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The precious blood of Jesus Christ must be understood spiritually as the Bible explains it.

Blood is a very mysterious substance that only God could have created.

While it does not produce life, it does carry it. Even though science doesn't fully understand the complexities of it, it is clear, without it, life no longer exists. It knows no gender and it does not matter if the blood of a woman is given to a man or the blood of a Caucasian is given to an Oriental, it is universal in its capacity to carry life. Blood does not determine the color of our skin, or our personality. It simply carries the life that comes from God.

The human blood is effective and powerful and gives a glimpse of what the blood of Jesus can do. Do not underestimate the precious and powerful work of the Blood of Jesus.

1. The Precious Blood of Jesus Has Made Peace Between Sinful Man and a Holy God.

The Bible says, *“For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell, and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross. And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight”* (Colossians 1:19-22). There is no one apart from God who can reconcile you to God, so He has to send His only son, Jesus to die on the cross. The blood of Jesus gives you victory over sin which separates you from God.

2. It Has Washed Us from Sin and Made Us Kings and Priests to God.

John reveals, *“... Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen”* (Revelation 1:5 & 6). He has made you king. Rule the kingdom of your body. You can rule your mind, protect your imaginations, control

your eyes, speech, behavior and your lifestyle.

3. It Has Redeemed or Purchased Us from the Power of Satan to Belong to God.

The Bible says, *“And they sang a new song, saying: “You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth”* (Revelation 5:9 & 10). Redemption comes with the payment of the ransom or price. Jesus paid the price to redeem us! When He made you priest, He has given you the most powerful position. Priests were people who stood in the presence of God. The blood of Jesus makes you worthy. Rule over your life and circumstances.

The Benefits of the Precious Blood of Jesus

- **It brings us near to God.**

“But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians 2:13) and *“Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus”* (Hebrews 10:19).

- **We receive forgiveness for our sin through it.**

“For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (Matthew 26:28) and *“In Him we*

have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace” (Ephesians 1:7).

• It continues to cleanse us from sin. It is an ongoing process.

He died 2,000 years ago, but His blood is still powerful today and tomorrow. Live in the Calvary stream. Christ on the cross saves us from sin. Christ on the throne saves us from the power of sin and Christ’s second coming will save us from the presence of sin. His blood continues to flow today, so when He comes, we are prepared to meet Him.

It is important to get a Scriptural understanding of the cleansing power of the blood of Jesus.

First, Prophet Isaiah says, *“Come now, and let us reason together,” Says the LORD, ‘Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be white as wool’” (Isaiah 1:18).* What an invitation! You are cleansed and made bold. You can stand in His presence. He won’t strike you as He struck His son, Jesus on the cross.

Second, John teaches, *“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness” (1 John 1:7-9).* We are cleansed from the guilt of sin when we walk in the light as He is in the light.

4. We are Justified and Sanctified.

Paul rejoices, *“Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from wrath through Him. For if when we were enemies we were reconciled to God through the death of His Son, much more, having been reconciled, we shall be saved by His life. And not only that, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation” (Romans 5:9-11).*

Justification deals with our position or standing in Christ while sanctification is

our condition or state. Being justified, we are forgiven and delivered from the power of sin. But sanctification is progressive. Whenever we have sinned, we do not have to remain in this condition or state, we can be justified and live a sanctifying life.

5. We are Made Holy and Set Apart for God.

The Bible says, *“Therefore Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate” (Hebrews 13:12).* To “sanctify the people” is to set them apart for God. Jesus is our sanctifier. He makes us holy. Paul says, *“But of Him you are in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God—and righteousness and sanctification and redemption” (1 Corinthians 1:30).* We are cleansed by the blood of Jesus and set apart, to live a holy life and the members of our body become instruments of righteousness. One time you were a slave to sin and members of your body were instruments of sin. But Jesus has set you free from sin. He is the Lord of your life and you have the power to live a holy and righteous life.

6. We Overcome the Devil by His Blood.

The Bible says, *“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” (Revelations 12:11).* Sin in your life gives the devil a foothold. When you apply the blood you have victory over the devil and you have a testimony. When satan is defeated because of the blood, it affirms your faith. Testify and share what God is doing in and through you.

