



This morning I want to talk about the saving and freeing power discovered in the blood of Christ, which was shed on the cross for all who may believe.

Text: **Hebrews 13:12**

The famous hymn “*Power in the blood*” was written in 1899 by Lewis Jones. This hymn takes us from a question about “How to be free from the burden of sin?” To “How to live daily singing the praises of the Lord?” The distance between those two points is vast.

The answer, Lewis writes, is found in the “*wonder-working power in the blood of the lamb.*”

Throughout scripture we read of blood telling a story, in scripture we hear that...

I. The blood speaks.

A. The blood of Abel. – **Vs. Genesis 4:10**

“Abel's blood represents the cry for vengeance and the consequences of sin.”

B. The blood of animals.

(Genesis 3:21, 8:20-21; Leviticus 16)

“You may be asking yourself, why animals? What did they do wrong? That is the point—since the animals did no wrong, they died in place of the one performing the sacrifice. Jesus

Christ also did no wrong but willingly gave Himself to die for the sins of mankind (1 Timothy 2:6).”

C. The blood of Christ. – **Vs. Hebrews 9:12-14, 10:19**

NOTE: Five benefits of the blood (Apostle Paul):

a) Propitiation – Removing God’s righteous wrath.
(Romans 3:25)

b) Justification – Extending God’s full acceptance.
(Romans 5:9)

c) Redemption – Purchasing our true freedom.
(Ephesians 1:7)

d) Forgiveness – Restoring our best relationship.
(Ephesians 2:13)

e) Pacification – Making peace with God himself.
(Col. 1:19-20)

“Because of his shed blood, we have a guarantee of eternal life. He will “in no wise” cast out those that come to him by faith (John 6:37).”

Application:

Have you been set free from the burden of sin? Have you been cleansed from the devastating effects of pride and gained a victory over evil? If you say no, or are not sure, trust in Christ today!

If you have been washed and made new by the sacrificial blood of Christ, will you daily his praises sing, doing service for Jesus your king?