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"There appeared . . . tongues like as of fire, and it sat upon each of them."

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Editorial.

THE TEMPLE IN AUBURN

IS rapidly rising in the air. As the church of the living God in that place is composed almost entirely of those that are poor in this world's goods, it is a tremendous undertaking to think of such a thing as securing \$1900. by the 25th of November. It is really a case of God or nothing. In order to further assist the little band of faithful ones, I will make the following offer. *For every full priced subscriber secured for the Tongues of Fire and sent to me at any date before Thanksgiving Day, I will give \$1.00 toward the erection of the temple in Auburn.* We are told in the Bible to "bear one another's burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ." I really believe

every person throughout the United States and Canada who is interested in apostolic religion, should prove it at this time. It is a time when the enemies of God are doing their very best to overthrow this work, and if ever you expect to stand by the true faith, do so now. *Accordingly I ask every interested person to spend Sunday Nov. 7th in fasting and prayer that the temple may be dedicated without the vestige of debt on Thanksgiving Day.* I have hoped that every State in the Union as well as Canada would be represented in this building. Won't you get one or more subscribers and represent your state? Thus far five different states have been represented, but instead of stating them at this time we will make a full statement in the paper containing the account of the dedication. Brethren fight the battles of the Lord faithfully.

AS THIS PAPER IS DEVOTED

ALMOST entirely to the subject of "The Blood," we have been obliged to throw out other important editorials which we had written. They will appear however in the next paper. I have asked each member of the school to write something concerning the meaning of Calvary, and with a few corrections and additions by the editor, the following is the result. I ask the special prayers of every Christian that this paper may be the means of the conviction and conversion of hundreds of precious souls throughout the world.

"THE PRECIOUS BLOOD."

1 Pet. 1: 19

- I. What the Blood Does Not Mean.
- i. It is Not Something Corruptible.

1 Pet. 1: 18, "Not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold." Ps. 49: 7, "They that trust in their wealth . . . none of them can *by any means* redeem his brother or give to God a ransom for him." No, not one thing of human wealth or wisdom can be offered to God, costly or precious enough to satisfy Him as ransom for a soul created in His own image, but through disobedience now living in bondage to sin. O, no! All are absolutely helpless to do one thing. So let no soul think for a moment that he can purchase salvation by good works or charitable deeds. That will not only prove a failure, but by the *insult* of ignoring *His plan* for salvation increase the wrath of God.

2, The Blood is not a Remedy which Saves the Unrepentant.

"The Lord is full of mercy . . . *by no means* clearing the guilty." There are those who claim because Christ died for all, that all will be saved irrespective of their condition, while it is only "through faith" that the sacrifice of Christ avails. Thus they pervert the truth and change it into a lie. Such a doctrine is false and unscriptural.

3. "To Receive the Blood" does not Mean the Popular Methods of Becoming a Christian Nowadays.

The idea that signing a card, joining a church, making a few outward changes in manner of living, or speaking in meeting makes a person a Christian is utterly false. By substituting something in place of the real blood of Christ, one completely ignores the meaning of Calvary in his salvation. Such teaching is deluding people on every hand. A young woman recently was apparently deeply convicted of sin. She eased her conscience by joining the Christian Endeavor, signifying she hoped to be a Christian sometime. There was no repentance or confession of sin, but her mind was relieved and she seemed to think she was all right. O, these horrible shams imposed on the people, leading them away from the plain rugged path of the cross and into the byways of the devil, blinding their eyes to their real need, and suffering them to go on believing a lie till the judgments of God shall reveal to their startled gaze the awful condition of their poor souls, "their own righteousness as filthy rags."

4. It Does Not Mean "Your Own Blood."

The following is the exact language used by a certain order of a secret society which claims for itself sufficient in its precepts to insure salvation to its followers. We quote from one of their own writers. To the question, "Whence came they?" (the ancients) the answer is given, "They are those who came here after passing through great tribulation and having washed their robes *in their own blood*. Will you *purchase* your robes at so great a price?" Such statements are simply infamous lies of the devil, and yet endorsed by hundreds of professed believers. It is blasphemy against Jesus Christ and the word of God, and such will receive just condemnation. Christians, isn't it time we got our eyes open to the condition of things and awoke to the need of the plain teaching of God's Word, contending "earnestly for the faith once for all delivered to the saints?"

5. It Does Not Mean Merely a Thing.

It is not "in word but in power." In Rom. 1: 18 we read of those who "hold the truth in unrighteousness." It is this class we mean when we say there are those talking

about the blood to whom it is a mere expression and not a fact. The words may be used glibly enough and yet because of lack of exactness with God the power of the truth has never become effectual in their lives. It is amazing, the people who are in this condition. It is horrible to find people who may have been teaching the principles of the Bible for a long time, and who when the great search light of God is turned on, are seen to be *not even saved*. It is an awful thing but it is true. God says in Ex. 23: 18 "Thou shalt not offer the blood of any sacrifice with leavened bread," that is, with corruption. Words, ideas, mental assent to the truth, is not the truth itself. Definite dealing with God and an exact compliance with His Word are the only grounds on which we may claim the power of the blood. Anything else even though it claims the highest things is absolutely unreliable.