7. We can Serve God With a Clean Conscience.

“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?” (Hebrews 9:14). When you are cleansed from your dead conscience that bothers you because of the wrongs you have done, you can serve God effectively, by the empowering of the Holy Spirit.

8. It Gives Us the Power and the Right to Enter the New City and Eat of the Tree of Life.

John the Apostle describes what awaits those washed by the blood, *“Then one of the elders answered, saying to me, ‘Who are these arrayed in white robes, and where did they come from?’ And I said to him, ‘Sir, you know.’ So he said to me, ‘These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb’” (Revelation 7:13-14) and “Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life, and may enter through the gates into the city” (Revelation 22:14).* Understand and appreciate, we who have been washed and have white robes, can enter into the heavenly city and eat from the tree of life. It is not by our church attendance, knowing the Scriptures, having a ministry or doing good works that get us to heaven, though they are the right things to do. But washed by the Blood of the Lamb and obedient to His Word.

In the book of Genesis, there was a tree of life. When man sinned and was driven out of the Garden of Eden, God put an angel and a flaming sword to guard it. The Bible says, *“therefore the LORD God sent him out of the garden of Eden to till the ground from which he was taken. So He drove out the man; and He placed cherubim at the east of the garden of Eden, and a flaming sword which turned every way, to guard the way to the tree of life” (Genesis 3:23-24).* Thank God for the soul-cleansing blood of the Lamb by which, we will be allowed to eat from the tree of life!

We must believe and live under the blood of Jesus. Appropriate the precious blood of Jesus daily and have the victory irrespective of life’s challenges and the wiles of the enemy. Let the Word of God be a light to your path.

All Bible quotations are in New King James Version.

A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

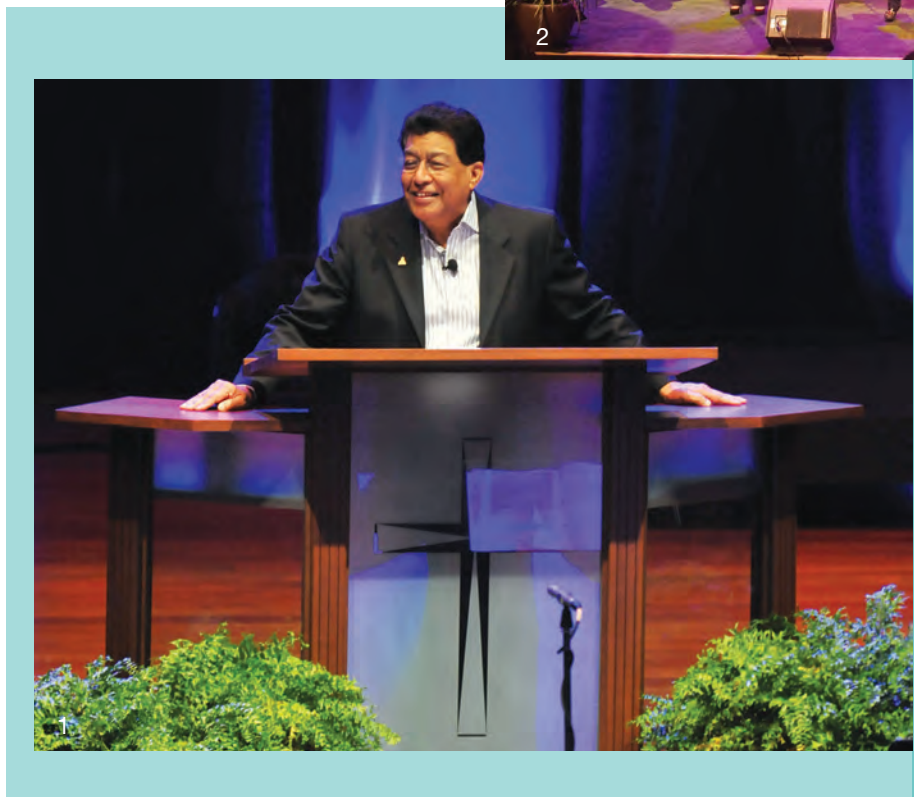


Thank God for the privilege to appreciate and thank the Lord for all His blessings in 2014 at the year-end Thanksgiving Service on 31 December at CCC.

There was a wonderful ambience at the CCC Plaza. The Church family enjoyed fellowshiping with each other over refreshments and delightful desserts contributed by Calvarites. Many expressed their appreciation for it.

