

THE NEW DO!

THE BLOOD PART 4

The Purpose of This Series: This series is to provide a greater understanding of the broader picture of the Biblical concept of The Blood. Without an accurate understanding of this Biblical truth, the blessings procured by it, the glory of God seen through it, the Word of God permeated through and through with it, and the hope that it provides for all mankind by it is the loss of the Gospel itself. The key concepts that we will learn is who we are in Christ, becoming a confident and assured believer, freedom from your past, authority as a believer, a purified and overcoming life, power in victory as a “follower of Christ” and the excitement of the reality of eternity in heaven!

The Purpose of This Message: The message today addresses a controversial issue that many people find themselves troubled or struggling over. It is the issue of being Sanctified by the blood of Jesus. And by that work, it draws us into Christ likeness and God likeness. The controversy is detailed in how we respond to the work of Christ in our life, do we dive into “holiness” or do we live “free” with no consideration of duty or responsibility? We will discuss clearly what the Blood of Jesus has come to do in our life and what we “do” in response. What is the balance and what are we supposed to be doing...or being?

People pay thousands of dollars a year to get a New Do! They want to make themselves look better because they feel like their looks are inadequate and insignificant. What used to be called plastic surgery is now called, “body shaping.” It's an attempt at getting a whole “new do” for the body. God is wanting more than doing a “New Do” in your life He is wanting a “New You!” But the new do that I'm talking about today is one of the great challenging messages to bring balance between works and freedom, from Sanctification and Holiness.

In quick review of the past teaching is when we ask Jesus Christ into our heart there are several things that occur. First when we ask Jesus Christ to come into our heart, the blood that He shed on the cross is applied to our lives for **atonement** for our guilt of sin. Secondly, **reconciliation** takes place allowing God to approach us, pursue us in a loving relationship and last year, the blood of Jesus **cleanses** our minds from the stain of sin. He renews our mind from the strongholds of our past sins. And today, the blood of Jesus becomes our Sanctification.

I want to make this statement, and it will not make a lot of sense right now, but go ahead and put it in your heart somewhere,

“Holiness is a manifestation of Sanctification!”

The statement cannot be the other way around, sanctification is the foundation for holiness to manifest. Holiness is the fruit of sanctification. This is important today because of some things we will say about sanctification and holiness.

Now let me take a few minutes to describe something that is also important to understand,

“We all come to Christ through a different revelation, but always through the same revelation of Jesus.”

Say what? You heard me, “we all come to Christ through a different revelation, but always

through the same revelation of Jesus.” OK, what are we talking about?

I think I can explain. I am a proud father of three beautiful girls. But recently we were all talking about certain events that happened in their life and all three had a different encounter of what happened. They did not remember certain life events the same. They all saw them differently.

Similarly, we each come to Christ differently, but always to Christ. Many people come to Christ and ask Him into their heart because of the revelation of atonement, the ability for Christ's blood to take away the guilt of their sin. What a great discovery that Jesus paid the price of our sin in full. We become so gracious, but some don't think they should ever bother God again because they don't see God's love beyond that. They don't see that it would be right to ask more of God.

But there are some who come to Jesus understanding the power of reconciliation. They see God drawing Himself, in a pursuit of them and they are openly expressive in response through worship and praise. I would suggest that many who are not expressive in their worship toward God have not come to the full revelation of the God who is reconciling us to Himself. They don't understand the revelation of the passionate pursuit of God. I would encourage you to take a step of faith if that is you and open your mouth and accept the work of God in you.

Thirdly, there are those, when they come to Christ, and I have heard this on several occasions, that they feel “clean.” The cleansing blood of Jesus Christ takes them through the cleansing process of their mind. They feel so clean because God purges them from issues, strongholds or guilty stains that needed to be wiped away. This is so exciting...but it's not everyone's experience. Some will have to trust God in faith for this work of the cleansing blood.

