

## IRONIES ABOUT THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

The blood that cost Him His life means life for me.

The blood that brought Him pain in shedding brings me eternal peace.

The blood loss that surely caused Him sickness and fever heals my sin-sick soul.

The blood that was lost to Him is gain to me.

The blood that was hard to see on that day is a beautiful sight for my eye of faith today.

The blood that was shed in wrath by man reconciles man to God.

The blood that poured out from His wounds binds up my wounded soul.

The blood that was shed to His shame brings me the highest possible place of honor.

The blood that came from an unblemished perfect sacrifice is essential to cover my blemishes and imperfections.

The blood from the Son of God makes me a child of God.

Blood and water came from Jesus at His death, but I contact His blood through the water of baptism (John 3:3, 5; Acts 22:16; Romans 6:4).

- Neal Pollard (via House to House) -

*"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace."* - Ephesians 1:7.

### POWERFUL WORDS

The greatest word is *God* (Psalm 95:3).

The deepest word is *soul* (Matthew 16:26).

The longest word is *eternity* (Matthew 25:46).

The swiftest word is *time* (Ephesians 5:16).

The nearest word is *now* (2 Corinthians 6:2).

The darkest word is *sin* (Isaiah 59:1-2).

The meanest word is *hypocrisy* (Matthew 7:5).

The narrowest word is *truth* (John 8:32).

The strongest word is *right* (Psalm 33:4).

The tenderest word is *love* (1 Corinthians 13).

The sweetest word is *heaven* (Matthew 5:12).

The dearest word is *Jesus* (John 14:6).

*"For there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved."* - Acts 4:12

- Author Unknown (via House to House) -

*We die by living to ourselves — we live by dying to ourselves.*

### News & Notes

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES:** ALL services are at the church building. **Sunday Worship, 10:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, 7:00 p.m.** The Covid-19 restrictions still apply (masks & distancing).

**THANKS:** To Ed & Linda Wiersbicki for their donation of 2021-2022 pocket calendars on the small tables in the foyer. Pick up a copy.

**POTTERS HOME:** Monetary donations are being accepted for a little while longer. Give your money to one of the elders or Rico.

**PANTRY:** Instant potatoes.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER:** **Josh Morrison** (son of Joyce Morrison Murdock). Josh is to have very serious surgery for cancer.

**SICK & SHUT-IN:** Brenda Akers, Charlie Delong, David McCoy, Jim Hadley, Jenny Rhodes, Ernie Robinson, Cam Adamson, Marlene Evans, Shirley Beagle, Russell Martin, Doris Dunham, Rick Beck (minister at Weston, WV), John McClung (address on bulletin board), Alex Harless. **FOX:** Tom Postlethwait.

**CROSSROADS:** Sarah Miller. **VALLEY OAKS CARE CENTER:** Fred Larrimore, (Room 210). **IN TENNESSEE:** Steve Higginbotham. **IN FLORIDA:** Ilene Rayl.

### Christian Relationships

All are sinners. Sin's reward is eternal death (Romans 3:23; 6:23). God has provided for our salvation in His tender mercy. On the basis of that mercy, Paul begged his fellow Christians to give over every part of their being in service to God (Romans 12:1). The Christian's body belongs to God, so it should be kept holy or pure, free from sin, for God's work. Each should keep his or her body acceptable to God by doing His will (1 John 5:3). This is only reasonable since God purchased the body of the Christian with His Son's blood (1 Corinthians 6:19-20; 1 Peter 1:18-19).

Paul did not want the brethren at Rome to imitate or conform to the world and its practices. He instructed them to daily reshape their minds so that they might judge the worthiness of God's way (Romans 12:2; 2 Corinthians 3:17-18; 4:16; 5:17; 1 Peter 1:14-15). Before they became Christians, they practiced the fulfilling of their passions and lusts. Now that they were members of Christ's body, the apostle asked them to test the goodness of God's high standards.

Paul commanded the Roman Christians to not be proud, but to "think soberly" or develop a right-thinking estimate of themselves (Romans 12:3). The Lord said, "Blessed are the meek, For they shall inherit the earth" (Matthew 5:5). Any gifts and abilities we possess were not self-made but God-given. The Father measured out the portion each should have. None has the right to say he or she is better because of his or her own worth or work. Our very existence depends on God (Acts 17:25).

The church is like the human body. Many members make up one body. Each has its own function. None can boast of superiority because each function is necessary for the body (Romans 12:4-5; 1 Corinthians 12:12-27).

Each of us must do the Father's will rather than letting worldly thinking shape us. Every Christian should recognize the value of every brother and sister in Christ. Commend them. Pray for them. By these means, we will maintain a good relationship to God and His family.

- Gary C. Hampton (via Gospel Gazette Online) -