

THE GOSPEL UNDERSTOOD

Revelation 12:11 *THEY OVERCAME HIM BY **the blood of the Lamb**, THE WORD OF THEIR TESTIMONY AND THEY LOVED NOT THEIR LIVES UNTO DEATH.*

Do I really know the Gospel? If I did, I would loudly broadcast the good news of the Gospel to everyone I come across!

Do I really appreciate the Gospel? If I did, I would be the most joyful person on the planet, always!

Too many of us act as if we're ashamed of the Gospel!

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A new heart and a new Spirit

EZEKIEL 36:24-27 (ESV) Jesus came to seek and save us

*24 I WILL TAKE YOU FROM THE NATIONS AND GATHER YOU FROM ALL THE COUNTRIES AND BRING YOU INTO YOUR OWN LAND. 25 I WILL SPRINKLE CLEAN WATER ON YOU, AND YOU SHALL BE CLEAN FROM ALL YOUR UNCLEANNESSES, AND FROM ALL YOUR IDOLS I WILL CLEANSE YOU. 26 AND I WILL GIVE YOU **a new heart**, AND **a new spirit** I WILL PUT WITHIN YOU. AND I WILL REMOVE **the heart of stone** FROM YOUR FLESH AND GIVE YOU **a heart of flesh**. 27 AND I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT WITHIN YOU, AND CAUSE YOU TO WALK IN MY STATUTES AND BE CAREFUL TO OBEY MY RULES.*

EZEKIEL 36:24-27 (NIV)

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EZEKIEL 36:24-27 (NLT)

*24 FOR I WILL GATHER YOU UP FROM ALL THE NATIONS AND BRING YOU HOME AGAIN TO YOUR LAND. 25 "THEN I WILL SPRINKLE CLEAN WATER ON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE CLEAN. YOUR FILTH WILL BE WASHED AWAY, AND YOU WILL NO LONGER WORSHIP IDOLS. 26 AND I WILL GIVE YOU **a new heart**, AND I WILL PUT **a new spirit** IN YOU. I WILL TAKE OUT YOUR **stony, stubborn heart** AND GIVE YOU **a tender, responsive heart** 27 AND I WILL PUT MY SPIRIT IN YOU SO THAT YOU WILL FOLLOW MY DECREES AND BE CAREFUL TO OBEY MY REGULATIONS.*

The blood of the Lamb

This is the message of the cross!!! He died for us, shedding His blood on the cross for our sins. He became our substitutionary Lamb, sacrificed for our sins. He suffered and died in our place! This was God's will for His Son, so that we may be set free. God's motivation was love:

John 3:16-18 *16 "FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE. 17 FOR GOD DID NOT SEND HIS SON INTO THE WORLD TO CONDEMN THE WORLD, BUT IN ORDER THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM. 18 WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM IS NOT CONDEMNED, BUT WHOEVER DOES NOT BELIEVE IS CONDEMNED ALREADY, BECAUSE HE HAS NOT BELIEVED IN THE NAME OF THE ONLY SON OF GOD.*

• THE ISSUE OF SIN

Romans 3:23 *FOR ALL HAVE SINNED AND FALL SHORT OF THE GLORY OF GOD.*

Romans 1:18 *FOR THE WRATH OF GOD IS REVEALED FROM HEAVEN AGAINST ALL UNGODLINESS AND UNRIGHTEOUSNESS OF MEN, WHO BY THEIR UNRIGHTEOUSNESS SUPPRESS THE TRUTH.*

God's wrath is revealed against sin, and His justice requires that we pay for our sin with our blood. Life is in the blood (Genesis 9:4-6). Therefore, blood has to be shed to atone for our sins. (Leviticus 17:11)

ILLUSTRATION: What is the worst sin? Anything that separates us from God!

• WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO FORGIVENESS OF SINS

Hebrews 10:4 *FOR IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE BLOOD OF BULLS AND GOATS TO TAKE AWAY SINS.*

