILITY, as His ambassadors, His priests, to tell EVERYONE the Good News of what the BLOOD OF JESUS has done for them.

Eternal Life is there for anyone who **believes** and **accepts** "The Way, The Truth and The Life" – JESUS CHRIST. (John 14:6)

In other words: the BLOOD of JESUS can be **Received or Rejected**.

My Testimony:

The BLOOD of JESUS has **Justified** me – has **Redeemed** me – has **Forgiven** my sins – and has **Restored** me to a right relationship my Savior JESUS CHRIST and my Heavenly FATHER.

V. The Blood of Jesus Christ Sanctifies or makes us Holy (same Greek word. Sanctify is the verb, Holy is the noun)

Hebrews 13:12 Therefore Jesus also, that He might **sanctify** the people **through His own blood**, suffered outside the gate. NASU

The NIV says it this way: And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate **to make the people holy** through His own **blood**. Hebrews 13:12 NIV

Hebrews 10:10 By this will **we HAVE BEEN sanctified** (made holy – NIV) through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once **for all**.

Acts 26:18 . . . that they **may receive** forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who **have been sanctified by faith in Me**.

The word, holy or sanctification has two meanings:

1. A believer is made **HOLY** (pure, clean, righteousness) only by the BLOOD of JESUS because "HE who knew no sin became sin for us, that we might be made **the righteousness of God** in Him." (2Cor.5:21).
2. The fact that we are Holy or Sanctified **sets us apart** from all the rest. Sets us apart from the **common** and **ordinary**, and **dedicated** for **special use and privileges**.

You Have Been made HOLY and SET APART from all the rest –
Therefore **We Should Live That Way:**

1 Peter 1:14-16 As obedient children, do not be **conformed** to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, (15) but like the Holy One who called you, **be holy yourselves** also in all your behavior; (16) because it is written, "you shall be holy, for I Am Holy." NASU

You Have Been Set Apart, Dedicated for Special Use & Privileges:

1 Peter 2:9 But you are a CHOSEN race, a **royal priesthood**, a **HOLY** nation, a people for God's own possession, (why?) **so that** you may **proclaim** the **excellencies of Him** who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.

Exodus 11:4-8 Thus says the LORD, About midnight I am going out into the midst of Egypt, (5) and all the firstborn in the land of Egypt shall die, . . . (7) But against any of the sons of Israel a dog will not even bark, whether against man or beast that you may **understand** how **the LORD** makes a **distinction** between Egypt and Israel. **Between His people & the people of the world.** As a child of GOD you are **DISTINGUISHED** from all the rest.

It was the **BLOOD** of the lamb that made the **distinction**, that **set them apart** from all the rest of the people, giving them **special treatment** and **privileges**.

Here is an interesting situation where we see only the meaning, "to be set apart:" 1 Corinthians 7:14 For the **unbelieving** husband is **sanctified** by his wife, and the **unbelieving** wife is **sanctified** by her believing husband

- Notice: the unbelieving one is NOT **sanctified by faith** as in Acts 26:18 but by the believing one.
- The unbelieving spouse and children are **set apart** and enjoy the **privileges** and **blessings** of the believing spouse as long as they are in the marriage covenant together. Because of the Blood.

The BLOOD of JESUS makes a "**distinction**" with HIS Believer and the Believer's house or family making it a **sanctuary**, a place or refuge or safety, protecting all of them from the "evil one."

Protecting and **Blessing** the **unbeliever** as long as he remains in the sanctuary, the place of refuge, with the covering of the believer. But should they walk away from the covering . . . that gives the “evil one” an opportunity. (Eph.4:27; 2Cor.2:11; 11:14)

Exodus 12:13 The **blood** shall be a **sign** for you on the houses where you live; and when **I see the blood I will pass over you . . .** (12:23) and will not allow the destroyer to come in to your houses to smite you.

Difficulties and Problems can arise between Believers and Non-Believers: Exodus 12:37-38 **Now the sons of Israel journeyed from Rameses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, aside from children. (38) A mixed multitude** also went up with them

- The Hebrew word “mixed” means: a mixture, a mongrel race, and is the word in the O.T. translated “Arabia.”

“A **mixed multitude**” is understood to be **true believers & nonbelievers** who were “sanctified,” (set apart) by the “blood of the lamb” and went out of Egypt with the people of the LORD.