And today, there are some who receive the sanctifying blood of Christ. When they come to Christ, the revelation that they receive is all consuming and passionate. They are, in poker terms, “All In!” So they launch all in, and don't hold back from anything. The challenge that someone would experience concerning this is that not everyone is not running at the same pace. They find themselves distant from the crowd and they will be tempted to “judge” others for the lack of their spirituality. Or, on the other hand, they are so hungry to serve God and be used that they open themselves up to people who are legalistic and bound up in works. A willing person could fall into the trap of becoming consumed with *doing* rather than *being*.

Sanctification Through the Blood

"And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood."

Hebrews 13:12

Last week we talked about the cleansing work of the blood and today we are today we are going to address another big word, “Sanctification.” For some, they may not see any difference between CLEANSING and SANCTIFICATION, that the two words mean about the same thing; but there is a powerful difference in the two words.

- CLEANSING has to do with our **old life**, the **stains** that were left because of sin which must be removed, so that other things can occur. **Becoming less of the old me.**

- SANCTIFICATION has to do with our **new life** in helping us **take on the characteristics of Christ and the spirit's fruit**. SANCTIFICATION means **“Union With God,”** this is coming into the complete fullness of Christ's blood. **Becoming the new me.**

Paul makes clear distinction between Cleansing and Sanctification.

“In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble. If a man cleanses himself from the latter, he will be an instrument for noble purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.”

II Timothy 2:20-21

SANCTIFICATION follows after and surpasses CLEANSING. Cleansing is the basis where true sanctification can take place. Cleansing is a purging, cleansing of the old thinking and moving confidently to the higher region where the Lord has placed us to be. To be cleansed is **ending to the dead works of our lives** that are in slavery to the flesh. By being cleansed, a usable, “holy” vessel is ready to do any good work.

"PARTAKING OF THE DIVINE NATURE" is the blessing which is promised to believers in SANCTIFICATION.

In the Old Testament, it was the touching of a “dead” thing that made you impure, needing cleansed. If the person was touched, being unclean, he made others unclean. For us, the works we do as an unclean vessel will make unholy the good works that we might do. To be obedient in to this purpose, to be cleansed for noble purposes is to be useful to the Master for “ANY” good work. I believe that it affords you to go beyond your normal abilities as a gifted person and be affective in great measures.

Example: Have you ever heard someone who may not speak very well, maybe, even full of fear at the time of their delivery of a message, but because of the heart, they are able to drill your heart with the Word of the Lord. We may think it is their simplicity or a unique style, but it is their sanctified heart that God can take each mispronounced word and awkwardness and turns it into a masterful revelation.

Consecration of the Levites and Priests

A Biblical foreshadow of the work of the Blood of Jesus Christ is connected with the ordinances required for the consecration of the Priests which were different than for the Levites. The Levites had a lower position than the Priests when it came to serving in the Sanctuary. The Priests came from the direct line of lineage as Aaron. The Levites came from the tribe or family of Levi. The process for the Levites was different than that of the Priests. The **Priests stood in a closer relationship to God than the Levites,** (Exodus 29; Leviticus 8).

- **Levites: When Levites were consecrated they went through the process of CLEANSING. RECONCILIATION for sin was made on their behalf, and then the water was sprinkled on them for the purification for CLEANSING. For the Levites, there was a close relationship between the water and CLEANSING.** Numbers 8 uses “Cleansing” or TAHAR, 5 times meaning to purify oneself, ceremonially and morally.

- **Priests: When the Priests were consecrated, they went through the process of SANCTIFICATION. The blood was sprinkled upon them for the purpose of SANCTIFICATION. For the Priest, there was a close relationship between the sacrificial blood and SANCTIFICATION.**

Our goal today is to understand the concept of SANCTIFICATION through the BLOOD OF JESUS, so here are three questions we are going to attempt to understand:

I. WHAT SANCTIFICATION IS.

II. SANCTIFICATION IS WHY CHRIST SUFFERED.

III. HOW TO OBTAINED SANCTIFICATION THROUGH THE BLOOD.

I. WHAT SANCTIFICATION IS.

The best way to understand what SANCTIFICATION means, we want to take a step away and gain an understanding of Holiness of God. If you have come to love God, you cannot go very deep in your relationship with His before you discover that He is the **HOLY ONE**.