Hebrews 9:11-22 *11 BUT WHEN CHRIST APPEARED AS A HIGH PRIEST OF THE GOOD THINGS THAT HAVE COME, THEN THROUGH THE GREATER AND MORE PERFECT TENT (NOT MADE WITH HANDS, THAT IS, NOT OF THIS CREATION) 12 HE ENTERED ONCE FOR ALL INTO THE HOLY PLACES, NOT BY MEANS OF THE BLOOD OF GOATS AND CALVES BUT BY MEANS OF HIS OWN BLOOD, THUS SECURING AN **eternal redemption**. 13 FOR IF THE BLOOD OF GOATS AND BULLS, AND THE SPRINKLING OF DEFILED PERSONS WITH THE ASHES OF A HEIFER, SANCTIFY FOR THE PURIFICATION OF THE FLESH, 14 HOW MUCH MORE WILL THE BLOOD OF CHRIST, WHO THROUGH THE ETERNAL SPIRIT OFFERED HIMSELF WITHOUT BLEMISH TO GOD, PURIFY OUR CONSCIENCE FROM DEAD WORKS TO SERVE THE LIVING GOD. 15 THEREFORE HE IS THE MEDIATOR OF A NEW COVENANT, SO THAT THOSE WHO ARE CALLED MAY RECEIVE THE PROMISED ETERNAL INHERITANCE, SINCE A DEATH HAS OCCURRED THAT REDEEMS THEM FROM THE TRANSGRESSIONS COMMITTED UNDER THE FIRST COVENANT. 16 FOR WHERE A WILL IS INVOLVED, THE DEATH OF THE ONE WHO MADE IT MUST BE ESTABLISHED. 17 FOR A WILL TAKES EFFECT ONLY AT DEATH, SINCE IT IS NOT IN FORCE AS LONG AS THE ONE WHO MADE IT IS ALIVE. 18 THEREFORE NOT EVEN THE FIRST COVENANT WAS INAUGURATED WITHOUT BLOOD. 19 FOR WHEN EVERY COMMANDMENT OF THE LAW HAD BEEN DECLARED BY MOSES TO ALL THE PEOPLE, HE TOOK THE BLOOD OF CALVES AND GOATS, WITH WATER AND SCARLET WOOL AND HYSSOP, AND SPRINKLED BOTH THE BOOK ITSELF AND ALL THE PEOPLE, 20 SAYING, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT THAT GOD COMMANDED FOR YOU." 21 AND IN THE SAME WAY HE SPRINKLED WITH THE BLOOD BOTH THE TENT AND ALL THE VESSELS USED IN WORSHIP. 22 INDEED, UNDER THE LAW ALMOST EVERYTHING IS PURIFIED WITH BLOOD, AND **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins**.*

Hebrews 13:11-12 *11 FOR THE BODIES OF THOSE ANIMALS WHOSE BLOOD IS BROUGHT INTO THE HOLY PLACES BY THE HIGH PRIEST AS A SACRIFICE FOR SIN ARE BURNED OUTSIDE THE CAMP. 12 SO JESUS ALSO SUFFERED OUTSIDE THE GATE IN ORDER TO SANCTIFY THE PEOPLE THROUGH HIS OWN BLOOD.*

• WHAT JESUS WON FOR US THROUGH SHEDDING HIS BLOOD FOR US

• THE BLOOD OF JESUS CLEANSSES US FROM ALL SIN

1 John 1:7 *BUT IF WE WALK IN THE LIGHT, AS HE IS IN THE LIGHT, WE HAVE FELLOWSHIP WITH ONE ANOTHER, AND THE BLOOD OF JESUS HIS SON **cleanses us from all sin**.* (Jesus' blood washes away our sin, that clings to us like dirt)

• WE HAVE BEEN FREED FROM OUR SINS THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Revelation 1:5 *AND FROM JESUS CHRIST THE FAITHFUL WITNESS, THE FIRSTBORN OF THE DEAD, AND THE RULER OF KINGS ON EARTH. TO HIM WHO LOVES US AND HAS **freed us from our sins** BY HIS BLOOD.* (Jesus blood frees us from sin that binds us like chains)

• CHRIST IS OUR PROPITIATION FOR SIN

Romans 3:25 *WHOM GOD PUT FORWARD AS A **propitiation** BY HIS BLOOD, TO BE RECEIVED BY FAITH. THIS WAS TO SHOW GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS, BECAUSE IN HIS DIVINE FORBEARANCE HE HAD PASSED OVER FORMER SINS.*

Propitiation - The removal of wrath by the offering of a gift. God's wrath has been turned away from us through the offering of Christ's blood on the mercy seat in Heaven, bringing reconciliation and healing to our relationship with God, once and for all. In other religions, the worshippers take this kind of initiative, to appease the gods! But in Christianity, God takes the initiative. His blood (and life) becomes the sacrifice for us, because of His great love for us. God's wrath against our sin is averted, and Jesus' shed blood has become the way to the Father for us sinners.

