

Faith On The Power of Jesus' Shed Blood

*(Only Foundation for A True
Christian Life)*

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The basis of all *faith* in God is the shed *Blood* of Jesus Christ; and the basis for all answered *prayer* is believing on the *power* of that atoning sacrifice for us. (Mark 11:24) *"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."*

The natural human heart contains many desires, spiritually, physically, financially, and many other ways. We often pray for divine wisdom, and God has promised that and much more. (Psalm 103:2-5) *"Bless the LORD, O my soul, And forget not all His benefits: Who forgives all your iniquities, Who heals all your diseases, Who redeems your life from destruction, Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies, Who satisfies your mouth with good things, So that your youth is renewed like the eagle's."*

These very encouraging verses remind us of the wide range of possibilities God has for us, but since our finite minds may find that difficult to comprehend (we may have a problem trying to believe those verses of God-inspired Promise. We can, however, be inspired by the encouraging words given for us (Ephes.3:20-21) *"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."*

We pray to God in secret in the Name of His Son, Jesus, and we are to *believe* we will receive (that is the Gospel message).(John 16:23-24) *"And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name, He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name."*

Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full."

That Promise from Jesus would include 'forgiveness of sins'; divine guidance; deliverance from worldly influence; a right standing before God; also, would include good health, healing from oppression (as Jesus already bore those oppressions for us on a Cross at Calvary). And, then protection to be received from God (not from depending on the many devices and plans of man); and to have financial needs provided by letting our needs be known only to God alone in our secret prayer to Him: and everything else that is needed as promised in Scripture for us to claim by faith to receive, .. (when we pray and *believe* in faith that the 'Atonement of Christ' *enables* us to receive those things).

There are two *types* of believing—a *First faith* is, that our believing makes God give us what we desire. That it is a *strong* faith that *compels* Him to give, but this type of faith is centered on our own ability to believe, (which is really just 'self' trying to *accomplish* something). Having an *amount of*, or a *type of faith*, does not *produce* anything, but it can *allow* God to produce something. If we depend on our believing to *persuade* God to accomplish our desires, it is like Cain bringing the *fruits* of the ground, instead of the *blood* of a lamb. That is really trying to *purchase* God's gifts with the merit of good works. Self always wants to *look* pious and tries to *do* things right—but is separated from believing in faith on what God has accomplished.

The *Second faith* brings results, because it is a faith that asks God, and then believes that the work is already accomplished by someone else (Jesus Christ). *This* type of faith is what we must understand, *what* is its foundation, and why we can believe God, who doesn't ask us to believe anything to make it true; but to believe something because it is true. That is the promise, and we have His Word on it.

After a dress suit is sent off to be cleaned and pressed, we are later informed that the cleaning work is completed and the suit is ready. That is the same *type of believing* that God wants us to understand and to apply (*believing* that the suit is ready for us to wear). That *cleaning person* is telling us the truth; just as *God* is telling us the truth. The suit cleaning

work has been completed, just as our sins have been forgiven via the 'work of Jesus Christ on the Cross. Whether we believe either one to be true or not, our believing or not believing does not change the facts.

To receive any *benefit* of use of the cleaned and pressed suit, we have to *believe* the words of the cleaner—that the work was completed. If we do believe their words, we will go to the cleaners to get the suit, even *before* seeing that the cleaning work was done. We act on their *words* and receive the benefit of the *work*. If we did *not* believe the cleaner, we would *not* pick-up the suit (and we may *resent* the firm for not producing it).

The devil makes it easy for us to place the *blame* on the wrong source, or to think someone else is the *cause* of our troubles. But when God asks us to *believe* that our sins are forgiven, He is asking us to believe the *fact*, which remains a fact—whether we believe it or not. His Word says (Isaiah 53:5) *"with his stripes we are healed,"* so when we will confess and forsake our sins to God, we can *prove* that His Word is true, by acting in faith on His Word.

God's Word tells us that our sins, sorrows, diseases, and troubles were pardoned and canceled by that work of Jesus Christ on the Cross, and the moment we *believe* Him (as much as we believed that the suit was ready to be picked up), victory is then the result. That work of healing and deliverance was done two thousand years ago on the Cross.

It is not our faith that pays for the victory, because no merit on our part would ever *cause* God to do things for us, (but it is that shed *Blood* that compels God to act in our behalf). The shed Blood of Jesus—(Rev.13:8 says) the *"Lamb slain from the foundation of the world,"* (that destroyed the work of the devil, and it enables the victory to be ours.

