

Ephesians 2:13

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.”

What does it mean that the blood brought us “near”?

Rebirth not Reform

John 3:3-“Unless a man is born again he cannot see the kingdom of heaven”

Restoration not Redirection

Psalms 103:12-“As far as the east is from the west so far has He removed our transgression from us.”

Resurrection not Resuscitation

1 Cor. 15:20-21-“For since by a man came death, by a man also came the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.”

Why Can The Blood of Jesus bring us near?

I. Because The Requirements were MET with the blood.

Psalm 51:9-“Hide your face from my sins, And blot out all my iniquities.”

II. Because Redemption was MADE with the blood.

We have been redeemed from what the Law DEMANDED

Romans 7:6-“But now we have been released from the Law, having died to that by which we were bound, so that we serve in the newness of the Spirit and not in the oldness of the letter (of the Law).”

We have been redeemed from what the Law DELIVERED

Romans 4:15a-“For the Law brings about wrath...”

We have been redeemed from where the Law as DEFICIENT

Galatians 3:24-25-“Therefore the Law has become our tutor to lead us to Christ, so that we may be justified by faith. But now that faith has come we are no longer under a tutor (the Law)

Hebrews 7:19a-“For the Law made nothing perfect...”

III. Because our Release was MARKED with the blood.

Marked with innocence

Hebrews 7:26-27-“For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners and exalted above the heavens; who does not need daily, like those high priest, to offer up sacrifices, first for His own sins and then, for the sins of the people, BECAUSE HE DID THIS FOR ALL WHEN HE OFFERED HIMSELF UP.”

Romans 3:23-25-“for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 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.”

Marked with intimacy

You can be intimate because the blood has been applied to sin:

Past

Acts. 3:19-“Therefore repent and return, so that your sins may be wiped away...”

Mark 2:7b-“Who can forgive sins but God alone.”

Present

1 John 1:7-”But if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us FROM ALL sin.”

Future

Hebrews 10:17-“And their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more.”

Apply To Life:

Recognized that it was His blood that gave you what you have so that you, a believing sinner, owe your nearness to God, interest in and experience of His presence, to the death and sacrifice of Christ.



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