The service began with a vibrant time of worship. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam introduced the Church theme for the new year, "Sanctified to Serve The Lord". A Church theme is prayerfully chosen each year to give us a sense of direction and expectation. The 2015 Church theme logo, depicts Jesus washing the feet of His disciples, symbolising humility and being set apart (sanctified) to serve the Lord.

In the Bible, each time before God does something powerful, He calls the people to be sanctified. The exhortation for Calvary Church is that we are to live a sanctified life and expect God to work powerfully in 2015. The Bible says, "Do not love the world ... For all that is in the world – the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life – is not of the Father but is of the world" (1 John 2:15-16).



Other highlights of the evening:

1. A compilation of various ministries' praise reports shared by Associate Pastor David Seah.
2. 15 Calvarites, including Associate Pastors, Church administrative staff and lay leaders received faithful service awards. Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam did the honours, accompanied by Senior Pastor.

Associate Pastor Timothy Ong and Sister Lee Foong Ling both received a special long service award for 31 years.

3. Cavalrites shared powerful testimonies of God's healings, protection, job promotions, God's leading, financial provisions and other blessings.

We concluded the year 2014 by gathering around the altar and partaking the Holy Communion. Thank and praise God for a wonderful year in 2014. Church.

Let us step into 2015 "sanctified to serve the Lord" and witness His miracles for Calvary Church.





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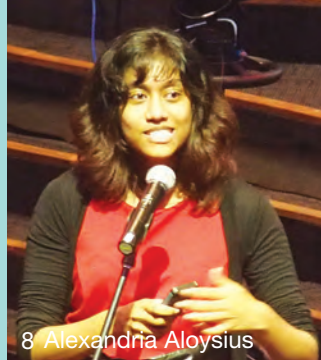
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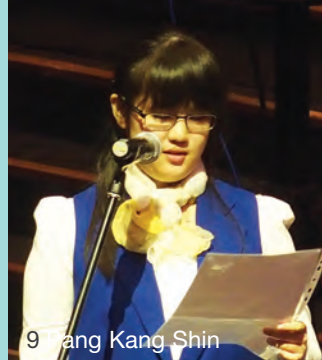
6 Gabriel Chew



7 Leslie Abraham



8 Alexandra Aloysius



9 Tang Kang Shin



10 Hon Sir Neng



1. Senior Pastor introduces the 2015 Church theme
2. Vibrant worship
3. All at the altar to consecrate ourselves for 2015
4. Sister Petrina fellowshipping with Deacon Helen Read
- 5-11. Some of the Calvarites who shared their testimonies
- 12-13. At the pre-service fellowship
14. Elder Patrick Wong with Benny Lee and wife, Brenda



11 Chris Lim and wife, Ng Susan Jian



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Congratulations to the following whose faithfulness in service was recognised at the 2014 Year-end Service at CCC.

CHURCH STAFF

Special Long Service Awards



31 years
Associate Pastor
Timothy Ong



31 years
Lee Foong Ling

Faithful Service Award



15 years
Pastor David
Seah Ping Huat

Associate Pastor
Ministry Head
- Pastoral Life
Groups Ministry
Pastor in charge –
Bahasa Malaysia
Ministry



15 years
Pastor Karen
Chan Lee Peng

Associate Pastor
Ministry Head
- SCG
- Missionettes
Pastor in charge
- Women Division,
Pastoral Life
Pastor giving
oversight
- Dimensions



15 years
Angela
Aw Sheek Hian

Confidential
Secretary
Music &
Creative Arts
Ministry &
Children
Ministry

MINISTRY INVOLVEMENT

Children Ministry

The following were also recognised for their faithfulness in their respective ministries: Chin Yoke Yee (25 years in Royal Rangers); Deacon Chow Sang Hoe (10 years in Pastoral LGs Ministry) & Jessyca Chin (10 years in Children Ministry).