II. What the Blood Is.

1. It is the Life of God Himself.

Deut. 12: 23, "The blood is the life." Jesus "gave Himself (His blood) a ransom for all." That was reality, that was a fact, which calls for just as real a fact in our acceptance of it and its application to our lives. It does away at once with all the false ideas of our having any part in salvation more than to believe and receive the remedy of God for all it means. The need is shown by what it took to meet it, even the very life of the Son of God. 'Twas a tremendous reality. Oh, the power of it! How it shows up the weakness of humanity and the mightiness of Divinity! *The life* of Jesus given for us! Isa. 53: 12, "He hath poured out his soul unto death." That is what "the blood" means. No little affair which may be treated almost as you choose, but the only possible way of escape from the eternal wrath of God. "Without the shedding of blood is no remission." Heb. 9: 22. Thank God! it is a perfect way.

2. It Is a Voice Speaking to God of Reconciliation.

Heb. 12: 24, "The blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel." The blood of Abel cried to God from the ground for revenge and punishment of Cain, the murderer, but the blood of Jesus "speaketh better things" even forgiveness of the sinner. It is the most eloquent appeal to God for mercy possible, for it pleads the sacrifice of His only beloved Son. "He ever liveth to make intercession for us" and all that He can bring as His plea before the throne is the blood. It is constantly crying unto Him in behalf of the whole family of earth, even for the vilest and most unworthy. It speaks of justice met and calls for "grace" for the offenders. Sublimest language, silent yet irresistible it still speaks more mightily than anything beside, till it thrills all creation and vibrates throughout an endless eternity.

3. It is a Covenant Sign of God's Favor to His People.

Ex. 12: 13, "And the blood shall be to you for a token . . . and when I see the blood I will pass over you." The blood upon the door posts was a sign of the surety of God's word for their safety. Oh! wondrous blood! It is indeed the token or promise from God that we may trust Him and fear not. Thus "the blood" means the life of God poured out to be given to the children of men. It means reconcili-

ation, a covenant and the life which reaches to every part of our being and effects "a new creation." It is supernatural and divine; the matchless conception of God Almighty. We do bow in deepest humility and gratitude before it.

M. E. G.

III. Who May Receive the Blood of Jesus Christ?

This precious fountain was opened, the prophet tells us, for sin and uncleanness, see Zech. 13: 1, hence for *sinners*. *Sin is a blood poison*. Dear readers you see nothing short of the blood of the Son of God could ever cleanse us from this terrible disease which has existed since the fall of Adam. You had better read John 6: 53 and see what it tells you. You say, "I don't need the blood, I never went into sin so very deep. I have been brought up to respect my parents and I live a very exemplary life." You have got that terrible disease just the same. You must apply the blood or you die. Another sinner says, "I am too deep in sin for the blood to reach me." Well you had better *reach it* then. You are surely a sinner. We don't read of any place in the Bible where God excuses any degree of sin in this dispensation. Perhaps you are like many Christians I have met with, you may be troubled with some of your old devilish habits. Take a good look at the first epistle of John 1: 7. This is the only remedy for the cleansing of the devil's retreats in the heart. The devil likes to keep a corner in the heart for smoking, sometimes a corner for cider, again a corner for silly jesting. You had better look up Matt. 5:37, Eph. 5: 4, and Matt. 12: 36, 37. Perhaps they will cause you to feel your need of the blood, I pray that it may. Perhaps you keep company with a God-hating companion. You need the blood applied, may God help you to do so before He sets you one side. I have met so many Christians weak and afraid to own Jesus as their Saviour. I think that is the greatest privilege of my life to be a witness for the King of glory. "We will rejoice in thy salvation and in the name of our God we will set up our banners." The blood must be applied before this scripture can be fulfilled in your life. Then, bless God, it will become quite natural for you to praise Him. Bless His dear name for the precious blood of Jesus which He shed for this lost world through the boundless love of our heavenly Father.

Who may receive God's remedy?

Listen to the answers:

1. Whoever is lost; for "the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which is lost."
2. Whoever accepts the Saviour; for "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish."
3. Whoever accepts salvation; for Christ Himself said, "Come unto me *all ye* that labor," and His Spirit adds "Whosoever will may come."

"Those things which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, *do*, and the God of grace shall be with you."

W. A.

IV. What May Receive the Blood.

Heb. 9: 22' "Almost all things are by the law purged with blood."

1. Private Dwelling Places.

Lev. 14: 52, "He shall cleanse the house with the blood." Every home throughout the land should be cleansed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Each one of you, dear readers, should take the blood to cleanse your home from strife of tongues, works of the flesh, evil spirits, ungodly visitors, diseases, and all that is contrary to the highest will of God. This is God's own plan for "Once in the end of the world hath he appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself."

