

Program 13

God's Provision in Christ Unfolds in Two Stages of Restoration.

The Blood— THE FIRST PROVISION Christ's Precious BLOOD

Since sin penetrated our bodies, our souls, and our spirits, then how are we delivered?

The Gospel of the Cross is the way of deliverance from sins, and sin!

Sins are the product or outer manifestation of the **hidden producer, Mr. Sin.**

I-John 3:8-Satan who has sinned from the beginning.

There are two grammatical uses for "sin": one is "sins" (a verb), and the other is "sin" (a noun). "Sins" are the action of the producer Sin. The word "sin" in II Cor. 5:21 and many such verses throughout Romans is rendered a noun: The Critical Lexicon and Concordance to the English and Greek New Testament by Ethelbert W. Bullinger says, "Sin is not merely, however, the quality of an action, but a principle manifesting itself in the activity of the subject, the 'man of sin,' II Thes. 2:3, the personal embodiment of sin."

Therefore, "Sin" is a person (Satan) expressing himself through our humanity. Then "sins" are the forms of manifestation that Sin takes, somewhat like root and fruit. If a gardener had a weed in his garden, he would not go out daily and cut off the top (sins) of the weed, he would permanently eliminate the weed by cutting it out at the root (Sin). The cross has provided permanent deliverance to the sin problem. John the Baptist declares that Jesus, the lamb of God, takes away the sin (not sins) of the world" (John 1:29) and does it by "laying an ax to the root" (Matt. 3:10). Now, how did God deliver mankind?

The blood of Christ is for the cleansing of our sins (plural).

What can wash away our sins, nothing but the blood of Jesus

There is power in the blood--

Col. 1:14—"Through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins."

Col. 1:20—"The blood of His cross to reconcile all things."

Rom. 3:24-25—"Justified freely by His grace, through faith in His blood."

Rom. 5:1—"Peace with God by His blood."

I Peter 1:18-20—"Redeemed by the precious blood of Christ."

Heb.10:12—"One sacrifice for sins forever."

Through the BLOOD of Christ we have:

Deliverance from the fruit of sin which are *sins*.

(a) Reconciliation (makes us accepted by canceling the debt) II Cor. 5:19

(e) Peace with God & Justification (just as if I had never sinned)—Rom. 5:1

(c) Redemption and Forgiveness of sins-Col. 1:14

(d) Assurance of salvation—Eph. 2:4-10, and Heb. 10:14

(f) A hope of the glory of God (glorious bodily resurrection)-Rom. 8:23-25

Let us now consider both the *blood*, as well as the *body* of Christ. We will look at the blood side first. Our God meets us in our fallen and blinded condition and offers us the provision of His precious blood for the forgiveness of our *sins*. Sins in the unbeliever are the actions or outer manifestations of a sinful satanic nature. Yet, we are so blinded and outer minded at this point that all we can recognize are our outer sins, and we have no clue to the inner condition producing these sins. We don't know and cannot see that it is really a spirit manifesting itself through us producing the very sins we are seeing (Eph. 2:2-3). All we know is that, "I have sinned; I am guilty of sin; I need forgiveness; I need a Savior," and rightly so: we are guilty sinners, and we are in need of a Savior. I see the wisdom of God in not revealing the secrets of sins' hidden producer too soon. If sinners knew that it was Satan producing sin through them, then they might try to justify themselves and try to sidestep true heart repentance which would be fatal.

The New Covenant is based on the death of the "testator;" "For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. For a testament is only in effect after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth" (Hebrews 9:16-17). Therefore, "without the shedding of the blood" (the death of Jesus Christ), there is no remission for sins" (Hebrews 9:22).

The Bible proclaims that "we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins" (Eph. 1:7); we have peace with God, "through the blood of his Cross" (Col. 1:20); "we are elect through sanctification of the Spirit unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ" (I Peter 1:2); we are redeemed by "the precious blood of Christ" (I Peter 1:19); we are cleansed daily by "the blood Jesus Christ" (I John 1:7); and we are "washed from our sins in His own blood" (Rev. 1:5).

Now we sing a new song unto our God "for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; and hast made us unto our God, kings and priest; and we shall reign on the earth" (Rev. 9-10).

So, there is saving power and deliverance in the blood of Christ for the forgiveness of our sins. Many Christian songs are written with the blood of Jesus in mind. One that comes to my mind and is one of my personal favorites is "There is Power in the Blood." Yet, has there ever been a song written called "There is Power in the Body Death?"

The precious cleansing blood of Jesus provides remission of our sins--the shedding of that blood in public two thousand years ago was conclusive evidence that He paid the full price for the remission of sins. We are saved from sins eternal consequences by inheriting eternal life through faith in the **precious blood** of Jesus.

We have redemption through the blood and the forgiveness of sins (Col. 1:14). We are washed (Rev. 1:5), cleansed (I John 1:7); declared blameless (Eph. 1:3-4); declared justified (Rom. 5:9); and made overcomers (Rev. 12:11) by the blood of the lamb.