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## **The Blood At The Mercy Seat**

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Let us talk about the Blood of the Cross and the Mercy Seat. First of all, I would like to point out that we believe and place our faith in the Cross to receive salvation. The Bible speaks of salvation being the work, saving us from the uttermost depths of sin.

***Heb 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.***

Here Jesus ever lives to intercede by His blood.

So, not to revert to the loss of salvation once began “in Christ,” as Adam lost his position with God, but rather Jesus set up a New Covenant based upon better Promises!

***Heb 8:6 But now hath he obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon better promises.***

Jesus, to insure the work of salvation, which has started in us, is now the High Priest who comes before the Father God on our own behalf, who placed His own blood at the heavenly Mercy Seat before God to make intercession.

***Heb 9:22b ...and without shedding of blood is no remission.***

Jesus who became the sin bearing sacrifice for mankind, offering Himself at the Cross, has poured out that same blood in Heaven upon the Heavenly Mercy Seat.

***Heb 2:3 How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him***

Salvation, according to the Bible, is initiated when we come to this faith. This initiation is our receiving of the Blood of Christ for our sins. While there is one sacrifice known as the Cross, and salvation is received there through His blood, and this is *the initiation* of that salvation, the Mercy Seat represents *the continuance of that salvation*... a salvation being *attended to spiritually toward its future destination* through an active living faith, *the active circumspection which involves watching toward one's own spiritual perimeters*. Paul uses the example here of *the ship's helmsman* taking his ship of faith to the end of its destination by listening to the Captain. Here, using the words...” *Holding Faith*” And “*A Good Conscience*” as to *the course being held* on one's spiritual journey by the helmsman... Paul says that having not attended toward and having “*PUT AWAY*” **CONCERNING FAITH** has now **MADE SHIPWRECK OF THE FAITH** which was once a worthy sea going vessel for sailing *from the first starting out*, but now is gutted and has sunken into obscurity.

**1Tim. 1:19 Holding faith, and a good conscience; which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck**

**“A Good Conscience Which Some Having Put Away Concerning Faith”**... A ship of faith traveling through this fallen world of spiritual hazards, without keeping a close eye on the ship's right heading, spells disaster. Paul goes on to tell us by this example that we should be paying close attention to the ship's perimeters, bearings, and current heading... because of the dangerous piercing reefs below the surface which are close to land that can rip the underbelly of the ship into shreds, destroying both *the ship* and *the one* who is *spiritually stirring the vessel called faith*.

Salvation from Heb.2:3 is represented as (Gk. Sozesthe) ... *a continuance of salvation*, [corresponding] with Jesus' blood at the Mercy Seat delivering us from *past, present and future* sin. A Salvation *attended to*, with the awareness of one's spiritual bearings as he is making his way toward the land called Heaven. The Scripture speaks that this salvation can be **NEGLECTED**. Heb.2:3 is sending warning to a person who has once received from the Cross but has not been attending to the Mercy Seat for the forgiveness of their sins!

### **True Faith Is Destined For Heaven**

**1Pet. 1:9,13b Receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of your souls. ...hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ**

We are told that *living faith* takes hold on the end of salvation and is then lived out by *faith* to its final consummation. We start salvation with faith that we all believe will be steadfast unto the end. *The end* is where we are going to *end up*... *Jesus is the Captain* of our *Salvation*... we are the listening *Helmman*... the ship is *The Ship of Faith*...*Salvation* is our destiny to which we are in route... *His Grace* is what empowers the ship of faith ... and so on...

### **The Salvation Which Is Connected To The Mercy Seat Of Christ**

Today most people do not believe in a salvation which is connected to the Mercy Seat in Heaven.

**Heb 10:14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.**

This speaks of the offering's qualities to cleanse us and to perfect.

Salvation consists of Justification and Sanctification. *Sanctification* is a *definite* yet *progressive* work. *Sanctification* is just as much of Salvation and the Lord's saving work as is *justification*.

**Heb 12:23b ...to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect...**  
*Perfect* here means to consummate, to accomplish, *to make* complete, to finish, *to make* perfect.