10 years
Brenda Chow Pui Yee



10 years
Elaine Hon Sat Moi

Pastoral Life Groups Ministry



25 years
Alice Lee Yin



25 years
Richard
Siew Pak Wai



25 years
Samantha
Ong Lay Sum



10 years
Ong Lai See



10 years
Melvin
Wong Yen Chen

ENLARGING YOUR TENTS

By WONG SI-MAAN



1. Praying corporately at the altar at DH sanctuary 2. Pastor Tommy Barnett preaching on praying for revival 3. Leading in worship 4. Praying in twos at DH for various needs 5. Pastor Chee Weng introducing Calvarites sharing their missions involvement

The Friday Missions Prayer Emphasis on 9 January 2015, themed “Enlarging Your Prayer Tent”, drew Calvarites to Damansara Heights sanctuary, expecting God to do greater things in their life.

After the enthusiastic worship, Pastor Yong Chee Weng introduced three Calvarites who shared testimonies of their missions involvement. Johny Wong testified of how God opened doors for him to be involved in the social concern ministry to teach Myanmar refugee children. Kevin Paul shared on the BM ministry reaching out and how God empowered him while Hon Sir Neng shared how he answered the full-time call and is now equipping himself by studying at the Bible college.

Rev Tommy Barnett challenged Calvarites to strengthen our stakes of prayer if we want to enlarge our tents. The accomplished man of God with 61 years of ministry under his belt, inspired and encouraged us with testimonies on how he impacted many, including influential leaders like Joyce Meyer and TD Jakes.

Pastor Barnett showed us how prayer is key to revival using the history of the Welsh revival (1904-05). At a time when Wales was plagued by every moral sin, a young coal miner, Evan Roberts prayed diligently. While his peers were drinking hard after work, Evan spent 12 hours daily over 13 years praying for revival. His cry was, “Lord, bend me.”

He desired to preach and at his first preaching session, after a regular Sunday service, seventeen people remained to hear Evan. They were touched by Evan’s 4-point sermon. First, you must put away any unconfessed sin. Second, you must put away any doubtful habit. Third, you must obey the prompting of the Holy Spirit. Fourth, you must confess Christ publicly.

The focus of righteous living and Holy Spirit baptism transformed lives powerfully. The fire of revival was ignited and it spread rapidly. Within six months, 100,000 souls were saved in Wales. The revival spread to other parts of the UK and to Europe and Asia. The important lesson learnt is that it all started because Evan fasted and prayed. Spurgeon says, revival is always in response to the amount of prayer that is prayed.

Pastor Barnett also shared that what he experienced in the last 10 years of his ministry exceeded that which he experienced in the preceding 50 years! He has experienced first-hand, God’s marvelous provisions and ministry expansion.

He prayed for God to move us and our Church, that we would offer the unusual so that God can do the supernatural.

Associate Pastors Steven Kum and Richard Yun led the closing corporate prayers as we gathered at the altar. They prayed that we would enlarge our prayer tent and be consumed by God’s passion for the lost. Lord, raise us up, compelled, consumed and confident to reach out.

SEED OUR NEED

God gives seed to the sower, and not anybody else. By JANA PONNUDURAI



Thank God for a powerful Faith Promise Renewal at both Damansara Heights and CCC on 10 and 11 January 2015.

Rev Tommy Barnett declared that it is God's will for us to have the right kind of needs. He noted that the Laodicean Church was chided for saying they were rich and had need of nothing. The Bible says they did not know they were wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked (Rev 3:14-17)! It is important that you know your needs as this opens the door to trust and believe God to supply.

When God asked Pastor Barnett to start the Dream Centre in Los Angeles, 20 years ago, did he have a need! God met this need and today, it reaches out to thousands of the needy in LA. The right kind of need will attract the favour and supernatural provision of God.

God knows your needs even before you say it. Pastor Barnett reminded us that it is important that we seed our need. This is because God gives seed to the sower and not anybody else. The Bible says, "Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, ... supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness" (2 Corinthians 9:10).

He also reminded us that when you do the unusual, God does the supernatural and exceptional. For instance blind eyes were opened when Jesus did the unusual, applying mud to the eyes. Solomon offered 1,000 sacrifices when one sacrifice was the norm! This precipitated God to ask him what he wanted! What a powerful exhortation for Calvarites to give the most unusual gift we have ever given.

