

There Is Power in the Blood

(1 John 1:7-10)

- Introduction:
1. Ills. Imagine hearing Peter's sermon on Pentecost. What would you go home and tell your friends and family?
 2. We have good news today, and it is summed up in a couple songs that we sing...
 - a. What can wash away my sins, nothing but the blood of Jesus...Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow, no other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.
 - b. There is power, power, wonder-working power in the precious blood of the lamb.
 3. Some today actually oppose such songs and sermons about the blood of Jesus.
 - a. It is dubbed a "slaughterhouse religion."
 - b. Some are too sophisticated and urbane to sing and speak of such things.
 - c. Many denominations have dropped songs about the blood from their hymnals.
 4. But Christianity without the blood of Jesus is nothing!
 5. In this lesson, I want to be reminded there is power in the blood.

I. The Cleansing Power of the Blood of Christ is **CONDITIONAL**

- A. (1 John 1:7).
- B. "If" is a conditional conjunction, and speaks of the conditional nature of the cleansing.
- C. The condition itself is - "walking in the light."
- D. Walking in the light has reference to a manner of life; a lifestyle that is habitual.
- E. Walking in the light does not demand perfection (Romans 3:10,23).

II. The Cleansing Power of the Blood of Christ is **CONTINUING**

- A. (1 John 1:7).
- B. "Cleansing" is in the present tense, which denotes ongoing, continual action.
- B. This fact builds our confidence and gives us hope and security.

III. The Cleansing Power of the Blood of Christ is **COMPLETE**

- A. His blood will cleanse us of "all" sin.
- B. Any sin that a Christian can bring himself to repent of and confess is a sin that can and will be forgiven by Christ.
- C. That promise is couched in the faithfulness and trustworthiness of Jesus, Himself.
- D. (Psalm 19:12-13).

IV. The Cleansing Power of the Blood of Christ Must Be **CONTACTED**

- A. We must be washed in the "Blood of the Lamb." (Revelation 1:5).
- B. This cleansing takes place in baptism (Romans 6:3-4, 17-18).

- Conclusion:
1. Back to Pentecost - We do indeed possess good news today - Jesus Saves!
 2. Will you avail yourself of that salvation?
 3. If you have already, will you go out and tell others about it, that they too, might be saved?