

SERMON OUTLINE

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1) INTRODUCTION

a) John 6:53-57

b) Many Christians are failing in their Christian lives.

i) Many of us are miserable representations of the Lord Jesus Christ.

(1) Jesus Christ declared and manifested the Father; how many of us are declaring and manifesting Jesus Christ?

c) Many Christians appear to be in the "secret service."

i) They may be saved, but you would never know they are saved by the way they talk, walk, act and live their lives.

d) Many believers do not have the power that God wants them to have.

i) The difference is that they have never discovered the power of the precious blood of Jesus Christ.

e) The blood of Jesus Christ:

i) It is sacred blood.

(1) While Jesus Christ had a human body, the blood that flowed through His veins was sacred blood.

(a) This is the reason Jesus was born of a virgin.

(b) The blood type of a baby is determined by the father.

(c) Jesus Christ is the Son of God, and it was God's blood that flowed through His veins.

(i) Acts 20:28

ii) It is shed blood.

(1) Hebrews 9:22

(2) It was not spilled blood but shed blood.

(a) John 10:18

(b) Jesus did not die as a martyr but as a willing substitute.

iii) It is saving blood.

(1) Leviticus 17:11

(2) We are saved by the blood of the lamb.

(3) 1 Peter 1:18-19

(4) Had Jesus not been born of a virgin, He would have had Adam's blood coursing through His veins.

(a) 1 Corinthians 15:22

(b) Jesus Christ came as He did (virgin born) to be what He was (sinless) to do what He did (to die as our substitute).

(c) By the virgin birth of Jesus Christ, He became man that we might become sons and daughters of God.

(5) 1 John 1:7

iv) It is shared blood.

(1) John 6:53

(a) When Jesus spoke of eating His flesh and drinking His blood, those around Him were so offended that they began to scatter and leave Him.

(i) John 6:67

- (b) The Jewish people had been taught in the Old Testament to not eat or drink blood.
 - (i) Genesis 9:4
 - (ii) Leviticus 3:17
 - (iii) Leviticus 17:14
 - (2) However, Jesus was not talking about eating His literal flesh or drinking His literal blood.
 - (a) John 6:61-63
 - (i) The word “quickeneth” means “to make alive.”
 - (b) Jesus was speaking symbolically and using spiritual language.
 - (i) So we must move from the physical to the spiritual to understand the meaning.
 - (ii) God created both the physical and the spiritual worlds, and the physical world is just an image of the spiritual world so that we can understand the spiritual.
 - (3) Jesus was saying in John 6:53, “Let My life be in you.”
 - (a) John 6:57
 - (b) Jesus is to your spirit what blood is to your body.
 - (i) Just as the life of the flesh is the blood, the life of your spirit is Jesus Christ.
 - (c) Jesus is talking about His life being in us.
 - (4) Many Christians are not living in victory because, even though they may understand the saving blood, they’ve never understood the shared blood.
- 2) WE MUST APPROPRIATE THE CONSTANT PROVISION OF THE BLOOD
- a) Our bodies live at the mercy of the blood.
 - i) The blood in our bodies is constantly providing every cell with nourishment.
 - ii) One of the most commonly accepted medical facts is that the life of the flesh is in the blood.
 - b) Just as our blood is a red river of life to our physical bodies, Jesus is saying to His body, the church, that we must have His blood in us.
 - i) Jesus Christ gave Himself for us that He might give Himself to us.
 - c) The reason many Christians are failing is that, even though we can thank God for His shed blood which is saving blood, we do not understand that His life is in us.
 - i) Romans 5:10
 - ii) Just as in our physical bodies everything we need to exist is delivered to us through the blood, everything we need to live the Christian life is found in Jesus.
 - d) 2 Peter 1:3
 - i) By His divine power, God has already given to us all things that pertain to life and glory.
 - ii) If we are not living in glory and virtue, it is because we have not appropriated what God has given us.
 - iii) We have all the love, strength, courage, wisdom, etc., that we need - in Christ.

- (1) God has already given it to us, and we need to possess what God has already given.
 - e) Deuteronomy 11:24
 - i) The land was already Joshua's, but he did not have it until he possessed it.
 - (1) For example, if you have books in your home library that you haven't read yet, the books are yours but you have not yet possessed your possessions.
 - f) We already have, through the blood of Christ, everything it takes to live the Christian life.
 - i) John 6:63
 - (1) Jesus is speaking metaphorically in this passage.
 - ii) There is abundant life through the resurrected Jesus.
 - iii) Jesus gave Himself for us that He might give Himself to us that He might live through us.
- 3) WE MUST RELY ON THE CLEANSING PROPERTIES OF THE BLOOD
- a) Not only does the blood supply what we need, it also cleanses.
 - i) In our physical bodies, the red blood cells not only supply every bodily cell with the good, nourishing things they need, but they also carry away the toxins to be expelled from the body.
 - (1) Psalm 139:14
 - ii) The blood of Jesus constantly cleanses.
 - (1) 1 John 1:7
 - (a) Not cleansed, past tense; but the blood is continually cleansing us.
 - iii) If the blood flow is cut off in our physical bodies, toxins will build up and cause excruciating pain.
 - (1) In a similar way, many people are living painful lives because they've let toxins build up spiritually: worry, fear, envy, jealousy, pride, bitterness, doubt.
 - b) If we don't allow the shared blood of Jesus to flow and be constantly cleansing us, then we will live a life of pain.
 - i) Toxins will build up within us if we do not allow the blood of Jesus to flow through us.
 - ii) We may be saved and on our way to Heaven, but we will be miserable.
 - c) Hebrews 9:11-14
 - i) We do not have to live with unconfessed, unforgiven of sin.
 - (1) We do not have to drag yesterday into today.
 - ii) Just as our physical bodies survive by the blood flowing through them, the life of God (which is the blood of Jesus Christ) wants to flow through His church.
- 4) WE MUST CLAIM THE CONQUERING POWER OF THE BLOOD
- a) The great enemy of mankind is not war or wild beasts, but bacteria and viruses.
 - i) In 1348, one-third of the population of Europe died from the Black Plague.
 - b) When bacteria and viruses invade the physical body, the blood declares war on them.
 - i) White blood cells and antibodies attack the invading bacteria and virus.

- ii) Blood that has had a particular disease and overcome that disease is called “wise blood.”
 - (1) A person who has been immunized has wise blood.
 - (2) The blood of Jesus is wise blood.
- c) John 16:33
- d) Revelation 12:11
 - i) Satan has no power against the blood of Jesus Christ that flows through His body, which is the church.
 - ii) Jesus has overcome and so can we.

5) CONCLUSION

- a) How do we let the blood of Jesus flow through us?
 - i) John 6:63
 - (1) The Word of God is to our spirits what blood is to our bodies.
 - (2) We are to let His Word abide in us.
- b) The first thing we must do is experience Jesus’ saving blood.
- c) Do you know Jesus personally? If not, you can pray to Him today by asking Him to come into your life.
- d) Call upon Jesus today. Repent (turn) from your sins, and turn to Jesus. Ask Him to forgive you of your sins, and acknowledge Him as Lord of your life.
 - i) Romans 3:23
 - ii) Romans 10:9-10
 - iii) Romans 10:13
 - iv) Acts 16:31