• WE HAVE BEEN JUSTIFIED BY HIS BLOOD

Romans 5:9 *SINCE, THEREFORE, WE HAVE NOW BEEN **justified** BY HIS BLOOD, MUCH MORE SHALL WE BE SAVED BY HIM FROM THE WRATH OF GOD.* (Pronounced NOT GUILTY, and declared righteous)

• WE HAVE BEEN RANSOMED FROM OUR FUTILE WAYS BY THE BLOOD

1 Peter 1:18-19 *18 KNOWING THAT YOU WERE **ransomed** FROM THE FUTILE WAYS INHERITED FROM YOUR FOREFATHERS, NOT WITH PERISHABLE THINGS SUCH AS SILVER OR GOLD, 19 BUT WITH THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST, LIKE THAT OF A LAMB WITHOUT BLEMISH OR SPOT.*

Revelation 5:9-10 *9 AND THEY SANG A NEW SONG, SAYING, "WORTHY ARE YOU TO TAKE THE SCROLL AND TO OPEN ITS SEALS, FOR YOU WERE SLAIN, AND BY YOUR BLOOD YOU **ransomed people for God** FROM EVERY TRIBE AND LANGUAGE AND PEOPLE AND NATION, 10 AND YOU HAVE MADE THEM A **kingdom and priests** TO OUR GOD, AND THEY SHALL **reign** ON THE EARTH."* (Set free from captivity upon receipt of a payment = Christ's death on the cross)

- **WE HAVE REDEMPTION THROUGH HIS BLOOD = FORGIVENESS OF OUR SINS ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE**

Ephesians 1:7 *IN HIM WE HAVE **redemption** THROUGH HIS BLOOD, THE FORGIVENESS OF OUR TRESPASSES, ACCORDING TO THE RICHES OF HIS GRACE.* (Saved from sin. Were lost now found)

- **JESUS MADE PEACE BY THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS**

Colossians 1:19-20 *19 FOR IN HIM ALL THE FULLNESS OF GOD WAS PLEASED TO DWELL, 20 AND THROUGH HIM TO RECONCILE TO HIMSELF ALL THINGS, WHETHER ON EARTH OR IN HEAVEN, MAKING **peace** BY THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS.* (Relational healing)

- **THOSE WHO WERE FAR OFF HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR BY THE BLOOD. HE HAS BECOME OUR PEACE, AND WE ARE ALL UNITED IN CHRIST.**

Ephesians 2:13-14 *13 BUT NOW IN CHRIST JESUS YOU WHO ONCE WERE FAR OFF HAVE BEEN **brought near** BY THE BLOOD OF CHRIST. 14 FOR HE HIMSELF IS OUR PEACE, WHO HAS MADE US BOTH ONE AND HAS BROKEN DOWN IN HIS FLESH THE DIVIDING WALL OF HOSTILITY.*

- **WE HAVE CONFIDENCE TO ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS, THROUGH THE CURTAIN OF HIS FLESH SACRIFICED ON THE CROSS. OUR HEARTS HAVE BEEN SPRINKLED CLEAN FROM AN EVIL CONSCIENCE, SO WE CAN DRAW NEAR TO GOD IN FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH.**

Hebrews 10:19-22 *19 THEREFORE, BROTHERS, SINCE WE HAVE **confidence to enter the holy places** BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS, 20 BY THE NEW AND LIVING WAY THAT HE OPENED FOR US THROUGH THE CURTAIN, THAT IS, THROUGH HIS FLESH, 21 AND SINCE WE HAVE A GREAT PRIEST OVER THE HOUSE OF GOD, 22 LET US DRAW NEAR WITH A TRUE HEART IN FULL ASSURANCE OF FAITH, WITH OUR **hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience** AND OUR BODIES WASHED WITH PURE WATER.*

- **WE HAVE AN ETERNAL COVENANT WITH GOD THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS.**

Hebrews 13:20 *NOW MAY THE GOD OF PEACE WHO BROUGHT AGAIN FROM THE DEAD OUR LORD JESUS, THE GREAT SHEPHERD OF THE SHEEP, BY THE BLOOD OF THE **eternal covenant**.* (God initiated)

