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ABSOLUTE REMISSION

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One thing I do when it is late...we are halfway watching a television show, winding down for the day...is to watch reels. Just a bunch of random short videos that can be funny, serious, or even political in matter.

Usually dependent upon what kind of things you clicked on in the past.

So, I will get a lot about golden retrievers, sports, and every now and then a political one will pop up. I have noticed a common thread in many of the political reels...someone has privilege. Mostly white privilege...sometimes other people jump on the scene with privilege.

“Privilege” – A particular and peculiar benefit or advantage enjoyed by a person, company or society, beyond the common advantages of other citizens.

Any peculiar benefit or advantage, right or immunity, not common to others of the human race.
Advantage; favor; benefit.

WELL...that got me thinking of who REALLY has privilege in this world?

John 6:31-33

- 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?
32 **(For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:)** for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things.
33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; **and all these things shall be added unto you.**

NOTICE: The world is trying to figure out HOW to get things figured out.

They are looking for how to eat...drink...be clothed...they are searching for homes...cars...etc. (Mark 10:30 – Rich young ruler lesson).

Who has the REAL privilege in life? No matter where you live...no matter your race, nationality, etc? The believer! The Christian! The one who is seeking God’s kingdom and His ways! The ONE who is UNDER the blood!

LET’S START THERE: What can wash away our sins? The world has searched and tried to figure out how good works can...but it is NOTHING but the blood of Jesus.

Ephesians 2:11-13

- 11 Wherefore remember, that ye being in time past Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Uncircumcision by that which is called the Circumcision in the flesh made by hands; (**NOTE:** trying to figure things out)
12 **(BAD THINGS COMING)** That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world:
13 **But now in Christ Jesus** ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ.

You see...we, as believers, have come into covenant with the God of the UNIVERSE...so, we now have access to things the heathen don't have access to.

Mark 14:24 (when Jesus was instituting the Last Supper) – “And he said unto them, ***This is my blood of the new testament***, which is shed for many.”

“***Testament***” – covenant

Hebrews 8:6 – “But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the ***mediator of a better covenant***, which was ***established upon better promises***.”

THINK ON THIS: Read through the Old Covenant...examine what God did for those men and women, when they were right with Him...

Hebrews 11:33-35a gives a rundown of what they enjoyed.

OH THE BLOOD OF JESUS: Is the NEW COVENANT...BETTER PROMISES!

Leviticus 17:11 – “***For the life of the flesh is in the blood:*** and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.”

If your blood is good...you are good.

If your blood is bad...you are in trouble.

GUESS WHAT: The blood of the ONCE and FOR ALL Sacrifice (Hebrews 10:10)...was VERY GOOD... and makes ALL the difference.

The Blood is Amazing

BELOVED: So many Christians walk through life frustrated...sad...depressed. They have attached themselves to the world's feelings of life.

They are sure they will have what their parents and grandparents suffered with...sickness, emotions struggles, financial struggles, etc.

BELOVED: The difference is in the blood.

And it isn't just that the blood of Jesus happened that makes a difference in your life...it is your faith in that blood.

I want to build your faith up a little this morning regarding the blood of Jesus.

I heard this true account this week:

There was a three year old boy who was diagnosed with stage 4 leukemia and was fighting for his life. After about two years...just as he was about to finish his extensive treatment...he got news that he had relapsed. The family was obviously devastated.

The doctors said that he needed a Bone Marrow Transplant...it was the only way.

Why did it return? There are two types of remission:

- 1.) The cancer is no longer active in the blood (but still around at some level). This is what the boy had.
- 2.) A Molecular Remissions – no evidence of cancer cells at the molecular level! Completely gone!

So, his twelve year old brother was chosen to be his donor.

- 1.) The brother's stem cells were extracted through his blood (a three to four day process).
- 2.) The boy underwent STRONG chemotherapy and intense radiation for several days...to destroy his own diseased bone marrow.
- 3.) Finally the bag of healthy stem cells (from his brother's blood) was hung on the IV pole next to the boy's bed and placed into his body.

After the transplant, the boy had to stay quarantined for several weeks to protect and nurture the “stem cell graft”.

After a few weeks, the doctor told the family, “The cells are multiplying. The graft is taking.”

HERE’S THE THING: Soon the boy’s bone marrow was tested and found to be 100% his older brother’s. Through this process they learned that a bone marrow transplant CAN change the hair, eyes, skin and the personality of the one receiving it.

The younger brother’s DNA changed.

APPARENTLY: If the younger brother committed a crime, the older brother could be convicted based on DNA evidence.

Because of the blood!

The older brother was the DONOR...the younger brother’s life was changed forever.

BELOVED: If we think of the CANCER as our old sinful nature...

Chemo is the Old Testament Law...could cover sin...but not eradicate it and it COULD NOT provide constant life. Continually coming back every year to cover the sins of that year (Hebrews 10:1-4).

HOWEVER: Jesus is our BLOOD DONOR.

THEREFORE: All that He is...is NOT in us! It is Who we are!

The more you dwell in Him...the more you change.

NOTE: The problem becomes people not living in the bubble of His Word and allow all the germs in the world to infect them again...and they can’t figure out why they are not living like Christ.

THE DOCTOR (to the boy before the transplant): “I want you to know we are getting ready to say good bye to THIS you. You will never be the same person after this.”

BELOVED: That is what Jesus did on the cross...He changed everything. We are not suppose to be the SAME person. Sure certain things may stay similar...but the blood changes everything.

Total Remission

UNDERSTAND: The goal of a bone marrow transplant is total remission. No evidence of cancer cells remaining in any level of the body.

“Remission” – cancellation of penalty and removal of guilt

Hebrews 10:16-18

16 This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, saith the Lord, I will put my laws into their hearts, and in their minds will I write them;

17 And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.

18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.

(AMP) vs. 18 – “Now where there is **absolute remission** (forgiveness and cancellation of the penalty) of these [sins and lawbreaking], there is no longer any offering made to atone for sin.”

Colossians 1:21,22

21 And you, that were sometime alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now hath he reconciled

22 In the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and **unblameable and unreprouvable** in his sight:

NOTICE: No evidence of sin...or the old man!

(LIVING) vs. 22 – “He has done this through the death on the cross and his own human body, and now as a result Christ has brought you into the very presence of God, and you are standing before him with NOTHING LEFT AGAINST YOU, NOTHING LEFT THAT HE COULD EVEN CHIDE YOU FOR,

BELOVED: Through the blood of Jesus...we have total remission of sin and all of it's effects.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.”

(AMP) – “Therefore if any person is [ingrafted] in Christ (the Messiah) he is a new creation (a new creature altogether); the old [previous moral and spiritual condition] has passed away. Behold, the fresh and new has come!”

The Graft Took

BELOVED: Because of Jesus work on the cross...and as we are renewed and changed...THE GRAFT TOOK.

So, our sinful nature has no more hold on us!

We can live above the fray of the world.

What the world is looking and seeking for...IS IN US...it is IN OUR BLOOD.

In the same way the doctor told the boy to “say goodbye to THIS you.”

Because of Jesus' blood we can say good bye to the old you...everything is new:

- * Goodbye to sins dominion.
- * Goodbye to guilt and shame.
- * Goodbye to depression.
- * Goodbye to old habits.
- * Goodbye to sickness and disease.
- * Goodbye to poverty and lack.
- * Goodbye to satan's dominion.

Everything is new!

We are NOW twins with Jesus.

Yes, we are still us...but the more we dwell with Him...the more like Him we become...because of the blood.

Revelation 12:11 – “And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death.”