Holiness

Many people mistake the picture of God's Holiness as a short-tempered, offended God who is put out with the sin of man. But this is not an accurate picture. He certainly has no part with sin, but it is not the full picture of Holiness and it is certainly not the full picture of God.

"He is a holy God..."

Joshua 24:19b

Joshua calls God "A Holy God."

- When **Hannah** came into the sanctuary, (1 Samuel 2:2) and cried out to God because she was without child, she said that **there is "No One Holy Like Our God!"**
- **David** says something very telling, that **He (God) is "Enthroned As The Holy One,"** (Psalm 22:3)
 - To "Enthroned" or "Inhabit" means to dwell, remain, sit, abide.
 - God's abiding makes it Holy. Where ever He is, it is Holy!

The Holiness of God **not only punishes sin, but it redeems people from their sin.** God's holiness moved Him to redeem us, sinners from our sins. God's Holiness has two sides to it:

1. **WRATH of God** which **punishes sin,**
2. **LOVE of God** which **redeems one from sin**

They both come from the same source-His holiness. Holiness is God's nature:

"Be holy because I, the LORD your God, am holy."

Leviticus 19:2

You cannot separate God from Holiness and you cannot misinterpret what Holiness is or you will distort the identity of who God is. Holiness is who God is and nothing He

does is without that characteristic. God desires what is supremely good in desires it from His creatures and has provided it for them.

“Holiness in man is when the entirety of that man is in full agreement with that of God”

When the individual desires what God desires, loves what God loves and detest what God detests, that is being Holy.

“But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do...”
1 Peter 1:15

Holiness in us is nothing else than oneness with God.

Sanctification is when we accept the terms of God's holiness. There is no other SANCTIFICATION other than that which the Holy God not demands of us, but is who He is. This is where many people get confused. God has not assigned us another law to behave in a certain way, but He has empowered us to become like Him. To live otherwise is to refuse His Spirit that works so powerfully in “us”, (Colossians 1:29). SANCTIFICATION signifies having a certain relationship with God.

Separation- The first and simplest meaning of the word SANCTIFICATION is "separation." To be separate means to be **taken out of its surroundings**, by God's command, and is **set aside or separated as His own possession and for His service**-that is holy.

This is where people get things dragged down in their life. **Sanctification is not only separation from sin, the world and even what may be permissible, it is not a life away FROM as much as it is a life TO.** Too many people live a pure and Holy life in a fearful way that they will get in trouble, sow a seed that they will reap later, or become disappointing to God. **If a Holy life is lived because of one's love of God rather than the fear of God, then it's not lived in dire need of approval but of admiration!**

1. Sabbath

God sanctified the seventh day as Holy. If the seventh day was Holy, then the other days were not, they were unclean. In Genesis 1:31, God saw all that He had made in the six days and said,

“God saw all that he had made, and it was very good.”

But He made the seventh day alone, holy. God designated that day just like he designated the sacrifice to be acceptable to Him for the forgiveness of sins. Like I said before, many people don't like the way God does His business, but He is God. **He gave us the sacrifice as an acceptable means of forgiveness and He has given us the Sabbath as an acceptable means of worship and rest.**

2. Children of Israel

- **Abraham**- In the same way God had separated Israel from other nations. God made covenant with Abraham in Genesis 17, that He would be the father of “many nations.”
- **Moses**- Later on, the descendants of Abraham were called Israelites, and

God specifically separated the Israelites from any and every nation.

"For you are a holy people, who belong to the LORD your God. Of all the people on earth, the LORD your God has chosen you to be his own special treasure."

