

3-3-2024 Sunday Sermon Message

Devotional of the Week: Psalm 91:1-16

The Text: Hebrews 10:1-10

Title: **Eternal Salvation for Those Who Believe in Christ's Shed Blood and Resurrection**

Seeing that all people would be separated from God and destined to go to eternal hell because of the curse and death that came upon the whole world because of the sin of the first man, God chose the Israelites to be His woman and sent His only begotten Son, Jesus, as a descendant of David.

Before Jesus, the only begotten Son, appeared in the world, 1,500 years ago, he called Moses and gave him the Law. He gave them the law that they could not observe, so that they could have the opportunity for their sins to be forgiven.

But their yearly sacrifices could never make perfect those who came forth from thereunto. The reason for this is that the Apostle Paul testified, "**Because the blood of bulls and goats makes it impossible to take away sins. Therefore, when he came into the world, he said, 'Thou hast not desired sacrifices and offerings, but hast prepared a body for me: thou hast not delighted in burnt offerings and sin offerings: then I said, Behold, I have come to do thy will.' I have done it. He did.**"

In the Age of Law, the blood of the sacrifice could only cleanse the flesh by purifying the sins in man (Hebrews 9:13), but the blood of Christ cleanses the conscience from dead works so that we can serve the living God (Hebrews 9:14). In other words, the blood of Christ can take away the sins from a person's conscience. But the blood of Christ has the power to take away the sins of the world (John 1:29).

Thus the Apostle Paul testified of the immense grace of those who believe in the blood of Christ and His death and resurrection:

**"By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (Hebrews 10:10)**

Yes! He testified that all those who believe in Christ, who bled and died on the cross once two thousand years ago, have already been made holy. Even after believing in Christ, they are still living as sinners, but God says, "I have made them holy." That's what he's saying. In other words, in God's eyes, all sins have already been taken away by His own blood, and the soul has been sanctified. Therefore the Apostle Peter said, "**The end of faith is the salvation of your souls.**" (1 Peter 1:9) It is not the salvation of the body, but the salvation of the soul.

A thief who bleed and died with Christ on the cross said to Jesus, "**Lord, remember me when you come into your kingdom.**" (Luke 23:42) Jesus said to him, "**Truly I say to you, Today you will be with me in Paradise.**" (Luke 23:43) and saved his soul by taking away all his sins with his own blood.

The Apostle Paul testified that Christ sat down at the right hand of God after offering a sin offering and that He sat down in heaven because He made those who were sanctified perfect forever by a single sacrifice (Hebrews 10:12-14)

The Apostle Paul also testified of eternal redemption through the blood of Christ:

**"Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood he entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us."<sup>13</sup> For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh:<sup>14</sup> How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?<sup>15</sup> And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by**

means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament, they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance.”(Hebrews 9:12-15)

God does not only want to save our souls, but He wants to give His children who are saved and born again by the Holy Spirit an eternal inheritance. The Apostle Paul pleaded with Christians who look forward to their eternal inheritance and look forward to the day of the rapture when the Lord Jesus Christ appears:

“<sup>15</sup> See that none render evil for evil unto any man; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all men.

<sup>16</sup> Rejoice evermore.

<sup>17</sup> Pray without ceasing.

<sup>18</sup> In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.<sup>19</sup> Quench not the Spirit.<sup>20</sup> Despise not prophesyings.<sup>21</sup> Prove all things; hold fast that which is good.<sup>22</sup> Abstain from all appearance of evil.<sup>23</sup> And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.<sup>24</sup> Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it.”( 1 Thessalonians 5:15-24)

When Jesus offered His last prayer to the Father, He prayed for His disciples who believed in Him and for all the Christians who would be saved through them, praying for the holy life of all of them:

“And now, O Father, glorify thou me with thine own self with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.<sup>6</sup> I have manifested thy name unto the men which thou gavest me out of the world: thine they were, and thou gavest them me; and they have kept thy word.<sup>7</sup> Now they have known that all things whatsoever thou hast given me are of thee.<sup>8</sup> For I have given unto them the words

which thou gavest me; and they have received them, and have known surely that I came out from thee, and they have believed that thou didst send me.<sup>9</sup> I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for them which thou hast given me; for they are thine.<sup>10</sup> And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them.<sup>11</sup> And now I am no more in the world, but these are in the world, and I come to thee. Holy Father, keep through thine own name those whom thou hast given me, that they may be one, as we are....<sup>17</sup> Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth....Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word;<sup>21</sup> That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.”( John 17:5-11, 17, 20-21)

The Apostle Paul, imitating Jesus' prayer, exhorted the Saints in Ephesus to live a life of purity with the water of the Father's Word:

“<sup>26</sup> That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word,<sup>27</sup> That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.”(Ephesians 5:26-27)

The Apostle Peter also testified that the saints were purified of their souls through obedience to the Word of Truth:

“Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently: .(1 Peter 1:22)  
Amen! Hallelujah!”