2. Whatever Vessel or Instruments You May Use as You "Do All Things to the Glory of God."

Heb. 9: 21, "He sprinkled with blood . . . all the vessels of the ministry."

3. The Meeting-place or House of Worship.

Lev. 16: 16-19, "He shall make an atonement for the holy place . . . shall sprinkle of the blood and cleanse it." Heb. 9: 21, "He sprinkled with blood . . . the tabernacle." The place of worship needs to be cleansed from the pollution of ungodly words, thoughts and deeds just as truly as the worshipper himself.

4. The Heavens Themselves.

Heb. 9: 23, "It was necessary . . . that the heavenly things [should be purified] with *better* sacrifices" i. e. with the blood of Jesus Christ. Satan and his angels are yet free to come and go into the heavens. Hence, Paul tells us that we "wrestle with wicked spirits in the heavenlies." The final remedy for cleansing from their polluting presence as seen in Rev. 12: 7-12, is "the blood of the Lamb." Thus there is no spot or place connected in any way with disobedience to Jehovah that does not need the application of this wonderful remedy for sin and uncleanness. The body of man, his dwelling place, implements of labor, place of worship, the earth, and even heaven itself can all be effectually cleansed by a faith that effectually applies "the precious blood."

F. L. R.

V. Results That Follow the Reception of the Blood of Christ.

1. Redemption.

This word means "to buy back." There is no difference, all have sinned, Rom. 2: 23. We are guilty before God, every mouth stopped, sold under sin, Rom. 7: 14. Oh what a dark picture! Taken captive by the devil, 2Tim. 2: 26. And the promise was given that we should be delivered from the hand of our enemies, Luke 1, for He "hath chosen us before the foundation of the world that we should be holy and without blame before Him," Eph. 1. Accordingly Christ paid the amount demanded for our release. He "gave himself a ransom for all." God set forth Christ Jesus to be a propitiation through His blood. Yea, "hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us unto the kingdom of His dear Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood." Col. 1: 13-14.

We no longer need to be captives. We are rescued, redeemed, a ransom been given. We sold ourselves for nought, we are redeemed without money, Isa. 52: 3. Ye know ye were "not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold but with the precious blood of Christ as of a lamb

without blemish and without spot," 1Pet. 1: 18. When we realize the preciousness of the blood, how real the redemption, how safe we are in Him! And we desire to tell the story of redemption to all creatures, for the Lamb was slain and has redeemed to God by His blood souls out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation. Rev. 5:9.

O. A. M.

2. Justification is a Result of Accepting Christ's Blood. Rom. 5: 8-9

What justification means. It means to be made just or righteous in the sight of God.

How one becomes justified. Christ died on the cross, shed His last drop of blood for a lost world. Sinners believing in that blood to wash away every stain of sin are justified or are accepted as righteous by God. It is as if a criminal condemned to death, should have a man step forward and in his place suffer the penalty. The rescued man may not be any more righteous than before, but by the law he is treated as such, and thus absolutely free from possible condemnation. And "God commendeth His love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. . . . *Being now justified* by His blood we shall be saved from wrath through Him." It is "the precious blood" that justifies and makes us as safe as though in heaven. "Just as I am without one plea, but that *Thy Blood* was shed for me."

F. B. S.

3. Cleansing From Unrighteousness.

Every sinner in order to enjoy communion with God must accept the blood to purify his soul, as it says in John 1: 7 "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin." "Though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow." (Isa. 1: 18.) The blood is the most powerful cleanser in the world. It will make a heart that is wicked, awful, black; pure, clean, and white. It does a thorough work for it cleanses from ALL sin. *Every last sin has to go before the precious blood of Jesus.*

The Christian needs the continual cleansing. You will notice that the word cleanseth is in the present tense, showing a present cleansing. Under the law everyone who touched any thing unclean must be cleansed. (Num. 19.) In coming in contact with a sinful world the blood is needed, for every sinner is in God's sight "dead" (Eph. 2: 1), and under the law unclean. It may be illustrated by two little stones, one by the roadside and the other in the brook. The one by the roadside dirty; the one in the brook clean, because it is ever washed by the water. So the person under the blood is kept clean from the contamination of the world. This is brought out in Lev. 14: 1-7 where two living birds are used for the cleansing of the leper, one killed over running water and the other dipped in the blood of its fellow and let loose in the open field. The first, represents Christ; the second, thank God, represents myself. "Unto him that washed us from our sins in his own blood . . . be glory . . . forever and ever."

C. E. H.

4. It Purges From Dead Works.

One of the great delusions of Satan today is the idea that we can save ourselves by our own efforts. He is con-

tinually trying to get us to *do* something or *cease* from doing something, that we may be saved, instead of accepting the salvation that God has provided for us through the blood of Christ. Satan is telling some that because they don't lie or steal they are pretty good kind of people, and if they do a good deed once in a while they will be all right in the future. But what does God say about it? He says, "By the works of the law shall no man be justified." Then also the enemy comes to those who are Christians and tries to make them believe that they have got to do more than to receive Christ in order to be saved, practically saying that the blood isn't enough to do the work. Ah! how many are occupied with themselves and what they must do instead of listening for Christ's voice and obeying Him. I want to tell you that if you really receive Christ into your life you don't need to trouble about doing good for that will surely follow His indwelling. If you have fallen into this snare of trusting in dead works take the blood just now to cleanse you from it, for in Heb. 9: 14, we are told that the blood "purges us" from that very error. Remember that even Christ said, "I can of mine own self do *nothing*." Remember this; and as the Holy Ghost leads you into all truth He will come to this passage, "How much more shall the blood of Christ . . . purge your conscience from dead works to serve the Living God."