- **HE OBTAINED THE CHURCH WITH HIS OWN BLOOD**

Acts 20:28 *PAY CAREFUL ATTENTION TO YOURSELVES AND TO ALL THE FLOCK, IN WHICH THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS MADE YOU OVERSEERS, TO CARE FOR **the church of God, which he obtained** WITH HIS OWN BLOOD.* (The church, His bride)

- **THOSE WHO DIE IN TIMES OF TRIBULATION, FOR THE GOSPEL SAKE, WEAR ROBES OF RIGHTEOUSNESS FROM THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB.**

Revelation 7:14 *I SAID TO HIM, "SIR, YOU KNOW." AND HE SAID TO ME, "THESE ARE THE ONES COMING OUT OF THE GREAT TRIBULATION. THEY HAVE **washed their robes and made them white** IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB.*

- **HE WEARS HIS ROBE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS DIPPED IN HIS BLOOD AS THE COMMANDER OF HEAVEN'S ARMY!**

Revelation 19:13-14 *13 **He is clothed in a robe dipped in blood**, AND THE NAME BY WHICH HE IS CALLED IS THE WORD OF GOD. 14 AND THE ARMIES OF HEAVEN, ARRAYED IN FINE LINEN, WHITE AND PURE, WERE FOLLOWING HIM ON WHITE HORSES.*

- **BREAKING BREAD, OUR CONSTANT REMINDER OF THE NEW COVENANT WE HAVE THROUGH JESUS' BLOOD**

MATTHEW 26:26-29 *26 NOW AS THEY WERE EATING, JESUS TOOK BREAD, AND AFTER BLESSING IT BROKE IT AND GAVE IT TO THE DISCIPLES, AND SAID, "TAKE, EAT; THIS IS MY BODY." 27 AND HE TOOK A CUP, AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS HE GAVE IT TO THEM, SAYING, "DRINK OF IT, ALL OF YOU, 28 FOR THIS IS MY BLOOD OF THE COVENANT, WHICH IS Poured OUT FOR MANY FOR THE FORGIVENESS OF SINS. 29 I TELL YOU I WILL NOT DRINK AGAIN OF THIS FRUIT OF THE VINE UNTIL THAT DAY WHEN I DRINK IT NEW WITH YOU IN MY FATHER'S KINGDOM."*

See also Mark 14:24; Luke 22:20

JOHN 6:52-58 *52 THE JEWS THEN DISPUTED AMONG THEMSELVES, SAYING, "HOW CAN THIS MAN GIVE US HIS FLESH TO EAT?" 53 SO JESUS SAID TO THEM, "TRULY, TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, UNLESS YOU EAT THE FLESH OF THE SON OF MAN AND DRINK HIS BLOOD, YOU HAVE NO LIFE IN YOU. 54 WHOEVER FEEDS ON MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD HAS ETERNAL LIFE, AND I WILL RAISE HIM UP ON THE LAST DAY. 55 FOR MY FLESH IS TRUE FOOD, AND MY BLOOD IS TRUE DRINK. 56 WHOEVER FEEDS ON MY FLESH AND DRINKS MY BLOOD ABIDES IN ME, AND I IN HIM. 57 AS THE LIVING*

FATHER SENT ME, AND I LIVE BECAUSE OF THE FATHER, SO WHOEVER FEEDS ON ME, HE ALSO WILL LIVE BECAUSE OF ME. 58 THIS IS THE BREAD THAT CAME DOWN FROM HEAVEN, NOT LIKE THE BREAD THE FATHERS ATE, AND DIED. WHOEVER FEEDS ON THIS BREAD WILL LIVE FOREVER.”