This one offering was at the Cross yet is also the blood of His Mercy Seat in heaven. Most teachers do not take the time to explain the necessities of a salvation which is connected to the Mercy Seat; they neglect it as they do the regular taking of the Lord's

Supper or Communion in their churches. This is why the vast church continues in their fleshly and worldly manner without being accountable, submitted to the Lord Jesus' corrections and reproofs.

It is easy to tell folks that once they come to an altar call that they are saved, but we do not really know that for sure because it has to do with their heart and faith toward God. We hear those who have *made confessions*; I have myself, and I will continue to have altar calls, but that doesn't *automatically* tell us that *after this*, that their soul truly got saved.

John Mark tells us in his Gospel, chapter 4, that Jesus talked about the condition of the heart *as soil* which was to receive His word by being ROOTED! Some, we are told, have *little root* or *no root* at all and afterward either the condition of their heart *within* or the condition *without* affects the one who at first believes. God's grace for salvation should not be received unto emptiness and therefore end in no fulfillment.

***2Corin. 6:1 ... receive not the grace of God in vain*** (unto emptiness – no spiritual fulfillment).

The Lord sows His means of Grace which is His word into the hearts of men so that they might receive the truth and initiate salvation By His Grace through faith.

***Jas 1:21b ...receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.***

The rooted part of God's word which saves is that which takes root in our heart, taking a grip in us and then becoming such a part of us that we become it – the word.

While the Cross is preached as the central focus to salvation, a teaching that we too agree upon, the teaching of the blood of Christ at the Mercy Seat and the High Priestly Advocate Ministry of Jesus Christ and His active role is mostly untaught when it comes to *continuing* in that salvation once received. In fact, some churches are now becoming contentious (coming from the flesh) with the idea of "*walking circumspectly*" before the Lord even though Scripture says that salvation "in Christ" has requirements and conditions which express a true saving faith!

***Eph 5:15 See then that ye walk circumspectly... NOT WALKING AS THE SPIRITUAL FOOLISH DO... WITHOUT GOD.***

Walking circumspectly is walking with an awareness of your current spiritual condition before God.

There are leaders who want to call people saved WHO ARE NOT REALLY SAVED! The new formula of these churches is to qualify any and all those who come to the altar as SAVED! This is truly convenient for them because by doing so they can add to their impressive numbers for church growth in establishing their churches with unconverted

converts! This looks to me like we're living in the spiritual times of the Laodicean church.

### **The High Priestly Advocate Ministry Of Jesus Christ**

***Jn. 20:17 Jesus saith unto her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended to my Father: but go to my brethren, and say unto them, I ascend unto my Father, and your Father; and to my God, and your God.***

Jesus, after the Cross, and the three days and nights in the tomb, was resurrected from the dead. Here Jesus is ascending bodily to the Father God to *dispense* and *sprinkle* His precious blood from the Cross upon *the Heavenly Mercy Seat*.

***Heb 4:14 Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession** (confession of faith).*

The Mercy Seat is now the place of Jesus' High Priestly administration, set before God the Father to keep us in salvation.

***Heb 2:17 Wherefore in all things it behoved him to be made like unto his brethren, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make reconciliation for the sins of the people.***

The Apostle John tells us about the High Priestly Advocate Ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ which is positioned to keep the salvation which He has begun in us, if we continue to abide in Him responding to His Spirit in this vital union.

***1Pet. 1:5 Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.***

The keeping power of the Holy Spirit in our lives is by a living faith, thus the faith of those who are alive "in Christ" are kept by their active correspondence with Him.

***1Jn. 2:1-2 My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.***

John tells us that Jesus is our High Priest in Heaven before the Father, and that Jesus intercedes for us through His blood at the heavenly Mercy Seat. Jesus' blood at the Mercy Seat is effervescent, still alive and at work for us because HIS LIFE IS IN THE BLOOD HE SHED FOR US!

***Lev. 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood; and I have given it to you upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls: for it is the blood that maketh an atonement for the soul.***

## **The Blood That Saves And Also Keeps Us**

The Apostle John uses an important word for us in understanding the ongoing ministry of Jesus in our salvation. This word is *Propitiation* seen here is the Scripture below.