L. M. D.

5. Nearness to God.

"Draw nigh to God, and He will draw nigh to you," How can you draw nigh to the God who says, "I will be to them a God and they shall be to me a people." "I am God and beside me there is none else?" How? God says, "Ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh *by the blood* of Christ." To satisfy your hungry soul, longing to know God and to become intimate with God, the blood was provided, and it meets every demand. "Draw nigh to God"—by the blood, God will enter the place where He sees you recognize the blood as your only plea of approach to Him, "and He will draw nigh to you." Oh! it is wonderful that you can live as near Jehovah as any person has ever done, even in the hallowed hush of His omnipotent presence, "in His secret pavillion," in the holy of holies with God, and this is possible only through the blood. To live in the most holy place of the Most High God and to know Him in the nearest and deepest way, is your privilege to be realized through the precious blood of an all-conquering Savior. Since God shows you this as your blood-bought privilege, and His thought for you, He holds you responsible for being "not a forgetful hearer, but a doer" of this word. "Therefore . . . enter into the holiest by the blood."

F. B. F.

6. Atonement.

The "atonement is the satisfaction offered to Divine Justice for the sins of mankind." The price paid for it is the blood of Jesus Christ. This "great transaction" is typified in Lev. 16 where Aaron makes an atonement for himself and his household and all the priests and people, by the offerings of bulls and goats. "It is blood that maketh an atonement." Lev. 17: 11. The deeper truth of the atonement or at-one-ment with Christ, through the blood is to be found in His own words to His disciples in John 6: 53-56, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink His blood, ye have no life in you. . . . Whoso eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He that eateth my flesh and drinketh

my blood, dwelleth in me and I in him." Also in Lev. 17: 11, "The life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it unto you to make an atonement for the soul." When we accept heartily everything that comes into our lives as the will of God for us in the present moment; when we see in every event and circumstance a Father's loving hand guiding and moulding as He will; when we believe that "all things are of God," and serve only as an occasion for rejoicing; when we take every hardship and trial as a stepping stone in the Divine staircase by which we mount up to God; when we get to the place where every bitter thing is sweet, Prov. 27: 7; when we refuse nothing, absolutely *nothing* that He sends, ignoring the enemy and seeing only God as Job did when in Satan's hands, he said, "Though He slay me yet will I trust Him;" when, as the pressure increases and the furnace is heated seven times more than it is wont to be, we can bow the head and say, "The cup which my Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?" *then* shall we know what it means to drink His blood and become partakers of the divine nature. Then shall we know, if we follow on to know," what atonement means in its deepest, fullest sense of at-one-ment with Christ. It is simply taking the cup of life from His hands "moment by moment," remembering this command "drink ye *all* of it," Matt. 26: 27; "for this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many. And He took the cup and gave it them and they all drank of it." Mk. 14: 23. Are ye able to drink of it? If so the "*Not I but Christ*" experience is yours; It is the blood of the Son of God that can make you absolutely one with God. Honor the blood. F. H. C.

7. Life.

God's word says first "The soul that sinneth . . . shall die" Ezek. 18: 4; 2nd "All have sinned" Rom. 3: 23; and hence all must die! You have been loved, mourned over, and on the very heart of God; but you have *sinned*. Is there no hope? Must the soul die for the sins of the past? Is there no life for the sinner? *The sinner must die*. Praise God while this is true He gives us another truth to put with it. Christ says in John 6: 54 "He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath . . . *life*." There is life for the sinner in Christ's blood. "He that hath the Son hath *life*; he that hath not the Son hath *not* life." You *have* died because He died in your place. In Christ you died; and if you will accept the blood of Christ you are risen with Him and have life through His death. Not only do you have life now, but you have eternal life. John 6: 53. When you accept the wonderful fact that Christ shed His life blood for you, and receive His precious life you are swept into the great stream of life that began in ages past and will continue through eternity.

This is not only life, but life more abundant. A life that fills the whole being, body, soul and spirit, the very life of Jesus supplying our whole nature with an overflow of life, that it may reach and touch and bless others. "This is life, that they may know God and Jesus Christ" John 17:3, and this precious, wonderful knowledge of God is for you through the blood.

E. J. R.

8. Peace.

Peace is another result of the application of the blood. It is just the opposite of unrest, Isa. 57: 26, 21, "The wicked are like a troubled sea when it cannot rest. There is no peace" saith my God "to the wicked." What an awful condition for human beings whom God made at the first in His own image to be in!

