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Faith in the Blood of Christ

What did the Apostle Paul mean by faith in the blood of Christ? Romans 3:25. This actually speaks of believing what the Bible says concerning what the blood of Christ was shed to accomplish, and trusting Christ to do that work in you. You cannot have saving faith without both believing and trusting. Many people believe a doctrine of redemption, but far less actually trust Christ to do that work in them. The remainder of this article is given to show by the scripture what the blood of Jesus Christ was shed to do in and for you. We will share only what the scripture says, because anything else is merely a fable. II Timothy 4:4.

We have faith in the blood of Christ for forgiveness. The Bible tells us that God gave Christ as a sacrificial victim, “...*through **faith in his blood**, to declare his righteousness **for the remission of sins that are past**, through the forbearance of God;*” Romans 3:25. The Greek word for “*remission*” in this passage is *paresis* which speaks of “*passing by without taking notice or making mention.*” The Greek word translated “*that are past*” means “*to be already, that is, have previously transpired.*” This passage is declaring God’s forgiveness for sins that are in our past.

There is nowhere in the Bible which tells us God forgives our sins “past, present, and future.”

We have faith in the blood of Christ to wash us from sin. John wrote, *“Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood.”*

Revelations 1:5. The blood of Christ washes us from the contamination and stain of sin, not only in our heart, but also upon our body. The Apostle told us to *“draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”* Hebrews 10:22. The *“water mingled with blood”* which flowed from the side of Christ is God’s complete answer for the sin and sinfulness of mankind.

We have faith in the blood of Christ for cleansing from sin. The Bible says, *“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”* I John 1:7. Cleansing is not the same as forgiveness. John tells us *“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”* I John 1:9. Jesus rebuked those whom he said *“make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess.”* Matthew 23:25. The cup represents us. The outside speaks of the actions of our body. The inside speaks of the content of our heart. Jesus said, *“cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.”* Matthew 23:26. The blood of Christ will cleanse both.

We have faith in the blood of Christ to purge our conscience from sin. The Bible says, *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”* Hebrews 9:14. The word *“conscience”* speaks of your innermost thoughts and feelings. This is the source of sin and it is what Christ shed his blood to purge from sin. The Apostle continues, telling us, *“...the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins.”* Hebrews 10:2. When the blood of Christ purges your innermost thoughts and feelings, sin will no longer dwell in your *“conscience.”*

We have faith in the blood of Christ to sanctify us. It is an error to teach or believe that sanctification is the work of the Holy Ghost. The Bible says, *“Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people with his own blood, suffered without the gate.”* Hebrews 13:12. Our sanctification is the express purpose of the shed blood of Christ. Sanctification is not a process. It is a work Christ finished upon the cross and it becomes our reality when we believe the truth. Through faith in the blood of Christ, we are delivered from sin and made holy. Paul said, *“...we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”* Hebrews 10:10.

We have faith in the blood of Christ to make us righteous. The Bible says, *“Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”* Romans 5:9. Being *“justified by his blood”* is much more than what Abraham experienced. Christ died upon the cross

to deliver us from sin and make us righteous. Paul verifies this, saying, *“For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.”*

Romans 5:19.

We have faith in the blood of Christ for redemption. The Apostle Peter said you were *“redeemed from your vain conversation with the precious blood of Christ.”* | Peter 1:18-19. The Greek words translated *“vain conversation”* literally mean *“unprofitable behavior.”* The Apostle Paul told us *“we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.”* Ephesians 1:7, Colossians 1:14. It is important to understand that the Greek word *aphesis* which was translated as *“forgiveness”* in these passages literally means *“freedom.”* Redemption through the blood of Christ makes us free from all iniquity! Titus 2:14.

We have faith in the blood of Christ to work in us the works that please God. The Apostle said, *“Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ...”*

Hebrews 13:20-21. The work of the blood of Christ makes us perfect (complete) in every good work to do his will.” Pleasing God is not just a condition God works in our heart. He also works it in our works through the power of the blood of Christ.

We have faith in the blood of Christ to make us overcomers. The Bible 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.” Revelations 12:11. Overcoming victory over every work and device of Satan is found through simple faith in the shed blood of Christ. Many people go through a lot of religious activity which profit them nothing. Satan was defeated by the shedding of Christ’s blood, and we walk victorious today though faith in that same blood.

It is a mistake to seek to explain the purpose of Christ’s blood by referring to the sacrifices which were offered under the Law of Moses. The Apostles were very clear: Jesus Christ died on the cross to do *“what the Law could not do”* Romans 8:3 because *“it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins.”* Hebrews 10:10. Yet, that is exactly why Jesus Christ shed his blood for you!