***1Jn. 2:2 And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.***

Some have translated this word *Propitiation* as Atonement, however, the uses of this word reveals much more. Atonement means a satisfactory payment. The word *Propitiation* while used in connection with Atonement in ***Heb. 2:17 “to make (expiation) reconciliation for the sins of the people”*** gives us further insight. The word *Propitiation-to expiate* is an action word which means “*to make or attend to make.*” It expresses the role of the High Priestly Advocate Ministry of Jesus Christ for us at the Mercy Seat.

***Heb 9:24 For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us***

The Lord’s active role in Heaven as a High Priest, revealed by the expression of this word *Propitiation*, is to *expiate in order that the wrath of God be turned away from us because of our current sins.* *EXPIATE* means *to act... the action of making the atonement...for the people* ***BY PLACING OUR CURRENT SINS UNDER HIS BLOOD.*** The *Propitiation* means *to make expiation* for these who have sinned, so the people’s sin will be forgiven them, in order for the wrath of God to be ABANDON against these.

## **Let’s Go Deeper**

*Propitiation* tells us so much here about the Lord’s active role for us. John is showing us that Jesus actually, through the blood of the Mercy Seat in Heaven, is our Advocate actively coming before the Father for us. Jesus *dispensed* His very own blood for us ascending into the Heavens, becoming our High Priest who placed His own blood upon the Mercy Seat in Heaven. It is here in Heaven that His blood speaks for us on our behalf.

***Acts 13:38 Be it known unto you therefore, men and brethren, that through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness [aphesis] (the release of sins unto remission) of sins...***

Coupling both the actions of *expiation* with another Greek word *aphesis* pronounced *afesis* we find the deeper meaning. The word being used here for *forgiveness* is the word *aphesis* which means “The Release of Our Sin unto Remission.” “This *Release* means to be taken out of our position and the state of Bondage or Imprisonment due to our current sins.”

***Lk. 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me ...to preach deliverance to the captives...to set at liberty*** Preach DELIVERANCE! Set at LIBERTY! This means His actions of RELEASING!

To set at LIBERTY... It means to be set into a place of safety. His blood does this for us. It means not only to be set FREE, but to be set FREE to be MADE FREE or become FREE – FREE, really FREE FROM GOING BACK to sin! Once Jesus has set you free

He then gives you His empowerment through the intimate fellowship with His Spirit to walk really FREE from that sin.

The Advocate Ministry of Jesus in Heaven is the action of atonement being applied for in the releasing of our personal sins against God. So in Propitiation we see the action of *Expiating*... bringing about **aphesis** which we see as the *Releasing* of those sins *unto Remission* which are the current actively sins holding us *in captivity... in bondage... in the prison house of our sins*.

***Jn. 8:34 Jesus answered them, Verily, verily, I say unto you, Whosoever committeth sin is the servant of sin.***

The obtaining of our freedom being released from the prison bars meant that Jesus must become the victim in exchange for our punishment.

***Rom. 3:25 Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in his blood, to declare his righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God***

Here we see that Propitiation is used to talk about the atoning victim who was Jesus at the Cross. And again we understand that His blood as the sacrifice at the Cross is now the blood of the Mercy Seat in Heaven. So God the Father has set forth Jesus, *an atoning victim* (**Aphesis**), from which Jesus' blood has been poured out upon the Mercy Seat for the remission of our sins.

### **Remission From His Mercy Seat**

The word *Remission* speaks of being released... by the victimhood of Jesus. Of course the blood that once was nailed to the Cross through the body of Jesus now flows in the Heavens upon the Heavenly Mercy Seat from which the blood is actively administered to bring about the release of our current sins unto remission. Jesus releases us as we come to Him in Repentance... confessing our sins, asking for their release. The price was paid at the Cross; but now that same blood in Heaven releases us again because the victim Jesus is represented there ON THE MERCY SEAT! His blood still is able to make the necessary atonement for us.

### **Vanquishing Our Sins Under His Blood**

Jesus in His High Priestly Ministry *listens and hears the one who is making their confession to Him from the heart.....the one who comes to Him in repentance*. When we acknowledge our sins and confess them in repentance, He then, in turn, takes our sins and places them under His blood at the Heavenly Mercy Seat. By doing so, Jesus vanquishes our sins by absorbing them into His victimhood. In brokenness over our sins and faith for forgiveness, there comes the release.