In Ps. 50: 8 we see another class of people who are saying "I will both lay me down in peace and sleep." One is without rest, the other is restful. If you will turn to Ex. 12th chapter

you will see an illustration that will explain this. It was the evening of that awful night when the Lord passed through Egypt and smote all the first born both man and beast. The command to Israel was to kill the lamb, put the blood over the door and down the side posts. "The blood will be to you for a token, and when *I see the blood* I will pass over you and the plague will not be upon you." The children of Israel *did* as the Lord commanded, and at midnight the Lord smote the Egyptians, and there was a great cry in Egypt." One had sorrow and death, the other had peace and safety. The secret was this; the Israelites were under the blood, they had accepted God's way of deliverance and they proved (just as you may) "that His ways are ways of pleasantness and all His paths are peace."

a. How to Get Peace.

Peace comes from knowing the truth concerning sin and its remedy, John 8: 33 "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free" (from unrest.) The truth is Isa. 53: 6 "All we like sheep have gone astray, we have turned everyone to his own way, and Jehovah hath made the iniquity of us all to meet on Him." (margin) To simplify it—God took the sins that were on us and laid them over on Jesus. 2 Cor. 5: 21 "He hath made Him to be sin for us who knew no sin that *we* might be made the righteousness of God in Him." 1 Peter 2: 24 "Who his own self bore our sins in His own body on the tree." God wants you to see yourself a sinner, receive Jesus as your Savior, and believe that His blood (and that only) cleanses you from all sin. Having done your part (confessing your sins) and believing that God is true to His word (in forgiving) God sees that you have accepted his remedy *i. e.* the blood of His Son. You can with confidence look Him in the face; "you are accepted in the beloved" Eph. 1: 6, and consequently you have peace with God. Hallelujah! All done at Calvary! It is the remedy that God provided and it satisfies Him.

b. How to Keep Peace.

"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart," depend on Him every moment for every thing and know that He loves you, being intensely interested in the very smallest things that concern His child, because you have been adopted into His family. John 1: 12 "To as many as received Him to them gave He the right or privilege to become sons of God." In Ps. 37 there are three things to do in order to have peace.

1. *Trust* in the Lord.
2. *Commit* thy way unto the Lord.
3. *Rest* in the Lord.

No matter what the surroundings though they seem like mountains that must fall and crush you, *be still*, He will certainly bring you through.

Phil. 4: 6, 7 "Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your request be made known unto God and the *peace of God* which passeth *all* understanding shall keep your heart and mind through Christ Jesus."

"Pass under the blood, my brother,
Pass under the blood;
He who would have sweet peace in Jesus,
Must pass under the blood." C. E. M.

9. The Blood sanctifies.

Heb. 13: 12. "Wherefore, Jesus also that he might sanctify the people with his own blood suffered without the gate."

To be sanctified is to be set apart, to be made holy. Jesus gave His life that He might obtain a people set apart from the affairs of this world unto the worship and service of God. As

we receive the sacred blood upon us, it immediately makes us as holy and as separate as He Himself now is, for the blood hallow us. God seeing that seal upon us, takes us out of our surroundings and sets us in heavenly places. He has set us apart from the world we have been living in unto His kingdom.

The blood not only sets apart the persons themselves but the things pertaining to a person. In Lev. 8: 30 we read "Moses took . . . of the blood . . . and sprinkled it upon Aaron and upon his garments and upon his sons and upon his sons' garments with him and sanctified Aaron and his garments and his sons and his sons' garments with him." Thus the precious blood sprinkled upon your home, your property, your personal belongings forever sets them apart from a natural use in this world unto use for God's own honor and the hastening of His kingdom. Oh! how wonderful it all is that God has a means by which we and all that we have may be really set apart to God Himself.

A. K. G.

10. It Protects.

I write to show God's wonderful way of protection. Christians wonder sometimes why they feel so different when in the world from what they do in a spiritual service. They are oppressed by the unbelief of those about them. Again the Apostle says we wrestle with wicked spirits, and last that the wrath of God oppresses us when He sees anything wrong in our own lives. What shall be my protection? Ex. 12: 13, 23, "When he seeth the blood, the Lord will not suffer the destroyer . . . to smite you." Thus the blood is the protection from the world, the flesh and the devil. In "the time of trouble such as the world never saw" which is just ahead of us, the blood of the Lamb will be the greatest protection against the power of the devil and the antichristian world. The "multitude whom no man could number" are they which "came out of the great tribulation" as the angel told John, and "have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." Thus the blood in every time and place is to be a protection from the wrath of the devil as well as the wrath of God. The blood makes you as safe as the Israelites that night in Egypt. It is the "Lord's passover."