- Some wise Egyptians obviously saw the people of Israel were exempt from the plagues and joined them when they left Egypt.

Their country now in shambles and seeing the awesome power of the Israelites’ God, caused them to join and travel with the LORD’s people for **preservation** and **provision**. But **without acceptance of**, and **commitment to**, the God of Israel.

- Many **nonbelievers** today are blessed because they live, for the most part, by the moral laws of the LORD, or with a believer.

But we Must recognize that a mixture causes problems:

Numbers 11:4 **Now the mixed multitude who were among them yielded to intense craving; so the children of Israel also wept again and said: Who will give us meat to eat? NKJV** (NIV says: rabble)

- This verse indicates that the “**mixed group**” among them was the catalyst that initiated the murmuring and complaining. This hardship was not what they came out for.

- And as recorded in 1 Corinthians 10:1-11 (5) with most of them God was not well-pleased; for they were laid low in the wilderness.

We also lived, and are now living, among a mixed multitude:

Ephesians 2:2-8 you formerly walked **according to** the course of this world, **according to** the prince of the power of the air, of the **spirit** that is now working in the sons of disobedience. (3) **Among them** we too all **formerly lived** (to some degree we still are) in the lusts of our flesh, indulging the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest. (4) But **God**, being rich in **mercy**, because of His **great love** with which He loved us, (5) even when **we were dead** in our transgressions, made us **alive** together with Christ, **by grace** you have been saved.

Paul refers to the bad consequences of a mixture in 2 Cor. 6:14-18:

Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness? . . . (17) Therefore, **come out from among them and be separate**, says the Lord. And **do not touch what is unclean**; and I will welcome you.

Peter speaks long and hard on this subject throughout 2 Peter 2

2 Peter 2:6-10 and if He condemned the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah to destruction by reducing them to ashes, having made them an **example** to those who would live ungodly lives thereafter; (7) and if He rescued **righteous Lot**, oppressed by the sensual conduct of unprincipled men (8) for by what he saw and heard that righteous man, **while living among them**, felt his righteous soul **tormented** day after day by their lawless deeds, (9) then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the **day of judgment**

- Lot and his family were seriously compromised by **where** and **who** they lived with. For details see Genesis 19.

2 Peter 3:10-14 But the **day of the Lord** will come like a thief, in which the heavens will pass away with a roar and the elements will be destroyed with intense heat, and the earth and its works will be burned up. (11) Since all these things are to be destroyed in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in **holy conduct and godliness**, (12) looking for and hastening the coming of **the day of God**, because of which the heavens will be destroyed by burning, and the elements will melt with intense heat! (13) But according to His promise **we are looking for** new heavens and a new earth, in which **righteousness dwells**. (14) Therefore, beloved, since you look for these things, **be diligent** to be found by Him in **peace, spotless** and **blameless**

2 Peter 3:17-18 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own **steadfastness**, (18) but **grow** in the **grace** and **knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

My Testimony: The Blood of JESUS has SANCTIFIED me, made me HOLY, and set me apart for special use as His **minister** and **ambassador**.

1 Peter 1:13-16 Therefore, **prepare your minds for action**, keep sober in spirit, **fix your hope completely on the grace** to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ. (14) As **obedient** children, **do not be conformed** to the former lusts which were yours in your ignorance, (15) but like the HOLY ONE who called you, **be holy yourselves** also in **all your behavior**; (16) because it is written, "YOU SHALL BE HOLY, FOR I AM HOLY."

VI. HIS Blood Cleanses us:

Another vital provision of the BLOOD of Jesus is **continual cleansing** from our daily sins which provides – results in – **fellowship / communion / intimacy** with JESUS and with one another.

Read: 1 John 1:5-10

1 John 1:7 **If we walk in the Light** as He Himself is in the Light, we have **fellowship** with one another, and **the BLOOD of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin**.

PLEASE NOTICE: this attribute of JESUS' Blood is for CLEANSING, resulting in FELLOWSHIP with JESUS and one another.

IT IS **CONDITIONAL** UPON:

(1) **what we do – how we live – how we walk (in the Light)**. This is an important part of our TESTIMONY. How we live day by day and not just what we say.

John 5:36 But the **TESTIMONY which I have** is greater than the testimony of John; for the **works** which the Father has given Me to accomplish — **the works that I do — testify about Me**, that the Father has sent Me.