***Ezek. 18:30b ...Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.***

Isa 1:18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.

Ps 103:12 As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.

Isa 44:22 I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.

Isa 43:25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.

### **Jesus' Pronouncement Of Our Sins Forgiven**

Jn. 8:3-11 And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery; and when they had set her in the midst, They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act. Now Moses in the law commanded us, that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou? This they said, tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down, and with his finger wrote on the ground, as though he heard them not. So when they continued asking him, he lifted up himself, and said unto them, He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her. And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst. When Jesus had lifted up himself, and saw none but the woman, he said unto her, Woman, where are those thine accusers? hath no man condemned thee? She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more.

There are no more stones left to throw...

Jesus gives us a glimpse at the forgiveness one receives directly from Him. There is no stone with your name on it that can be thrown against you. For the one who has sinned, whether the accusation sticks or not, that person has the ability to go directly to the Lord for His Remission of those sins. *Remission says*, "I have absorbed your sins and placed them under my blood at the Mercy Seat and released you!" *Remission says*, "You are now spiritually restored back to Myself... Go, and sin no more!"

### **The Spirit Of Grace In Restoration**

Gal. 6:1 Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted.

Notice the attitude here and work of the Spirit of Grace for the recovery and spiritual restoration of this person back to wholeness.

Restoration comes directly from His Mercy Seat!

This means that a person can go right back having been restored to where they previously were spiritually. "There is forgiveness and restoration for all," says the Lord Jesus! This involves *His Spirit of repentance and His Spirit of mercy and grace!*

### **Release And Remission Unto Physical Healing**

***Mk. 2:9 Whether is it easier to say to the sick of the palsy, Thy sins be forgiven thee; or to say, Arise, and take up thy bed, and walk?***

Once sin in our lives is *Released* and *Remitted*... the passageway or route to receiving our physical healing then is unblocked and brings His manifestation into our lives.

### **What No More Cross? - What No More Mercy Seat In Christianity?**

Recently, a congregation said that seeing the Cross in their sanctuary made them sad. I have heard of those who wanted to take the Crucifix down because stretched out upon it was the artist's representation of the body of Jesus. I have heard of this sight making people sad, but not just a plain cross hanging there. It has hit me while doing this teaching on *the blood of Christ* that many churches who are now saying that they want to take down the cross are maybe the same ones in the popular trend of *omitting* the preaching of the Cross and *the blood at the Mercy Seat* because they don't like to think about *the victimhood of Christ and His blood sacrifice* at the Cross or *the victimhood of Christ' blood* being poured out on the Mercy Seat for the making of the atonement of their current sins.

### **A Prophetic Look At The Ministry Of Jesus In Heaven**

***Ps 36:5 Thy mercy, O LORD, is in the heavens; and thy faithfulness reacheth unto the clouds.***

The Mercy Seat in Heaven shall be built up forever (the Mercy Seat ministry)... thy faithfulness reaches unto the Heavens (He is a Faithful High Priest)...

The Lord Jesus wants us to come to Him and find His Mercy...

***Heb 4:16 Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*** Receive this mercy.

There is forgiveness, help, and restoration with the Lord.

### **Activating The Advocate Ministry Of Christ In Salvation**

We hear the church *talk* about the blood of Jesus from time to time from the pulpit, but we need to honor that blood in its active sense. The active sense is the area of cleansing us from our daily sins. To activate this ministry in our lives we need to receive His TRUTH into our hearts.

***1Jn. 1:7 But IF we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.***

Walking in the light for us *is joining Him in the light* that He's already in. This walking in the light is the intimate interaction and correspondence we have with Him as we fellowship with Jesus as our Lord and Savior.

We need to join Him in our walking... ***IF*** we are to continue in His salvation.

*Eph 5:8 For ye were sometimes darkness, but now are ye light in the Lord: walk as children of light*

*1Jn. 2:6 He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked.*

You cannot walk like Jesus walked without being cleansed and empowered day to day. John tells us that *only through abiding in Him can we walk this walk...* and be continually cleansed by His blood. The Eternal security which is secured at the Cross unto personal salvation *incorporates* the blood of the Mercy Seat being applied in those who abide in Him, embracing His truth and having the blood of Jesus continue to actively cleanse those who are living out their faith!