E. A. D.

11. It Prepares the Way For the Holy Ghost.

"Christ hath redeemed us" (by His precious blood) . . . "that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith," Gal. 3: 13-14. The blood cleanses away sin, that which is contrary to the will of God, and thus prepares the way for that which is holy, the Holy Spirit, to enter. Were it not for Calvary the Christian could never have had Pentecost. That the promise of the Spirit has no reference whatever to repentance or forgiveness of sins, is plainly seen in Acts 8: 14, 17. "Samaria had received the word of God, and been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus." But "when Peter and John were come down, they prayed for them, *that they might receive the Holy Ghost.*" As in this case one's heart must be cleansed by the blood, before the Spirit can be received. He never enters a temple defiled by sin. We then are redeemed and cleansed that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith. If we honor the blood of Calvary the matchless gift of the Holy Ghost may then be received.

G. E. H.

12. It Gives Boldness.

The general meaning of the word boldness is impudence, but that isn't the kind of boldness you get through the blood of Jesus. It does not mean confidence in yourself or in your own good works. Christ says we are nothing but unprofitable servants anyway, Luke 17: 10. If you've done right it is nothing

more than is required of you. So you can't claim your good works, as a plea for entrance to God's presence. Oh! dear ones, just realize you're simply *nothing* and there isn't one thing that you can do save to accept the blood, that makes you acceptable with God. Even John, the beloved disciple, who when Jesus was upon the earth, lay in his bosom, when he saw Him as the glorified Christ fell at His feet as one dead, Rev. 1: 17. And to enter that glorious presence with anything else than a humble, reverent spirit, realizing that He is God and beside Him there is none else, means certain death to the soul that dares to do it.

The word boldness as here used means confidence or free utterance. It means then confidence in the blood and God's word when He says, "The blood cleanses from all sin;" "let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace," Heb. 4: 16. Through that precious blood you can enter His presence and meet not His wrath but His look of love. You will feel at home in the throne chamber of the Almighty. Now you must have a boldness not only in claiming your *own* rights through the blood but boldness (or confidence) in interceding for others. Open your Bibles, please, to Esther and read how she saved the lives of the Jews. Esther was a Jewess who had married king Ashaserus. Through Haman one of the king's friends, a proclamation had been made that all the Jews should be killed on a certain day. Esther was the only one to plead for them with the king, and to enter his presence, unless he held out the golden scepter, meant certain death; but the lives of her people were at stake, so boldly she enters the king's presence. Does he refuse her? No. See he holds out the scepter, and "Esther drew near and touched the top of the scepter." Es. 5: 2. She had obtained her request. Would she have been able to have saved the lives of those Jews unless she had boldly entered his presence? Her only hope was in her own beauty and the king's love for her. Your only hope is in the beauty and purity of soul that the blood of Jesus will give you. The King of glory is holding out the scepter through His precious promises. Your people, Israel, are in bondage to the devil. Therefore draw near and with confidence and free utterance make known your request. "Everyone that asketh, receiveth." Luke 11: 10.

C. M.

13. It Perfects.

When Christ gave His life for us, He had a deep, broad plan mapped out for each life that would accept His spilled blood. Not only does it ransom, purify and give life to us, but it rounds out those new lives into the fulness of Himself and makes us perfect. Perfect in every word and work and enables us to do God's will. Heb. 13: 20, 21 "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 well pleasing in His sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." Perfect means to be complete, finished. Therefore if every act of our lives is complete and finished according to His will, our lives as a whole are complete. Col. 2: 10 "And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power." This then does away with the snare which the devil has worked into the lives of so many Christians today; that Christ is the only one who ever lived a perfect life, and that it is quite impossible for anyone to live without condemnation. Nevertheless God's word is true, and it is dishonoring God for anyone of the beings, which He Himself has created, to affirm that the precious blood of Calvary does not and cannot make us perfect. Christ commands us to be this; Matt. 5: 48 "Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect." When God gives a command, it makes no difference whether it

be found in Genesis or Revelation, He intends it to be implicitly obeyed. Yet many people who would fear to disobey God's command not to steal or murder, dare to say that they are not in any stage of perfection and never expect to be while on earth.

Jehovah is a God of reason. Isa. 1: 18 "Come now let us reason together, saith the Lord;" and a reasonable master never tells his servants to do a thing that he knows cannot be done. So when He says "Be ye perfect" know that you *can* be perfect. To the natural mind full of the energy of the flesh it seems impossible for many of God's plans to be carried out, but with Him all things are possible. If you will let Christ be your head, He will do all the thinking and He will *cause* you to keep His statutes. Ez. 36: 27. By leaning hard on Him and casting all your care on Him, you can go through life without struggle strain or worry and "be perfect in His sight. You can do this only by honoring His own plan for your perfection, "the blood of the everlasting covenant;" through which the Great Apostle's benediction may be received.