The moment we *believe* that Jesus did that for us (and we believe and know that He is standing at the door of our heart, waiting for us to respond to Him), we can open the door, hear His voice, act on His words, and, receive our victory. The divine power of God is by our side to make that a reality in our life. (No one *but* God could form such a plan to just *believe* His *Word* and be *delivered* by His *sacrifice*.)

When we really and truly believe on what Jesus did for us on that Cross at Calvary, we are given the *right* to receive our victory in spirit, soul, and body. A faith that *believes on Jesus Christ,* enables God's power to *work for anyone.* When the healing of a boy was hindered, Jesus told His disciples (Matt.17:20) it was *"because of your unbelief."* He then added that if their *faith* were the size of a seed *"nothing shall be impossible unto you."*

The whole story of the Gospel, and the meaning of the Atonement, is given for us in the words (Mark 11:24) *"What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them."* All of our illnesses; our unscriptural desires; our unbelief; and even our short temper have been nailed to the cross (*that* is a reality when we believe), we just have to believe and accept the facts as they are.

Instead of us growing the life of *'self'*, we are instead, to glorify God, and to exalt the great work of Atonement Jesus made on *our* behalf, which is to *believe* that He has already done that work, that is all that is required to *be done*, for us to receive our deliverance, our healing, and our many other blessings. When we understand and *know* there is *no virtue* in our faith, we will also *know* that, that virtue is *all* in the *Blood that Jesus shed for us.* If we will place our entire faith in God and the sacrifice His Son made for us, He will lead us to victory in all things. He is compelled to do it because Jesus *paid for* it.

When a reliable person tells us good news, we never take the credit for it; and saying, 'it is my believing and my faith that made it possible'. No such thing happens in *natural* things; but the flesh wants to exalt itself in *divine* things. The apostle was aware of this trap, and he wrote to believers; (1 Cor.2:4-5) *"My speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power, that your faith [your trust] should not be in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God."* And (1 Cor.1:20) *"Where is your wise man? Where your expounder of the Law? Where your investigator of the questions of this present age? Has not God shown the world's wisdom to be utter foolishness?"*

Some people think it takes a great amount of faith to receive a seed of blessing. If they pray in that way it will determine how the answer is given. If we are focused on the amount of our faith, we can easily lose sight of what paid for our victory (the shed Blood of Jesus Christ washes away sin) when our dependence, faith and trust is on Him.

The value of the Blood is the only thing of interest to us. We are not to consider the amount of faith we have, but to consider the value of the Blood that was shed. Real faith really believes on what Jesus accomplished. (Hebr.4:3) *"We who have believed, enter that rest;" because "His work has been finished since the creation of the world."*

The moment we are told that a dinner (we thought we had to cook) has already been prepared, we would enter into rest. If we did *not believe* what they said, we would still be worried about fixing dinner. The Gospel story is a finished product (like the words of a builder saying that a house is completed) (it is ready to move in and enjoy).

There is enough truth in Scripture to free the entire world. (Romans 6:1) *"What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?"* (or that God will give more forgiveness or show greater mercy?) (vs.2) *"Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?"*

We must ask for the Holy Spirit to make those verses real to us. (3-4) *"Do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death? Therefore, we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so, we also should walk in newness of life."* (When Jesus went into the tomb, God considers it as if we went to the grave).

(Rom.6:5-6) (verses of Scripture that we should never forget), *"Since we have become one with Him by sharing in His death, we shall also be one with Him, by sharing in His resurrection. This we know—that our old self was nailed to the cross with Him, in order that our sinful nature might be deprived of its power, so that we should no longer be the slaves of sin."*

The old sin and the former life were done away with; we are now another person, with a new life and a changed attitude (truly believing those words) *"This we know—that our old self was nailed to the cross."* Everything depends on our believing we are free, because God says we are. (Rom.6:10-11) *"The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus [our Lord]."*

All the troubles, sorrows, sins, and sickness were borne on the cross two thousand years ago, so we do not have to bear them. (Isaiah 53:4) *"Surely our sicknesses He hath borne, And our pains—He hath carried them."* (The whole story of deliverance is right there in those words, inspired by God).

It is the doorway out of all trouble, poverty, illness, and pain; and just one step out, but it must be the step of faith taken, by believing just the 'Word of God', that tells us what the Blood of Jesus Christ has done. Our believing does *not* accomplish one thing, (but it *lets* in what has *already* been accomplished and paid for).

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