*Jn. 15:3,7 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.... If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you...*

*Jn. 17:17 Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth.*

**The Divine “IF”**

IF means conditional! Walking in *the light* is something we chose to do. So IF we chose to do so, **THEN** we activate His Advocate High Priestly Ministry in our lives to cleanse us of our current sins. Walking means we are **FOLLOWING** His leading in the truth!

We know by Scripture that God is LIGHT!

*1Jn. 1:5-6 This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.*

*If we say that we have fellowship (say we have intimacy) with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth*

Light represents His Truth. Truth which comes from God has a very close relationship to His salvation given to men through faith. Our relationship to Truth is light giving to our darkened heart due to sin. When the light of His Truth is shining into us, it is life-changing! There is not the smallest part of God that is darkness. We can't say we are having an intimate walk with God while walking in the darkened recesses of a heart resistant and unchanged. When we receive His Truth and we are changed, it shows because it shines out of us in our soul! Walking with Jesus means having His Light and Truth continue in your soul from which it shines out for everyone to see “Jesus” in you. People can't fake that!

We know Truth as coming from God is by definition, “*God's perspective of true reality,*” and there is no truth outside of His Truth. We know Walking with God is by definition, “*A life being lived through faith, where Jesus is living His life through us.*” Without allowing His Truth to become our reality to reprove us and change us... we cannot be saved or stay saved.

*Rom. 3:4b ...let God be true, but every man a liar*

*Eph 5:13a But all things that are reprov'd are made manifest by the light*

*Heb 12:9 Furthermore we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence (a proper respect for authority): shall we not much rather be in subjection (yielding, surrendering, submitting) unto the Father of spirits, and live (Eternally)?*

Some people actually teach in the church that people can be saved and not be submitting to the Father of all spirits. Why would anyone think that they would qualify for Heaven and be saved Eternally by the Lord Jesus while living in rebellion? In Heaven THERE IS NO FREE WILL, NO FREE CHOICE! In Heaven all submit to the Lord Jesus and the Father gladly. If you are not of a submitting spirit when it comes to God you need to examine and check your own salvation. The devil was rebellious and he was kicked out of Heaven for it... Do you really think God takes rejecters of His Truth and Rebels into His Kingdom? The simple word is NO!

### **The Defiled Darkened Conscience Before God And His Piercing Light**

When you are practicing sin in our life you have not only crossed the line and broken God's laws but also seek justification for doing so. After doing that sin again and again the conscience which means "with the knowledge of the truth;" the third witness in the court room that stands up and testifies to our breaking the laws of God now has been ridden over and made unclean.

*Rom. 1:21 Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened.*

*Eph 4:18 Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart*

Normally the conscience speaks out and tells us either not cross this line or to stop doing this sin, but now becomes silent to us. Even though He has been speaking out to us about this sins and disobedience to Him, instead we have chosen to harden our heart toward God and His Truth and rather have chosen to live out a lie.

*Mk. 7:23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.*

*1Jn. 3:20,21 For if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God.*

We say, "I don't think it is wrong what I am doing, or living... my conscience isn't saying to me it is wrong, so I'm alright!" All along this person's conscience being *defiled* (having made the conscience unclean) and *darkened* in them and God's Word speaking out His Truth of *their error!* These have no confidence before God. These have no

confirmation from God *that they are in the right*, and God being the *Greater* than their own conscience condemns them for their sinful practice.

***1Jn. 1:8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.***

The only escape from this deception is to acknowledge the Truth of God and embrace it. This means renouncing *the hidden things of darkness* in our heart where we have been dishonest with God and ourselves. This means understanding that we have attempted to be *crafty* about maintaining our ways of sin before God. We have even taken the Word of God (our argument) and turned it on its head trying to justify ourselves in these sinful acts as those which God accepts! *Renunciation* is to confess before God *our wrong doing* in order to become "*honest with God*" and have Him *deliver us* from being underneath the spirit deception and delusion which is over us.

