

Beyond the Sermon

A Sermon Application Guide

Title: Complete Forgiveness (Crimson Cross pt 2)

This guide is designed to offer a simple tool for those wanting to take the next step with Sunday's message. You can print this guide to study on your own, or use it in a group and experience transformation together.

Message Theme & Prayer Focus

Faith In The Blood

"Jesus, thank you for your plan and your providence through your blood that was shed for me. Show me the extent of your power and love for me through the truth in this message today. Soften my heart and lead me through this truth, showing me how to grow in it and make it a regular part of my life. I love you, Lord, and I live to know you and serve you. Amen!"

Key Concepts/Truths

Redemption, and everything else in the Christian faith rests on the blood of Jesus. God reconciled us to Himself through His own shed blood.

God is not divinely mad at us, or punishing us as consequence to our sin. Everything changed at the cross. Jesus' blood brings full remission of sins, forgiving both the guilt and the consequences of man's sin when we are covered by His blood once and for all.

Faith is largely dependent on both accurate knowledge and application. Limited knowledge means limited results because we can't apply what we don't know.

Jesus' blood has done what the blood of sacrificial animals could never do–reconcile us to God, completely and eternally redeeming us. By accepting His blood as our perfect sacrifice, we enter into an eternal covenant with God.

We are sons and daughters of God because of the blood of Jesus paying the price of our sins in full. We have His mercy for our past and His grace for our present and future, supernaturally helping, blessing, and enabling us in every need that we could have.

The Holy Spirit shows up where the blood is applied. It's God's will that, everywhere we go, we would be under the blood and empowered by His Spirit.

Three ways to apply the blood of Jesus over our lives:

- 1. Our words apply the blood by agreeing with what it purchased for us: protection, redemption, strength, help, and blessing.
- Plead it. The devil accuses us day after day. Our response to his accusations should not be how good we've been, but should always be, "I plead the blood!" because of what Jesus did.
- 3. Taking communion, as often as we can take it, applies the blood. Through communion, we participate in the covenant that we have with God, uphold it, and honor Him.

Key Verses:

Colossians 1:20 • Romans 3:25 • Acts 20:28 • Revelation 5:9 • Revelation 12:11 • Hebrews 4:14-16 • Hebrews 9:11-12 • Hebrews 10:19 • Exodus 12:23 • Isaiah 43:25-26 • 1 John 2:1-2 • 1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Daily Application

God's grace, because of His shed blood, exists to enable us in our today and tomorrow. Whatever need that we have—large or small—the blood has the power to cover it and give us what we need. Many times when we think about the blood, it has to do with the past or with forgiveness of our sins. It's true that Jesus' real blood paid for a real redemption, but His blood is still in Heaven, redemptively connecting us to our Heavenly Father, and enabling us to do His will today. It's there to answer real problems that we have now. However, we are the only ones who can apply the blood over ourselves and our family and step into the covenant with God that He has established.

When we recognize the covenant that we have with God by applying the blood to our lives, we take part in honoring and upholding that covenant. When we are part of that covenant, nothing anyone can say or do will be able to stand against it. That's the whole point of His covenant—it stands regardless.

Take a moment to thank God for the covenant that He made, that you can enter into, and through that covenant you can take on His authority and righteousness. Thank Him that you can participate in that covenant through communion, using whatever drink and food items you have around you. The food and the drink are simply symbols of Christ's body and blood that was broken and poured out for you in this covenant. Know that you can come before God boldly as a son or daughter because of His blood. Christ's love for you compelled Him to shed His blood.

Now, praise Him that you've been washed clean, made new, and are under the blood for all eternity!

This Week's Declarations

"I am covered by the precious blood of Jesus! My needs are met and provided for in His blood. I am supernaturally strengthened and enabled to do God's will through His blood that was shed for me. I plead the blood over my life, my family, and my circumstances. I submit myself to the new covenant with God, that Jesus' blood made possible. I agree with what Jesus' shed blood says about me—that I am redeemed, forgiven, protected, blessed, and whole in the name of Jesus!"

What's Next?

Now it's time to write down anything that the Lord has spoken to you. Praise Him, Thank Him and ask the Holy Spirit to help you walk this out.

Scripture References

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Colossians 1:20 NKJV

and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

2 Corinthians 5:19 NLT

For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them.

Romans 3:25 KJV

Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood...

Acts 20:28 NKJV

...to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.

1 Peter 1:18 NKJV

...that you were not redeemed with corruptible things, like silver or gold, from your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

Exodus 29:20-21 NKJV

Then you shall kill the ram, and take some of its blood and put *it* on the tip of the right ear of Aaron and on the tip of the right ear of his sons, on the thumb of their right hand and on the big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood all around on the altar. And you shall take some of the blood that is on the altar, and some of the anointing oil, and sprinkle *it* on Aaron and on his garments, on his sons and on the garments of his sons with him; and he and his garments shall be hallowed, and his sons and his sons' garments with him.

Hebrews 13:20 NKJV

...the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Hebrews 4:14 NKJV

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest... who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.

2 Corinthians 12:2-4 NKJV

I know a man in Christ who fourteen years ago—whether in the body I do not know, or whether out of the body I do not know, God knows—such a one was caught up to the third heaven. And I know such a man—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know, God knows— how he was caught up into Paradise and heard inexpressible words, which it is not lawful for a man to utter.

Hebrews 9:12 AMPC

He went once for all into the [Holy of] Holies [of heaven], not by virtue of the blood of goats and calves [by which to make reconciliation between God and man], but His own blood, having found and secured a complete redemption (an everlasting release for us).

Hebrews 10:19 NKJV

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,

Hebrews 4:16 AMPC

Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace (the throne of God's unmerited favor to us sinners), that we may receive mercy [for our failures] and find grace to help in good time for every need [appropriate help and well-timed help, coming just when we need it].

Hebrews 13:20 NKJV

...through the blood of the everlasting covenant,

Romans 3:20 GNT

For no one is put right in God's sight by doing what the Law requires; what the Law does is to make us know that we have sinned.

Psalm 107:2 NKJV

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so...

Revelation 12:11 NKJV

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony

Revelation 12:11 Phillips

Now they have conquered him through the blood of the Lamb, and through the Word to which they bore witness.

Isaiah 54:17 NKJV

No weapon formed against you shall prosper, And every tongue *which* rises against you in judgment You shall condemn. This *is* the heritage of the servants of the Lord, And their righteousness *is* from Me, ``says the Lord.

Isaiah 43:25-26 KJV

I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins. Put me in remembrance: let us plead together: declare thou, that thou mayest be justified.

Genesis 22 NKJV