E. M. P.

14. Gives Absolute Victory over the Devil.

It is a wonderful thing to be bought back from the cruel hand of Satan, treated as righteous, cleansed from all unrighteousness, purged from dead works, brought from a prodigal state nigh unto God, made one with the Father, partake of His very life, and having peace through the acceptance of His plan being set apart entirely to His service to receive as His own property divine protection; it is then wonderful to have the way prepared for the Holy Ghost, and such boldness given that we even dare to face God in the holy of holies where it would be certain death were it not for the power of Calvary, and then finally to be made perfect through the blood of the everlasting covenant. These are marvelous results which show the tremendous power of the precious blood of Christ. But the crowning triumph of Calvary is seen in the last great battle of Michael and his angels with the devil and his angels in the heavens above. Heaven has been defiled by Satan and his followers long enough. As the "man child" is caught up to the throne, the hosts of God charge against the rebels and have a tremendous battle. Satan and his hosts are cast out into the earth, (Rev. 12: 7-12.) What is the secret of this magnificent Waterloo? "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb." As the hosts of the Lord fight with the hosts of hell, their only remedy is the blood and their testimony concerning its marvelous power. Exasperated and filled with hellish hatred, wrathful and making their last stand, they fall back before the red blood of Christ. Finally in one great, grand assault, they are cast direct from heaven. Then a voice is heard saying, "Now is come salvation and strength and the kingdom of our God and the power of his Christ." The power that will drive even the devil himself out of heaven, is the only power that will drive the demons out of the heavenly places of each person's life. Through belief in the blood of Jesus we enter into the phalanx of God's chosen and faithful warriors who are to fight in the mightiest battle that earth has ever or will ever witness, namely the battle of Armageddon and come out more than conquerors, overcomers, and then throughout eternity shall sing before the throne of the King of Kings, that triumphant and glorious song of Moses and the Lamb.

To sum it all up then, the blood of Jesus Christ will overcome every enemy that a human being ever has had or ever can have, and drive even the devil himself into the regions below. Hallelujah!

C. P. G.

VI. Results of Rejecting the Blood.

1. A Life of Sin.

God says, "All have sinned," and in Heb. 9: 22, "Without

shedding of blood is no remission." No pardon if you reject the blood. Jesus says, John 6: 53, "Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man, and drink his blood, ye have no life in you." Dead, even now, for "she that liveth in pleasure is dead while she liveth."

2. No Place of Repentance.

Matt. 27: 3-5, "Judas, which had betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought again the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, saying, I have sinned, in that I have betrayed innocent blood. And they said, What is that to us? See thou to that. And he cast down the pieces of silver in the temple, and departed, and went and hanged himself." He by betraying the *blood* of Jesus deliberately rejected the only way or repentance. There is no other way.

3. Wrath of God.

Rom. 5: 9, "Being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him." The passover (Ex. 12) is an illustration of this. God's wrath was against the Egyptians. He told the children of Israel to take a lamb, kill it and put the blood on the lintel, etc. It mattered not who they were, how they felt, or what they believed, their only safety was in the blood. Their only peril its rejection. Good works wont do it. Money wont do it. NOTHING but the blood of Jesus will save from the wrath of God.

4. Awful Plagues During the Great Tribulation, Which Will be a Continual Reminder of the Blood Rejected.

Some of which are:

- (a.) Moon turned to blood. Rev. 6: 12
- (b.) Hail and fire mingled with blood. Rev. 8: 7.
- (c.) Third part of the sea becomes blood. Rev. 8: 8.
- (d.) The whole sea becomes blood. Rev. 16: 3.
- (e.) Rivers and fountains turned to blood. Rev. 16: 4.
- (f.) Blood to drink. Rev. 16: 6.
- (g.) Even the King himself when He returns in the fierceness of His wrath, to dethrone antichrist and set up His kingdom, is "clothed in a vesture dipped in blood."

These awful signs are to horrify the rejector of the precious blood.

5. Become a Follower of Antichrist and Thus be "Tormented Day and Night Forever and Ever."

Rev. 13: 8, "All that dwell upon the earth shall worship him whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world." "If any man worship the beast (antichrist) the same shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God . . . and he shall be tormented with fire and brimstone . . . and the smoke of their torment ascendeth up forever and ever." Rev. 14: 9-11.

6. Eternal Damnation.

Heb. 10: 28, 29, "He that despised Moses' law died without mercy under two or three witnesses. Of how much sorer punishment suppose ye shall he be thought worthy who hath trodden under foot the Son of God and hath counted the blood of the covenant, wherewith he was sanctified, an unholy thing." Christ shed His precious blood that "whosoever believeth in him might not perish." But "he that believeth not shall be damned." Beware! I warn you that the results of rejecting the blood of Jesus Christ will be *fearful*.

R. V. E.

VII. When You May Receive the Blood.

God's word plainly declares that there may come a time when it will be too late to accept the blood. Jesus said, "No man can come unto me except the Father draw him," John 6:44, and the Father said in Gen. 6: 3, "My Spirit shall not always

strive with man." If you continue to reject the blood, God's Spirit may be withdrawn from you.

You cannot depend upon getting under the blood at some future time, for "Thou knowest not what a day may bring forth," Prov. 27: 1, and before the sun rises tomorrow you may be in eternity, a *lost soul*. You will have no chance after death as is plainly shown in the parable of the rich man and Lazarus, Luke 16: 19-27, a great impassable gulf being between hell and the abode of the righteous. No cries for mercy can avail then. There is no chance at the resurrection, for Jesus says, when the dead rise they that have done evil shall come forth unto the resurrection of damnation. John 5: 29. "At the end of the world the angels shall come forth and sever the wicked from among the just and shall cast them into the furnace of fire," Matt. 13: 49, 50. Matt. 25: 41 tells us that the fire is everlasting, so there will be no time when you can accept the blood during the eternal ages.