***2Corin. 4:2 But have renounced the hidden things of dishonesty, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God.***

Paul says the manifestation of His Truth speaks to our conscience to make us right with God. Paul says that he is preaching the Truth of God commending His Truth to bring light and expose the darkness within them. The Light of His Truth is piercing! It is the only thing which can truly free us.

### **Our Right Connection With God Requires The Embracing Of His Truth**

***Jn. 3:20-21 For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reproved. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest (exposed, made known, and confirmed), that they are wrought in God.***

Walking in the salvation He wrought for you and having the blood of Jesus always on your account is a daily correspondence with our Lord whereby we are in a position of both our *current state* or spiritual condition and *our standing* which has been given to us by Him. It is the active role and ministry of the Holy Spirit that is always working to bring the conviction of sin and attempting to bring our *current state* up to *His standing*. It is when we embrace His truth having our heart exposed to His light that we move toward God asking Him to deliver us, cleanse us, and empower us to do His good pleasure.

***Phil. 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.***

We can be assured that *IF* we allow His righteous purity to shine into our hearts with His truth bringing about repentance and forgiveness that He will also be the empowerment in our lives to walk as He is. This is the active role of Grace at work in our lives.

## **Activation! - The Cleansing Truth And Effectual Cleansing By His Blood**

***Eph 5:26 That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word***

The washing of the Holy Spirit works through God's means of Grace, His Word, to make us clean but this can be *ineffectual* if *not coupled with the blood* of the High Priestly Advocate ministry of Christ.

***Php 2:5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus***

We can come into His truth for our lives, yet, when the LIGHT of this truth shines into our heart and our sins are exposed by His light, IF we do not ask for His blood to cleanse us, we will *not* be forgiven. This is what I mean by *ineffectual*. Yes, it is possible to know the revelation truth from God and not be corresponding with His ministry of cleansing.

***1Jn. 1:7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.***

Jesus is in the light... we are to walk in His Truth... it is being confronted with His Truth and receiving it into our lives by agreeing with it that starts the process of cleansing through repentance. The meaning of repentance is to change our mind and purpose toward God and sin; having one's back toward God making a right turn about, turning face to face toward God. This means that our mind aligns and is made in perfect agreement with His mind. This means our purpose aligns with His purposes for us. This means that our path and the steps we are taking are His steps, walking in the light of His Truth... a walking in fellowship with Him where His blood is *activated* in our lives to restore us and cleanse us from our sins as we confess them to Him.

It is only when we come to Him after the truth has come to us, *acknowledging our sins*, and confessing them that this cleansing occurs. This is His *effectual activated work* of cleansing us through both His Word of Truth and cleansing blood.

We know truth as coming from God is *God's perspective of reality* and there is not truth outside of His truth.

***Rom. 3:4b ...let God be true, but every man a liar***

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We as Christians are required to walk in the light of God, which is His truth, to continue in salvation.

***Jas 1:21b ...receive with meekness the engrafted word (His words of Truth), which is able to save your souls.***

### **His Blood Speaks Out At The Mercy Seat!**

We hear the church talk about the blood of Jesus from time to time but we need to honor that blood in its active sense. Did you know that blood has a voice? Here it says that the blood of Abel cried out unto God.

***Gen. 4:10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground.***

The blood of Jesus also has a voice which cries out on our behalf at the heavenly Mercy Seat.

***Heb 12:24 And to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.***

***Heb 12:25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not who refused him that spake on earth, much more shall not we escape, if we turn away from him that speaketh from heaven***

***Heb 10:22 Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.***

It is the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus against our sinful acts that frees the conscience and removes sins and the human consciousness of sin.

Jesus came into the Heavenly temple and came to the Mercy Seat and sprinkled His own blood upon it. It is that blood at the Mercy Seat that now speaks on our behalf as we correspond with Him. As the Apostle John says, "If we confess our sins..."

***1Jn. 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

Here it says that IF we confess our sins THEN He is willing as our High Priest and Advocate to remove these sins from our account through EXPIATION. This stops the wrath of God from coming our way.