The CMNN video presentation showed how the missions giving of Calvarites in

2014 touched the community in various ways, locally and abroad. Missions Director, Associate Pastor Steven Kum shared the Faith Promise budget for 2015 and announced the commencement of Calvary Kindergarten at CCC in 2015 and a dialysis centre in Cheras is in the pipeline. These new ministries provide more opportunities to touch the local community through word and deed.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam said that even though Calvary Church has been doing Faith Promise (FP) way back in the 1970s, we are not to make a pledge automatically! If we do the unusual, God will do the miraculous and we will grow in our experience of God. We were encouraged to make this the greatest missions giving ever!





While the adults were making their FP pledges, the Carpenter's Workshop (CW) kids were also making their FP pledges too on Saturday and Sunday.

Senior Pastor together with the Deacons, Elder, Missions Committee and Associate Pastors prayed for all FP partners, that God will fulfil our desires and needs.

Praise and thank God for the opportunity to do the unusual. As we obey, we are determining our future with God who desires to move us to a new level.

- 1-2. Praying for FP partners by laying hands on FP cards at CCC & DH, respectively
- 3. Pastor Tommy Barnett sharing the Missions challenge
- 4. Senior Pastor encourages Calvarites to make the best missions pledge ever
- 5. Missions Director, Pastor Steven Kum sharing the 2015 Missions Budget
- 6. Teenagers in CCC making their FP pledges
- 7. CCC congregation worshipping
- 8. Brightly clad choir ministering in song
- 9 & 12 CW children waving their FP cards
- 10 -11. CW kids making their FP pledges



The POWER of A Half Hour

By CT LIM AND ANNE WONG



1. Pastor Tommy Barnett sharing 2. Pastor Steven closing in prayer 3. Participants listening intently
4. Breakfast fellowship before the seminar 5. Greeting one another at the breakfast fellowship
6. Calvarites, regulars and new worshippers enjoying breakfast together

What a great way for 239 Calvarites to start the year, being inspired by Rev Tommy Barnett at the seminar, after a good breakfast fellowship on Saturday morning, 10 January 2015, at CCC.

Pastor Barnett highlighted a question - given that eternity is not measured by time, why was the 30 minutes of silence mentioned in Revelations 8:1, "When He opened the seventh seal, there was silence in heaven for about half an hour". This led him to ask what God is teaching about the importance of a half hour. The result is his empowering book, "The Power of A Half Hour".

It was a power-packed session. How you spend your half hour can make a world of difference! It can bring you success or failure, make you a saint or sinner, bring prosperity or poverty, health or sickness and victory or defeat. Such is the power of a half hour! Great writers write their books in half hour segments.

Some examples of powerful things you can do in half hour include winning a soul, random acts of kindness like spending time with fatherless kids.

In answer to questions raised during the Q&A session, Pastor Barnett shared how the Lord showed him the importance to be still before Him. He has to organise his time, to spend time with God and with his family. "The first person I talk to in the morning is the Lord. I determine to let God speak to me in the first half hour I wake up," confided Pastor Barnett. It is important to dedicate our half hour to the Lord.

In the first half hour of his quiet time, it is praising God. The next half hour is his prayer time. He describes prayer as spending time with a friend. So do as you need! During the final half hour, he asks the Lord to speak to him.

Before Pastor Steven closed in prayer, he encouraged us to make a commitment to seek God and spend our half hour purposefully.

Thank God for such a timely exhortation at the start of the year. Many were impacted and determined to be disciplined and seek the Lord daily.

S. TAN testifies, "I was reminded to be responsible for using my time meaningfully and to do what God wants me to do".

DEACON STEPHEN LIU shares, "Thank God for a vital reminder to use our halfhours impactfully. Let us spend time with the Lord and be led by Him."

Start the year 2015 well by determining how you want to spend your half hours!

Your Desire, His STRENGTH

Calvary Church's Missions Emphasis weekend would not be complete without a Youth Missions service.

By ESTHER WONG KAR MEI

On 10 January 2015, Missions Director, Pastor Steven Kum spoke to the Calvary Youth in the Damansara Heights sanctuary.

The session started off with a time of heartfelt worship and a spirited introduction of Pastor Steven by one of the Youth Coordinators, Timothy Yee.

Pastor Steven let his hair down and connected with the youths through tales of his childhood and growing up days. He shared a summary from a movie called the "Bucket List" which was also mentioned by the Missions guest speaker, Rev Tommy Barnett. It was a story of two old cancer-stricken men who escaped their hospital beds to fulfil the items on their bucket list. "You got the dream, I got the money," was the catchphrase of the film as the unlikely duo, a poor man and a millionaire, jetted around the world. Pastor Steven asked the youths what was on their bucket list.

