The Power of the Blood of Jesus

Scripture: 1 Peter 1:18-19 Hebrews 9: 11-14

Introduction

The old hymn states that, "There is wonder working power in the blood of the Lamb." The blood of Jesus has the power to redeem, to regenerate, and to sanctify.

I. It is the power of redemption

<u>1 Peter 1:18a, 19</u> Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold ... But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot.

- A. The redeeming blood
 - 1. What being lost means
 - a. Captured by enemy
 - b. Held in bondage
 - 2. Held in "pawn" by Satan
- B. The atoning power of the Blood
 - 1. Christ's blood alone is efficacious
 - 2. <u>Revelation 5:9b</u> ...Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to our God by thy blood....

II. It is the power of sanctification

Revelation 1:5-6 And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten from the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

A. Cleansing blood

<u>1 John 1:7b</u> ...and the blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.

- 1. Living in filth
 - a. Brainwashed to be contented
 - b. Made to enjoy filth
- 2. Purged by his blood

B. Set aside for God's use

III. It is the power of regeneration

<u>Hebrews 9:14</u> How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

- A. The blood is the power of life
 - 1. It carries life to the cells
 - 2. It contains the antibodies against foreign invaders
- B. The blood covering perpetuates life
 - 1. The first Passover
 - a. Blood covering the door posts
 - b. Blood barred access to the death angel
 - 2. The blood, our refuge
- C. It is our victory over the power of sin and death

IV. It is the power which produces everlasting life