Colossians 3:17 **Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father.**

(2) And it is conditional upon: **"if we confess our sins."** 1 John 1:9

CLEANSING then is an on-going, everyday aspect depending on **(1) how we live** and **(2) the confession our sins**. We may be clean and in fellowship, or we may not be.

CLEANSING **does not** affect our **eternal destiny** but it does affect our FELLOWSHIP, our COMMUNION with the LORD and one another.

If we are **NOT** CLEAN and in the Light – we have given opportunity for the "evil one" to come at us. (2 Corinthians 2:10-11; Ephesians 4:25-27)

FORGIVENESS, however, resulting in ETERNAL REDEMPTION **WAS** and **HAS BEEN accomplished FOR US** and **ONLY** on the condition of: **IF YOU BELIEVE** (John 3:16; 11:40; Acts 8:37 and many more).

Ephesians 1:7 **In Him WE HAVE redemption through HIS BLOOD, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of His grace**

Hebrews 9:12 **through HIS own BLOOD, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.**

The cleansing in 1 John 1:5-10 is for fellowship, **not eternal life**.

Example: Luke 22:24-32 their argument interrupted, hindered, their fellowship with the LORD and one another, opening a door for satan to work his evil. 2 Cor.2:10-11; Eph.4:25-27

Although we may **claim** the cleansing of the BLOOD of JESUS, **IF** we are **not meeting the conditions**, we will not be enjoying the **fullness of fellowship** and **intimacy** with our LORD that HE desires and wants with us.

The BLOOD of JESUS does not CLEANSE in the dark, but only as we **walk in the light**. That is – in TRUTHFULNESS, HONESTY, and INTEGRITY. And, whenever we sin – that we immediately CONFESS it to the LORD and to all concerned.

This continual confession can be called "spiritual breathing:"

Breath out confession of sin - Breath in forgiveness and cleansing.

To remain clean, unpolluted, we need the continual cleansing of the BLOOD of JESUS. Continual CONFESSION of our sinful thoughts, words & deeds.

Walking in the light consists of two actions:

1. Walking in **obedience** to the Word of God
Psalm 119:105 *Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.*
2. And walking in TRUTH and LOVE with our fellow believers.

2 Timothy 2:19-22 (21) *Therefore, if anyone cleanses himself from these things, he will be a vessel for honor, sanctified, useful to the Master, prepared for every good work.*

The Apostle John concludes his letter on this subject this way:

1 John 5:18 *We know that anyone born of God does not continue to sin; but he who has been born of God keeps him (or: keeps himself) and the evil one does not touch him.*

- "Keeps himself" is a legitimate translation and so translated by the NKJV
- It can also legitimately be translated as if the LORD keeps him: *"but He (JESUS) who was born of God keeps him"* NASU, NIV
- I think that in view of John's emphasis on our walking in the light and confession of sin, and 2 Timothy 2:21, that the best translation is "keeps himself" and when we do **the evil one cannot touch us !**

Our Testimony should be:

I am walking in the light and the blood of JESUS is cleansing me from all sin and the evil one cannot touch me.

VII. The Blood of JESUS continually Intercedes for us.

Hebrews 12:22-24 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, . . . (24) and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the **sprinkled blood, which speaks** better than the blood of Abel.

Cain murdered his brother, Abel. He then tried to disclaim responsibility, but the LORD said: **What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying to Me from the ground.** Genesis 4:10

The voice of Abel's blood cried out for vengeance. The BLOOD of JESUS speaks better – **continually** before the LORD **speaking** out for **Mercy** and **Forgiveness** – INTERCEDING FOR US.

The Blood of JESUS is the ever present – eternal - provision for our Justification – made Righteous, Redemption, Forgiveness, Reconciliation, Sanctification, and Cleansing.

It is as the LORD said: Exodus 12:13 **The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live; and when I see the blood I will pass over you, and no plague will befall you to destroy you**

Romans 8:31-39 What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who is against us?** (32) He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? (33) Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; (34) who is the one who condemns? **Christ Jesus** is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, **who also intercedes for us.** (35) **Who will separate us from the love of Christ?** Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? (36) Just as it is written,

"For your sake we are being put to death all day long; we were considered as sheep to be slaughtered."

(37) But in **all these things** we **overwhelmingly conquer** through Him who loved us. (38) For **I am convinced** that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, (39) nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, **will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in CHRIST JESUS our LORD.**

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