Deuteronomy 7:6

*"Then I will dwell among the Israelites and be their God. They will know that I am the LORD their God, who **brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them.** I am the LORD their God."*

Exodus 29:45-46

3. Levites and Priests

God separated the Levites and Priests from the rest of Israel to be holy only to Him. This separation unto SANCTIFICATION is always God's own work, and so the electing grace of God is often closely connected with SANCTIFICATION.

"You are to be holy to me because I, the Lord, am holy, and I have set you apart from the nations to be my own."

Leviticus 20:26

In Numbers 16, Korah, the great-grand-son of Levi, and some of his friends who were Reubenites and 250 well-known community leader of Israel became insolent and rose up against Moses. They came as a group to oppose Moses and Aaron and said to them,

"You have gone too far! The whole community is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is with them. Why then do you set yourselves above the LORD's assembly?"

Numbers 16:3

"...The man the LORD chooses will be the one who is holy. You Levites have gone too far!"

Numbers 16:7

4. Sanctify Yourself

But separation is not all that is included in SANCTIFICATION but it is an inescapable part of it. A sanctified individual is the same as a sanctified object, they are both sanctified to the service of God. What creates value to the sanctification process is something more, **a man must surrender himself willingly, and heartily, to this separation.** SANCTIFICATION involves a personal consecration to the purpose and will of the Lord.

"It is God's will that you should be sanctified: that you should avoid sexual immorality; that each of you should learn to control his own body in a way that is holy and honorable..."

I Thessalonians 4:3-4

"...not in passionate lust like the heathen, who do not know God; and that in this matter no one should wrong his brother or take advantage of him. The Lord will punish men for all such sins, as we have already told you and warned you."

I Thessalonians 4:5-6

"For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit."

I Thessalonians 4:7-8

Contrary to the way this scripture has been taught, SANCTIFICATION is not true Holiness in the idea that you live within several tightly regulated rules, but that you allow a heart change, to engage with your will and emotions and you set your affections upon the Lord. **God will not invade your will and man cannot regulate you to be acceptable to God. My submission to His will sanctifies me, not the rules, but the heart. This is why the Scriptures tell us that God can only sanctify us, but they also say that we must sanctify ourselves as well.**

Consecration by means of Separation is not the complete expression of SANCTIFICATION. Responding to the call of separation is only the preparation for the full work of Holiness that God wants to do in us.

"PARTAKING OF THE DIVINE NATURE" is the blessing which is promised to believers in SANCTIFICATION.

"Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness."

Hebrews 12:10

God's involvement in our life makes it so we may share in His life.

"...who brought them out of Egypt so that I might dwell among them..."

Exodus 29:46b

To be separated from the desires of this world, and not just resistant to them, but now be attached to God because of the disconnect to this world enables to share in His holiness. The divine life is personal fellowship with God and His will, this is where SANCTIFICATION can be obtained.

"His divine power has given us everything we need for life and godliness through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness."

II Peter 1:3

"Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature and escape the corruption in the world caused by evil desires."

II Peter 1:4

God's desire for you coming out of your slavery of sin was so you might dwell with Him and Him with you. God's separation of you from that is so that He can have you in this! Of course God dwells in us and it is He alone who can create such a drawing away of that strong tow of the flesh and its desires. You can say that you finally "grew up," or "realize what you were doing to yourself or to other people," or "that you finally got smarter," but using terms that the Bible uses, You were "blind but now you see," you were "lost but now you are found," you were

“without hope but now you have hope!” The transition in your life to turn, to change paths, to live a different way is a work of the Holy Spirit of God in you.

The Bible is clear that God's dwelling in our hearts gives us such power that it will provide everything we need and allows us to escape the corruption in the world that is caused by our own evil desires.

The full experience of SANCTIFICATION is God dwelling in us so that we may live for and with Him. This is the reason why Jesus came in the flesh and the Holy Spirit could later be poured into us so the “divine power” could dwell in us.

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"And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood."

Hebrews 13:12

The greatest destiny that we can have as a believer is to participate in the holiness of God because this was the central focus of Christ's coming to this earth. This is the purpose of His sufferings and death.

