

Apply the Blood

Lately we have been reminded of what Jesus has done for us in the shedding of His blood, and we are being shown again the need to apply His blood to our inner man through faith in His word.

"Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from a guilty conscience " Hebrews 10:19-22

"...let us draw near". It never ceases to amaze me that God wants us near to Him, and that He has made the way open to us through the shedding of Christ's blood. Our part is simple: to put our confidence, hope and faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ. Didn't Jesus say "It is finished!" when He died?

God has made it possible for us to be clean inside -- that is even in our conscience-- through the wonderful gift of Jesus' shed blood applied through faith in that blood.

This blood redeems us. That means it separates us from our sins, and from Satan's tormenting power. It is a line drawn by God declaring: "This one belongs to Jesus; he has been bought by His blood. Satan you have no power or right to this one! Satan, do not cross this line." It is the bloodline.

Do you remember the bloodline which all Israelites placed on the door to their home in Egypt the night of Passover? God said, "When I see the blood, I will pass over you!" That blood applied to their door was a guaranteed protection from the angel of death. On that night, death came into every Egyptian home, but on that same night, through the blood of the lamb, deliverance came to every Israeli family. They only had to apply the blood in faith and obedience...

The application by faith of the blood of Jesus to our inner man is one of our greatest needs. It is the blood of Jesus that draws a line within us between what is of God and what is not. It is a repelling force to demons, and a cleansing power to erase the guilt that plagues most of us. The blood of Jesus established in our conscience becomes the source of bold faith. Believers with blood washed consciences become dangerous to the devil, and useful to God.

Here is a proclamation concerning the blood of Christ which Derek Prince has published. Making this proclamation in faith is a great way to "apply the blood" to your life.

BY THIS I OVERCOME THE DEVIL

**I TESTIFY TO SATAN PERSONALLY AS TO WHAT THE WORD SAYS
THE BLOOD DOES FOR ME:**

**THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS, I AM REDEEMED OUT OF THE
HAND OF THE DEVIL.**

THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS, ALL MY SINS ARE FORGIVEN.

**THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST, GOD'S SON, CONTINUALLY
CLEANSES ME FROM ALL SIN.**

**THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS, I AM JUSTIFIED, MADE
RIGHTEOUS, JUST-AS-IF-I'D NEVER SINNED.**

**THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS I AM SANCTIFIED, MADE HOLY,
SET APART TO GOD**

**MY BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, REDEEMED,
CLEANSED, BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS.**

**SATAN HAS NO PLACE IN ME, NO POWER OVER ME, THROUGH
THE BLOOD OF JESUS."**

**Here's how you can apply the blood to your prayer life: "Father, I receive
the blood of Jesus with all its power to cleanse my conscience from accusation and
guilt. I affirm its power to separate me from Satan's forces and to enable me to
draw near to You. I come with that blood washed boldness to Your throne of grace,
that I may receive mercy, and might find grace to help in time of need."**

John Matthews