

Sermon ~ Sunday, May 24, 2020

Text: I Peter 1: 1, 2

KJV ~ “Peter, an apostle of **JESUS CHRIST**, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, *Elect* according to *the foreknowledge of **GOD The FATHER***, through *sanctification of **The SPIRIT***, unto *obedience and sprinkling of **The Blood of JESUS CHRIST: GRACE*** unto you, and *Peace*, be multiplied.”

NIV ~ “Peter . . . to . . . **GOD’S elect** . . . according to the foreknowledge of **GOD The FATHER**, through the sanctifying work of **The SPIRIT**, to be obedient to **JESUS CHRIST** and *sprinkled with **HIS Blood: GRACE*** and *Peace*, be yours in abundance.”

Title: **The Sprinkled Blood is Speaking!**



So, *six or more months now*—who knows how much longer—we have been saying, or, repeating what we heard said... We are not in *denial*, its hitting home, if it had not yet... we feel *crushed, overwhelmed, devastated, torn, sad, confused, doubtful, fearful*.

Oh, we have **Faith in GOD!**

But, have you *felt the anger... angry at... the most of us, at **GOD! (GOD forbid!)***

We are “suffering?” The verb for ‘suffering’ in the Greek language is *‘pascho’* (pas’-kho) meaning *to feel; the capacity to feel*. And, the noun, is *‘pathema’* (path-ay-mah) meaning, *pain that teaches us about our selves and more so, about **GOD**...*

When The Apostle Peter, (I Peter 5: 1) referred to himself as “a *witness of the sufferings of **CHRIST***”, Peter knew what he was feeling—not only did he witness the anguish others *inflicted on **JESUS***, his “*denying three times, that he knew not **JESUS**,” and what it caused **JESUS**, *seared* his conscience. So, it is *personal*, from experience, Peter could write,*

“Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary The Devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour.” (I Peter 5: 8)

*Only one (like Peter) who nearly lost “hope” at **JESUS dying on The Cross** could write, “**HIS abundant mercy** has begotten us again to a *living hope through the resurrection of **JESUS*** from the dead.” (I Peter 1: 3) *Only one (like Peter) who had fallen and been fully restored would write, “**GOD gives GRACE to the humble.**” (I Peter 5: 5) *Only one (like Peter... I would that someone testify with Peter and me...) who had yielded to Satan’s temptations could admonish, “Resist [Satan], steadfast in **The Faith**, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.” (I Peter 5: 9)***

How did he do it? How did he handle “sufferings”???

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\* **The Tri-unity of The GODHEAD**... “**GOD The FATHER**... the sanctifying work of **The HOLY SPIRIT**... obedience to **JESUS CHRIST** and *sprinkled with **HIS Blood***... **GOD is triune, in everything HE does, at all times, **The Three are ONE**.**

*In everything is—the hidden, inner Nature; the outward Image; and, the Effect!*  
**The FATHER is The Eternal Being—The I AM—The Hidden Foundation of all things, and The Foundation of all Life. The SON of GOD, (JESUS, The CHRIST) is the outward expressed IMAGE, The Revelation of GOD. The HOLY SPIRIT is The Executive Power of The GODHEAD! Everything is of The FATHER, everything is in The SON, everything is through The HOLY SPIRIT. Shhhh...**

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\*CHRISTIANS, the 'Born-again', the 'Blood bought', 'the Child (Children) of GOD,' 'the chosen', Peter describes as "**GOD'S elect . . . obedient and the sprinkled Blood of JESUS CHRIST.**" In **The HOLY Trinity**, our **LORD JESUS** is characterized as "**The Only-begotten Son of GOD**" — that is, 'having no peer; *Unique*; **GOD** directly produced; **The Only ONE with WHOM GOD The FATHER** can or will have anything to do.' **JESUS is The MEDIATOR** through **WHOM GOD** wrought in Creation, and by **WHOM** the Creation can draw near to **GOD**. **GOD** dwells in the hidden and unapproachable **LIGHT** of a consuming fire: **CHRIST JESUS is The LIGHT of Lights, The LIGHT** in which we can view and enjoy our **HOLY GOD**. Because of *sin* there is no possibility of us *approaching* **GOD** (calling on **HIM**, yes, but *approaching* **HIM**, NO!); but because of our *being saved* through reconciliation: atoned, because of **JESUS'** atonement, death, burial and resurrection, believers have 'to the exact point, been changed, by means of '...the sprinkling of The Blood of CHRIST... [The Bible says, "**The LAMB** slain before the foundation of the world" Revelation 13: 8} declares that **GOD** ever and always saw to be the only way by which salvation could be made for us; the only needful thing by which The Door of Heaven could be opened for us (John 14: 6); The right way to all The Blessings of **GOD'S** Love (Ephesians 1: 1-8), was by "...the sprinkling of The Blood of JESUS CHRIST."