"For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight..."

Ephesians 1:4

When Christ suffered outside the city gate He became our SANCTIFICATION, notice the words to His Father, when He was about to allow Himself to our sacrifice.

"And for their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they also may be sanctified by the truth."

John 17:19 (NKJV)

His sufferings and death SANCTIFIED Himself, so now He can become our SANCTIFICATION. His sinless life, his separation, holiness allowed His sacrifice to be acceptable once and for all to God. God is not impressed with your knowledge or gifts and abilities as He is with you SANCTIFIED life, because He can do more with a holy person than one of great pedigree. That's why the bible says that man's wisdom is foolishness to God.

When you think about Jesus from now on you need to see Him as the HOLY ONE OF GOD, **"The Son whom the Father had sanctified and sent into the world,"** and He had to sanctify Himself, there was no other way. **The sinless life of Christ means a SANCTIFIED life for us, because He was, WE CAN BE!**

The Temptation of Christ

Christ did not come in a Holy bubble that could not be touched or tempted, He was tempted like us all and in response became SANCTIFIED. The amazing feat of Jesus is that He did not trip, shake or fail but succeeded in living a sinless life, how? By laying down His will to the will of God which is the holiness of God.

Our true holiness is having perfect oneness of our will with that of God. When we read about Jesus and His life, such as His **temptation in the wilderness**, He had *subjected* His will to the will of His Father. In that, He had consecrated Himself as a

sacrifice to God.

We can also see it in His temptation in the Garden of Gethsemane. The moment had arrived. Jesus knew it was going to be just a few more hours and it would all be over. All He had lived for would be challenged now by what He would die for. He battled within to respond in obedience to God or take up His own life.

"He went on a little farther and fell face down on the ground, praying, "My Father! If it is possible, let this cup of suffering be taken away from me. Yet I want your will, not mine."

Matthew 26:39

He offered up Himself, His will to God's will and therefore to His holiness. Jesus sanctified Himself with a submitted will to the will of God. perfect oneness of will, with that of God. **The power of Christ's sanctification is the power by which we may be sanctified.**

"Then he said, "Here I am, I have come to do your will." He sets aside the first to establish the second. 10And by that will, we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."

Hebrews 10:9-10

Christ's sufferings and death opened the gateway for us to be made holy, an impossible feat for any other sacrifice. The offering of His body to do the will of God made us sanctified. He sanctified Himself that we might be sanctified through Him. When Christ surrendered Himself to God's holy will, not only did it grant you and I the merit of salvation, but is also released the power by which conquered sin and qualified us to be an intimate part of the family of God.

"Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers."

Hebrews 2:11

Jesus' sufferings and death sanctified us. His obedience to God allows us to be of the same family as He and God. SANCTIFICATION bonds together.

*"And so **Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood."***

Hebrews 13:12

If you are going to understand what SANCTIFICATION by THE BLOOD means, then you must understand the purpose of Christ's sufferings, SANCTIFICATION by a submitted will to God and therein lay its value and power. It was through Christ that God foreordained redemption by submitting Himself to God's will and thus gives us victory over sin. Jesus endured the sufferings so that we might be consecrated to God.

Now, the power of the Holy Spirit comes to reveal in us the redemption that is in Jesus.

ATONEMENT, RECONCILIATION, and CLEANSING from sin, all have a great value; but they all point towards SANCTIFICATION. The divine work of the Lord, His entire separation to God, an undivided consecration to a life wholly lived for God gives us a

promise through His blood, POWER of a HOLY life. God will dwell in a place of Holiness.

III. **HOW TO OBTAIN SANCTIFICATION BY THE BLOOD.**

Simply, every one who is a partaker of the virtue of the blood, is also a partaker of SANCTIFICATION, and is in God's sight a sanctified person.