### **The Turning Of God's Wrath**

Jesus is the one who turns the wrath of God from us. Again, according to the word *Propitiation*, which means to *Expiate* in turning God's wrath away from us, we are to Confess our SINS to God for their removal. His victimhood involves His blood at the Mercy Seat which speaks to the Father God on our behalf when we confess our sins. I John 1:9 doesn't say that it is AUTOMATIC; it says "**IF we confess our sins.**" It is there that Jesus turns the Father's wrath away from us for our current sins and releases us.

***Col 3:5-10 Mortify therefore your members** (being under the influence of the Holy Spirit) ***which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: For which things' sake the wrath of God cometh on the children of disobedience: In the which ye also walked some time, when ye lived in them. But now ye also put off all these; anger, wrath, malice,****

*blasphemy, filthy communication out of your mouth. Lie not one to another, seeing that ye have put off the old man with his deeds; And have put on the new man, which is renewed in knowledge after the image of him that created him*

*1Thess. 5:9 For God hath not appointed us to wrath, but to obtain salvation by our Lord Jesus Christ*

*1Jn. 4:10 Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

### **Receiving The Lord's Supper Or Holy Communion Connected To His Mercy Seat**

The Apostle Paul says that we should examine ourselves. Why should we examine ourselves spiritually before God at this moment if we are AUTOMATICALLY FORGIVEN WITHOUT THIS ACCOUNTABILITY?... and IF our salvation is AUTOMATICALLY SPIRITUALLY STABLE?... If it wasn't an issue then *why* should we *examine*? Here again, I am proving a point which I made in the beginning of this article, that most people do not believe that this has a bearing upon one's SALVATION nor do they place any *emphasis* upon the High priestly Advocate Ministry playing a part in the role of one's salvation because THEY REALLY BELIEVE IT IS AUTOMATIC! ... THEY ALMOST NEVER HAVE THE REGULAR PARTAKING OF COMMUNION AT THESE CHURCHES.

Some churches set the Holy Communion over in a corner of the church on a table to be partaken of by any. Yet, without any emphasis, few truly take it before God. I heard one leader who decided to have Communion, after some many months *of not having it*, as he was about to take and receive it WITHOUT ANY EXAMINATION, declare in his pulpit boldly, saying, "I AM THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD!" No examination was even remotely thought upon as they toasted their cups to the Lord. That one knew better than Paul who said to *first* examine yourself. While I would *endorse* that statement of righteousness *after examination* and in the receiving of *forgiveness* for my sins *through faith*, I certainly would not endorse it *before hand*, else it is a statement of complete self-piety. To say the least, this would be as the Scripture warns as, taking the Lord's Supper without a proper discernment.

*1Corin. 11:28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.*

It is here in the taking of Holy Communion that we are told to make a search of our hearts. The work of examination is introspective, allowing the Lord to deal with our hearts over any sins, current or past, that we have committed.

*1Corin. 11:25b -26 ...this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup...*

What is represented here is the observation of receiving Holy Communion. It represents the blood and body sacrifice of our Lord for the forgiveness of our sins and the continuation of His saving blood which continually saves us from them. As we examine

our heart before the Lord, we will find our shortcomings, faults and current sins committed. Finding these, should bring in us a heart that is broken over sin, because it is sin that breaks our fellowship with God.

***Ps 34:18 The LORD is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart; and saveth such as be of a contrite spirit.***

***Ps 51:17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.***

*Before repentance is the fruit of repentance!*

***Lk. 3:8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance...***

One of those fruits is a broken spirit and a contrite heart.

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***Jn. 20:23 Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained.***

It is an individual's responsibility to receive the remission of their sins personally from Jesus in order to stay right with God.

### **Make Things Right With God To Receiving His Peace**

When one is willing to make things right with God, they are willing to *confess* their sins toward God.

***1Jn. 1:9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.***

Jesus is online and listening when we confess to Him our sins... He is a faithful High Priest to then make intercession for us with the Father God.

***Ps 51:10 Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.***

The creation of a clean heart before God starts when we ask Him for it. A right spirit is a human spirit that comes into agreement with God's Holy Spirit and His word. King David asked this of God after his sin before God and all Israel...

Seeking to be *made right* with God is what we should be desiring of ourselves before Him.

**End**

**Discussion & Prayer Time:**

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