More than eighteen hundred years ago Christ "appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself." Heb. 9: 26. He "finished the work" which His Father gave Him to do, John 17: 4, and "by His own blood entered once into the holy place having obtained eternal redemption for us." Heb. 9: 12. From that time to this the blood has been freely held out to him who will receive it. God's time is *now*. "Behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6: 2. If you have never taken the precious blood for yourself, do not wait to finish reading this paper, but drop on your knees before God and take it now.

E. A. E.

VIII. "Son, Remember!" "Son, Remember!"

1. Thoughts Throughout Eternity of a Soul Who Has Rejected the Blood.

"Here am I, amid weeping and gnashing of teeth, doomed for eternal habitation in the lake burning with fire and brimstone. Why am I in this horrible place? Because after the all-merciful God had caused the life blood to flow from the broken heart of His dear Son to redeem me from the power of Satan unto Himself, I persistently refused to receive the perfect remedy. How real to me now are the reproving words which met the ears of the rich man in Hell, 'Son, remember! Son, remember!' Oh! the undying memories that add to my suffering and remorse. At mother's knee I was often told of the precious blood of Christ that would cleanse my heart and make my life acceptable to God. Would that I had heeded her counsel! As I entered manhood I became yet more engrossed in the things of the world, seeking merely self gratification. Neither can I forget the night that I attended a Gospel service and one of the men of God spoke with tremendous power on these words, "Without shedding of blood is no remission." I heard them sing, "Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power? Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb?" etc. God was pleading with me to accept the redemption which was through the blood. I hardened my heart saying, 'Not now.' I remember also reading a copy of TONGUES OF FIRE which was devoted largely to the subject of the blood. I saw again how sacred was the blood, what it meant, what the results would be in my life if I accepted it, how to receive it, what awful consequences would follow the rejection of it. I trifled with God again and by refusing to have the blood of Calvary applied to my ungodly heart I crucified in vain and trod under foot the Son of God. How I realize

it now, that it is too late. 'The blood,' 'the blood' seems to continually stand before my eyes and ring reproachfully in my ears. What did I lose by turning away from the finished work of Calvary? I lost the pardon of my sins, peace and fellowship with God. I lost victory over the hideous power of Satan, and what is more I parted with all hope of eternal life and the blessings of heaven forever and forever. On the earth I was like the troubled sea having no rest. At the time of God's great wrath and the judgment of the ungodly, I saw myself, not a moral man as I had previously considered myself, but as God saw me, a creature in rebellion to his Creator, with a heart as black and damnable as any demon of hell. I had no desire to enter the presence of a holy God and the company of those whose robes had been washed in the blood of the Lamb. Heaven was not the place for me. There was but one thing that God could justly do with me and that was to put me according to His solemn forewarnings into the place "prepared for the devil and his angels." So here I am eternally lost and justly condemned for spurning the blood of the Son of God. Associated with "the fearful and unbelieving, the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolators, and liars" and in company with myriads of foul demons and the antichrist and Satan, that old serpent, the Devil, "tormented with fire and brimstone" "having no rest day and night" forever and ever.

2. Thoughts Throughout Eternity of a Soul Who Has Accepted the Blood.

"Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth on the throne and to the Lamb forever and ever," is my continual song because I belong to the company of redeemed ones who are before the throne of God and have "washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." How can I refrain from bursting forth in joyful praise to the Slain One, as I realize that through the power of His blood, and that alone, do I stand in the presence of my God and dwell in the New Jerusalem. What happy memories do I have of those days on earth when I began to prove the efficacy of the precious blood. Christ said, "This is my blood of the New Testament which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Early in life did I avail myself of this promise. Then what a glad day of my life it was when I saw the true significance of the promise of purification by the blood. I claimed the fulfillment of those blessed words, "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from *all* sin," and God made it blessedly real in my life. I will praise the Lamb forever because by virtue of His blood I was transformed from a black hearted sinner and prepared to dwell in the eternal presence of God. The world the flesh and the devil could have no power upon me. The blood had made me a complete *overcomer*. The remedy was so simple and yet so effective! I am glad that I did not reason about it with my neutral mind and stagger through unbelief, but received it as a revelation unto babes. To the glory of the Lamb forever I shall remember the continual triumph on earth which was mine as I humbly honored the blood. It made me a victor in the conflict with the sinfulness and selfishness of my heart, and with the power of the devil. It fitted me for the millennial reign. It brought me through the judgment of God. It prepared me for this holy city of God, where there is no curse, no night, no defilement, no hunger, no pain and no sorrow, where "former things are passed away." "Worthy is the *Lamb that was slain* to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing forever more."

R. E. G.