As a person lives in close and abiding contact with God there will be changes through the sanctifying effects. It's wonderful to see a person who comes to Christ who understands little but somehow begins to make transitions in their life that reflect Christ's life. You don't have to know everything to began your walk with God. As you pray and apply your faith so that the full work of Christ, the provision of SANCTIFICATION through the BLOOD of Jesus will cause you to lose a hunger for things that are less eternal and less valuable. You can't understand it all, it is a supernatural event as the Spirit of God begins to manifest His sanctifying power in you. As you GIVE yourself up to God, subjected to His will you will experience the powerful work of the blood of SANCTIFICATION. The Lord Jesus will do this for you.

As you gain a greater understanding, you can enter into a fuller blessing of what God has for you. Through the blood of Jesus Christ, we not only have the right, but it is our duty to learn more of what this means.

We have learned in the beginning of this message that **SANCTIFICATION is SEPARATION to God, as His entire possession, to be at His disposal. As we engage with God, the power of sin is broken; we are loosed from its bonds and are no longer its bond-servants; but belong to Him who purchased our freedom with His blood.**

"But he who unites himself with the Lord is one with him in spirit."

I Corinthians 6:17

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price.

Therefore honor God with your body."

I Corinthians 6:19-20

God wanted you and I exclusively, so He purchased you at the price that was required of you. He has chosen and bought us and placed His blood upon us. He set us apart to live only for His service.

If you have received Christ into your heart, you have asked Jesus to become "Lord." He has SANCTIFIED you through His own blood, and He desires for you to receive the full power of His SANCTIFICATION. Please grab a hold of this truth today that you are SANCTIFIED through the sprinkling of His blood to make you more than a Levite who serves in the outer court, but He has come to make you a Priest, to enter the Holy of Holies!

God wants you exclusively, with no other enticements or strings attached. According to the Work of Jesus Christ, no other power have any rights over you, and more than that, you don't have any right over yourself. God separated you unto HIMSELF and placed His eternal Son's blood on you to assure you of the

full redemptive work of God.

You and I have also seen that SANCTIFICATION is more than separation. It's only the beginning of what God is doing. The personal **consecration of our heart to surrender our will to God's holy will, is part of SANCTIFICATION too.**

As you abide in Christ, His blood will work through and work out this surrender in us to SANCTIFY. It is not enough to believe in the power of the blood to redeem us and never receive the full work of Christ within us.

The Blood has power, because of Christ's surrender to God. His obedience to God satisfied the debt of sin and His shed blood sanctifies you and I, to make us Holy. The work of the blood continues to speak of the consecration of Jesus to the Father. The more that you understand the great power of the blood, the more you will understand the opportunity that we have in living a powerful and free life because of Christ, through Christ and for Christ!

By His own blood, Jesus sanctifies us, that we, holding nothing back, might surrender ourselves with all our hearts to the holy will of God.

The believer who surrenders himself unreservedly to the blood, obtains the full assurance that God will reveal His holiness in him. Sanctification takes place when God takes full ownership or possession so His glory can consecrate the temple that is yielded to Him. Nearness and fellowship with God, are made possible by the blood.

Too often the idea of holiness is concentrating on the cleanliness of the vessel when it should focus on the temple being filled with God's glory. When you don't feel like you are "all that," carrying the virtues of divine holiness, it is not a matter of house cleaning that causes His presence to manifest. But it is in searching for His presence that we surrender the deeper issues of our life that cause us to manifest in things that have no place with God. We are often pulling the fruit off the trees without killing the roots. Your intimacy with Christ will allow you to have union with God; fellowship in His will; sharing His life; conformity to His image.

"And so Jesus also suffered outside the city gate to make the people holy through his own blood."

Hebrews 13:12

He sanctifies His people. Let us yield ourselves wholly to the blood, through which He sanctified Himself, and make our hearts a throne of God, allowing His grace and glory to dwell in us. If you are willing to live at any cost to experience the full power of the precious blood, He will be sanctified by Jesus Himself, through that blood.

"May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Thessalonians 5:23