

## THE SPIRITUAL BLOOD OF JESUS MAKES OUR SALVATION A REALITY

“What can wash away my sin, nothing but the blood of Jesus.” Life is in the blood. It is the life of resurrected Jesus which is at work in us replacing our sin with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness, self-control. These are acts of righteousness produced by Jesus in us.

Adrian Rogers said that born again believers are inoculated with the spiritual blood of Jesus. So it is the spiritual blood that we sing about. It is the life of Jesus living within us that takes away our sin and produces the fruits of the Spirit in us.

“For my cleansing this my plea, Nothing but ... His spiritual blood cleanses. His Spirit  
lives in us to cleanse us.

“This is all my righteousness, Nothing but ..... His spiritual blood does  
righteous acts in us.

“What can make me whole again, Nothing but..... His spiritual blood, His  
resurrected life lived in us makes us whole again.

Jesus’ physical blood shed at Calvary makes our salvation possible.

Jesus’ spiritual blood, His resurrected life, His Holy Spirit in us, His words of life lived out through us, makes our salvation a reality.

2 Corinthians 13:5 Romans 8:10 Galatians 2:20 Ephesians 3:17 Colossians 1:27

You may ask, “Was the death of Jesus a real atonement?” No, the death of sinless Jesus was a provisional reconciliation. The word atonement is not a word found in the Greek New Testament. The Old Testament word atonement means “to cover.” Jesus did not cover up our sin. Jesus came to “die for our sin” meaning to “take away the sin of the world.” We can only be truly reconciled to God by being changed into a new creation. Regeneration requires the infusion of His resurrection life into us. Rom. 5:10

The resurrected life of Jesus infused into the spiritual life of the believer is what blood is to the physical life of the believer. The blood of Jesus is the resurrected life of Jesus flowing through the believer which cleanses from all sin. When Scripture talks about the saving power of His blood, it is speaking figuratively about the life of Jesus flowing through your very spirit.

Atonement is an Old Testament word. Reconciliation is the New Testament word which is empowered by the sacred blood, the shed blood, the saving blood, and the shared blood of Jesus. His blood is "sacred" because of His virgin birth. His blood was "shed" because He gave it. His blood is "saving" because it was "sinless" and because it is "shared" by those who believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior.

Today, the word atonement is used to describe the work of Jesus in saving us from sin. But Scripturally, the word atonement is never found in the Greek New Testament and never applied to Jesus. Jesus does not just cover our sin. Jesus takes away our sin. We are reconciled to God. We are changed.

God loves us. God the Father sent Jesus to rescue us from sin, death, and Satan. Jesus rescued us by defeating sin and Satan at the Cross. Jesus rescued us from death in His resurrection. Jesus is our new Adam. Believers are saved by the Spiritual Blood of Jesus.

The first Adam was allowed to experience sin and sin was introduced to all humanity. But God had a purpose and God still has a purpose for allowing sin, death, and suffering.

Jesus allowed sin to kill His physical body. Because Jesus was sinless in His life and sinless in His death, sin is condemned to total eradication from creation. Jesus arose from the dead with all power and authority to eradicate sin, death, and Satan. This total eradication of sin has been delayed for a purpose.

God has allowed all that has happened to humanity for an eternal purpose. God has planned to share eternal life with His created humans, but only cooperating humans who willingly experience His love will be allowed to participate. Cooperating humans learn to love the way that God loves by experiencing conflict, disappointment, and even grief. Jesus wept at the grave of Lazarus even knowing that He would raise Lazarus from the dead. We love the greatest when we care about the feelings and well being of other people. God wants us to care and to love. Without opportunity to do otherwise, we could not experience the deep emotions of God and the relief we can have when we truly learn that God loves us.