1 CORINTHIANS 11:23-26 23 FOR I RECEIVED FROM THE LORD WHAT I ALSO DELIVERED TO YOU, THAT THE LORD JESUS ON THE NIGHT WHEN HE WAS BETRAYED TOOK BREAD, 24 AND WHEN HE HAD GIVEN THANKS, HE BROKE IT, AND SAID, “THIS IS MY BODY WHICH IS FOR YOU. DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.” 25 IN THE SAME WAY ALSO HE TOOK THE CUP, AFTER SUPPER, SAYING, “THIS CUP IS THE NEW COVENANT IN MY BLOOD. DO THIS, AS OFTEN AS YOU DRINK IT, IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME.” 26 FOR AS OFTEN AS YOU EAT THIS BREAD AND DRINK THE CUP, YOU PROCLAIM THE LORD’S DEATH UNTIL HE COMES.
27 WHOEVER, THEREFORE, EATS THE BREAD OR DRINKS THE CUP OF THE LORD IN AN UNWORTHY MANNER WILL BE GUILTY CONCERNING THE BODY AND BLOOD OF THE LORD. 28 LET A PERSON EXAMINE HIMSELF, THEN, AND SO EAT OF THE BREAD AND DRINK OF THE CUP. 29 FOR ANYONE WHO EATS AND DRINKS WITHOUT DISCERNING THE BODY EATS AND DRINKS JUDGMENT ON HIMSELF. 30 THAT IS WHY MANY OF YOU ARE WEAK AND ILL, AND SOME HAVE DIED. 31 BUT IF WE JUDGED OURSELVES TRULY, WE WOULD NOT BE JUDGED. 32 BUT WHEN WE ARE JUDGED BY THE LORD, WE ARE DISCIPLINED SO THAT WE MAY NOT BE CONDEMNED ALONG WITH THE WORLD.
33 SO THEN, MY BROTHERS, WHEN YOU COME TOGETHER TO EAT, WAIT FOR ONE ANOTHER — 34 IF ANYONE IS HUNGRY, LET HIM EAT AT HOME — SO THAT WHEN YOU COME TOGETHER IT WILL NOT BE FOR JUDGMENT. ABOUT THE OTHER THINGS I WILL GIVE DIRECTIONS WHEN I COME.

IN CONCLUSION, WE CAN SAY WITH CONFIDENCE, WE ARE NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL!

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ISAIAH 52:13 - 53:12

13 BEHOLD, MY SERVANT SHALL ACT WISELY; HE SHALL BE HIGH AND LIFTED UP, AND SHALL BE EXALTED.
14 AS MANY WERE ASTONISHED AT YOU— HIS APPEARANCE WAS SO MARRED, BEYOND HUMAN SEMBLANCE, AND HIS FORM BEYOND THAT OF THE CHILDREN OF MANKIND—
15 SO SHALL HE SPRINKLE MANY NATIONS; KINGS SHALL SHUT THEIR MOUTHS BECAUSE OF HIM; FOR THAT WHICH HAS NOT BEEN TOLD THEM THEY SEE, AND THAT WHICH THEY HAVE NOT HEARD THEY UNDERSTAND. 1 WHO HAS BELIEVED WHAT HE HAS HEARD FROM US? AND TO WHOM HAS THE ARM OF THE LORD BEEN REVEALED?
2 For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.
3 He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
4 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.
5 But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.
6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.
7 HE WAS OPPRESSED, AND HE WAS AFFLICTED, YET HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH; LIKE A LAMB THAT IS LED TO THE SLAUGHTER, AND LIKE A SHEEP THAT BEFORE ITS SHEARERS IS SILENT, SO HE OPENED NOT HIS MOUTH.
8 BY OPPRESSION AND JUDGMENT HE WAS TAKEN AWAY; AND AS FOR HIS GENERATION, WHO CONSIDERED THAT HE WAS CUT OFF OUT OF THE LAND OF THE LIVING, STRICKEN FOR THE TRANSGRESSION OF MY PEOPLE?
9 AND THEY MADE HIS GRAVE WITH THE WICKED AND WITH A RICH MAN IN HIS DEATH, ALTHOUGH HE HAD DONE NO VIOLENCE, AND THERE WAS NO DECEIT IN HIS MOUTH.
10 YET IT WAS THE WILL OF THE LORD TO CRUSH HIM; HE HAS PUT HIM TO GRIEF; WHEN HIS SOUL MAKES AN OFFERING FOR GUILT, HE SHALL SEE HIS OFFSPRING; HE SHALL PROLONG HIS DAYS; THE WILL OF THE LORD SHALL PROSPER IN HIS HAND.
11 OUT OF THE ANGUISH OF HIS SOUL HE SHALL SEE AND BE SATISFIED; BY HIS KNOWLEDGE SHALL THE RIGHTEOUS ONE, MY SERVANT, MAKE MANY TO BE ACCOUNTED RIGHTEOUS, AND HE SHALL BEAR THEIR INIQUITIES.
12 THEREFORE I WILL DIVIDE HIM A PORTION WITH THE MANY, AND HE SHALL DIVIDE THE SPOIL WITH THE STRONG, BECAUSE HE Poured OUT HIS SOUL TO DEATH AND WAS NUMBERED WITH THE TRANSGRESSORS; YET HE BORE THE SIN OF MANY, AND MAKES INTERCESSION FOR THE TRANSGRESSORS.