



Put on the
Full Armor
of God
Ephesians 6:14-18

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Scripture of the Quarter

“For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.” 1st Corinthians 1:18 NKJV

Have We as Christians Forgotten the Cross and the Power of the Blood?

I look around as a minister, of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and I have observed Christianity getting so progressive. We have **forgotten** about the cross and the **blood** and its power. You may be saying, “Oh, Rev. Henry, you are exaggerating.” Really, some churches have removed the cross of Jesus from their sanctuaries. If you are attending a church who proclaims to be followers of Jesus Christ, and there is no cross in the sanctuary you might want to ask, “WHY?” Some churches have even removed the cross from their steeples on top of the church. “WHY?” We must all remember if it wasn't for the cross where Jesus shed His precious **blood** for the remission of our sins, we would all be headed straight to hell! The Bible reads in **Hebrews 9:22** *“And according to the Law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.”*^(NKJV) Remission is from the word aphasis - Strong's #859 “to send away.” The word signifies a release from bondage or imprisonment, dismissal, sending away, and forgiveness. Cancelling out all judgment.

We also read in **Leviticus 17:11** *“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I*

have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.”

The cross is the foundation of our faith and belief. If we do not believe that Jesus Christ died and shed His precious blood and rose again, what hope do we have of salvation. We must remember there is NO OTHER WAY to salvation than at the cross of Jesus Christ. The cross is the greatest love story of all

times. We all know this scripture and quote it frequently: **John 3:16** *“For God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”*^(NKJV) The word love is a verb, meaning it is an action taken, by God Almighty. When Jesus Christ died on the cross, He bore all the sins of the whole world, not just yours and mine. I think we forget this sometimes. **Isaiah 53:5** reads *“But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement for our peace was upon Him, and by His stripes we are healed.”* No one else could ever fulfill this promise as Jesus Christ did. When you sin, you go to the foot of the cross and ask for forgiveness and truly repent, which means to turn from your wicked ways then **His** precious blood washes you clean! When you have a serious





illness, you go to the foot of the cross and **His blood** He shed heals all sicknesses and diseases. He also bore your shame and guilt, so why do you still carry it around? Those famous words; “It is finished” means exactly that! This is why we should always sing at the top of our lungs when we sing that timeless hymn **“THE OLD RUGGED CROSS.”**

AGAIN SOME CHURCHES DON’T EVEN SING THIS PRECIOUS HYMN ANYMORE. WHY? I’m for all types of worship music in church, but **WE CAN NEVER FORGET THE “OLD RUGGED CROSS” HYMN OR “POWER IN THE BLOOD” OR “WHAT CAN WASH AWAY MY SINS NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.”**

Remember when Jesus shed His precious blood, it was not only for our sins, but for His healing powers. Sheree and I have been blessed, to see evidence of the healing powers of the blood of Jesus Christ. We have witnessed many healings by the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. The blood of Jesus Christ provides a hedge of protection to those who believe in His power. When my wife and I travel, conducting ministry services in the prisons that we travel to, we always plead the blood of Jesus over ourselves, the mechanics of the vehicle, and the tires of the vehicle. We travel ‘concern free’ as His blood protects us. We also pray at night and cover our whole property in the blood of Jesus. Why? No devil or demon from hell can get through the blood of the Lamb, Jesus Christ. We plead His blood over our

finances as well. You may be saying, “really?” Absolutely! Because we believe, and if you do not—don’t do it! The power of the blood of Jesus, helps you defeat temptation in your life if you only believe. The blood of Jesus is the weapon that strips Satan of his powers.

In Revelation 12:11 it reads *“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death.”*

^(NKJV) When we discuss the blood of Christ, we must also talk about Holy Communion “the meal that heals.” When Christ died on the cross and He shed His blood, it brought healing through His wounds and stripes on His body and salvation through His blood on the cross. The devil does not want you to partake of communion because he knows the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. **1st Corinthians 11:24** reads *“And when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, take eat this is My body which is broken for you; do this in remembrance of Me.”* ^{v25} *“In the same manner He also took the cup after supper saying, this cup is the New Covenant in My blood. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”* ^(NKJV)

The devil does not want you remembering the Blood Covenant, that Jesus Christ made with you, and the power of His shed blood to forgive and cleanse you of your sins. The blood that was paid to heal all your diseases. Perry Stone, in his book *“The Meal that*

Heals,” relates a story of a man who had a serious illness. He prayed and took communion for forty days consecutively and Jesus healed him AMEN! In most churches today they fall into the trap of the enemy Satan, and only do communion every three months and some churches every six months. Why? I have heard some in the church, say if you do it on a regular basis, (for example) once a month it becomes a ritual. Passing the offering plate every Sunday—is this a ritual?

In closing: Sheree and I pray that we who call ourselves Christians, **NEVER FORGET THE CROSS AND POWER OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST.** I also recommend you do communion in your home on a regular basis. In **Luke 22:19**, Jesus said, Do it in remembrance of me. In **1 Corinthians 11:24-32** Paul also taught about taking communion (V26) As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death till He comes. It is important to examine yourself by asking the Lord to forgive you and to discern the Lord’s body by being respectful.

Smith Wigglesworth, the man referred to as the” Apostle of Faith” took communion every day. He is also known for his absolute faith in the blood of Jesus Christ to heal. God confirmed Smith Wigglesworth’s ministry through powerful signs and wonders, which included forming missing limbs and the disappearance of cancerous growths. In Smith Wigglesworth’s book on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit, it documents that after he prayed twenty people were raised from the dead! If we all had such faith and belief in the healing powers of the blood of Jesus Christ, think of the impact we would have on the world. My suggestion—do communion every day. Sheree and I take communion on a regular basis. Smith Wigglesworth’s famous saying was; *“only believe.”*