It's in **The WORD**, 'We were afar off and have been brought nigh through **The Blood** (Ephesian 2: 13).' 'We have liberty to enter into **The Most HOLY Place** through **The Blood** (Hebrews 10: 19).' '**HE** has cleansed us from our *sins* by **HIS Blood** (I John 1: 7).' 'How much more shall **The Blood of CHRIST** purge your conscience to serve **The Living GOD** (Hebrews 9: 14).' Shhhh...

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\*There is still another **WORD** to consider: "...elect . . . to obedience and the sprinkling of The Blood of JESUS CHRIST." There are two sides of **The Life of GRACE**, placed together for us... In 'the sprinkling of The Blood' we learn *what CHRIST* has done *for*, and to *us*; in 'obedience' we have *what is expected* from us. Since the first Adam fell, we (humanity) have been falling ever since. **BUT CHRIST** came to *change/transform* this; to bring us again into obedience; and **GOD** lets us know that **HE**, in **HIS Eternal choice**, had these two things in view: obedience and the sprinkling of The Blood. "Let this mind be in you, which was also in **CHRIST JESUS: WHO**, being in the form of **GOD**, thought it not robbery to be equal with **GOD**: But *made HIMSELF* of no reputation, and took upon **HIMSELF** the form of a *servant*, and was made in the likeness of men: And being found in fashion as a man, **HE humbled HIMSELF**, and became obedient unto death, even the death of **The Cross**. Wherefore **GOD** also hath highly exalted **HIM**, and given **HIM** **The NAME** which is above every name: that at **The NAME of JESUS** every knee should bow, of *things* in heaven, and *things* in earth, and *things* under the earth; And *that*

every tongue should confess that **JESUS CHRIST is LORD**, to *The Glory of GOD The FATHER.*"  
(Philippians 2: 5-11)  
Shhhh...

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\**There is more... The HOLY SPIRIT is The Great Power of GOD. In The HOLY Trinity, HE proceeds from The FATHER and The SON. HE, by HIS omnipotent but hidden activity, executes The Divine purpose; HE reveals and makes known The FATHER and The SON. In the New Testament, 'HOLY' is applied to HIM more often than to The FATHER or The SON, and HE is almost always called The HOLY SPIRIT because it is HE WHO abides in us (the believer—'The Greater is HE, GOD in us, than He that is in this world.' Transferring redemption within and HOLY GHOST Power upon.) Where The HOLY SPIRIT imparts The Life of GOD, there HE imparts and maintains The Holiness of GOD, and thus is called The SPIRIT of sanctification. So, the text says that we are "...elect to obedience and the sprinkling of The Blood of CHRISIT by the sanctification of The SPIRIT."* It is committed to **The HOLY SPIRIT by HIS HOLY Power** to watch over us, and to fulfill **GOD'S purpose** in us. Elect in sanctification of **The SPIRIT** unto obedience.  
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No matter what, no matter why, we are all 'suffering'. *Be it*, for our own *sin(s)* that we ought confess; *be it*, our foolishness; *be it*, for doing **GOD'S Will**, *be it*, to discipline us; *be it*, to get our attention and give us **HIS instructions**, for ours is not working; *be it*, to train us in obedience; to produce *patience* and *trust in GOD*; to replace *pride* with *humility*; to teach us **GOD'S Way** is better; to prepare us, so that we can comfort someone else; *be it*, to prove us—whose side we are on—**The LORD'S** or *The Devil*... Above all, are we hearing what,

***The Sprinkled Blood is saying...***



*The sprinkled Blood* is speaking before **The FATHER'S Throne**,  
**The SPIRIT'S Power** is seeking to make its virtue known;  
*The sprinkled Blood* is telling **JEHOVAH'S LOVE** to man,  
While heave'nly harps are swelling, sweet notes to Mercy's plan.

*The sprinkled Blood* is speaking, *forgiveness* full and free,  
Its wondrous pow'r is breaking each bond of guilt for me;  
*The sprinkled Blood's* revealing **The FATHER'S smiling face**,  
**The SAVIOR'S LOVE** is sealing each monument of **GRACE**.

O wondrous pow'r that seeketh from *sin* to set me free!  
O precious **Blood**, that speaketh! Should I not value **THEE**?  
*The sprinkled Blood* is shedding its fragrance all around,  
It gilds the path we're treading; it makes our joys abound.

(Frederick Whitfield)



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