This led to the vital question. What was on their bucket list for God? Some of the answers shared were: a desire to share

Christ with relatives without fear of judgment and alonging to make worship albums for God's glory. However, as with many dreams and desires of God, naysayers and negativity will come. "But if you've got the desire, God's got the strength," Pastor Steven smiled. There is always hope in Jesus Christ.

The youths were encouraged by the text Isaiah 54:2-4 which is on the future glory of Zion to lengthen their cords, strengthen their stakes and enlarge their tent so that God can give them many spiritual children. If the youths are to impact their

generation and truly go (the theme for the 2014 and 2012 Calvary Youth Camps), it has to begin with a godly desire. The call is to be fruitful and reveal His love to the lost.

The inspiring and interactive session ended with an altar call for prayer for all the youths with a bucket list for God. Let us too keep our youths in prayer. May God enlarge their tents, and they would touch this generation for God's glory, now!



1. Missions Director, Pastor Steven challenging the youths to enlarge their tents
2. One of the Youth Coordinators, Timothy Yee introducing Pastor Steven
3. Youths being prayed for by Pastor Steven
4. A time of vibrant worship

DARAH YESUS Yang BERHARGA

Oleh PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

“... Sebab kamu tahu, bahwa kamu telah ditebus dari cara hidupmu yang sia-sia yang kamu warisi dari nenek moyangmu itu bukan dengan barang yang fana, bukan pula dengan perak atau emas, melainkan dengan darah yang mahal, yaitu darah Kristus yang sama seperti darah anak domba yang tak bernoda dan tak bercacat” (1Petrus 1:18-19).

Darah adalah bahan yang bermisteri yang hanya Tuhan sahaja boleh menciptanya. Walaupun ia tidak menghasilkan hayat, ia membawa nyawa. Walaupun sains tidak memahami dengan sepenuh kerumitan itu, adalah jelas, tanpa itu, nyawa tidak lagi wujud. Ia tidak mengenal jantina dan ia tidak kira jika darah wanita diberikan kepada seorang lelaki atau darah seorang orang putih diberikan kepada seorang Asia, ia adalah sejagat dalam kemampuannya untuk membawakan hayat. Darah tidak menentukan warna kulit kita, atau keperibadian kita. Ia hanya membawa nyawa yang datang dari Tuhan.

Darah manusia adalah berkesan dan berkuasa dan memberikan gambaran tentang apa yang darah Yesus boleh lakukan. Jangan cuba untuk memahami darah Yesus Kristus dengan minda semulajadi dan memandang rendah kerja yang berharga dan berkuasa oleh darah Yesus.

Darah Yesus Kristus yang berharga harus difahami secara rohani sebagaimana Alkitab menerangkannya.

1. Darah Yesus Yang Berharga Telah Mendamaikan Orang Berdosa bersama dengan Tuhan yang Kudus.

Alkitab mengatakan, *“Karena seluruh kepenuhan TUHAN berkenan diam di dalam Dia, dan oleh Dialah Ia memerdamaikan segala sesuatu dengan diri-Nya, baik yang ada di bumi, maupun yang ada di sorga, sesudah Ia mengadakan pendamaian oleh darah salib Kristus. Juga anda yang dahulu*

hidup jauh dari TUHAN dan yang memusuhi-Nya dalam hati dan pikiran seperti yang nyata dari perbuatanmu yang jahat, sekarang diperdamaikan-Nya, di dalam tubuh jasmani Kristus oleh kematian-Nya, untuk menempatkan kamu kudus dan tak bercela dan tak bercacat di hadapan-Nya” (Kolose 1:19 -22). Tiada orang selain daripada Tuhan yang boleh mendamaikan kamu kepada Tuhan, dengan demikian Dia perlu menghantar satu-satu anak-Nya, Yesus untuk mati di atas salib. Darah Yesus memberi anda kemenangan ke atas dosa yang memisahkan anda daripada Tuhan.

2. Ia Telah Membersihkan Kita daripada Dosa dan Menjadikan Kita Raja-raja dan Imam-imam kepada Tuhan.

Yohanes mendedahkan, *“... dan dari Yesus Kristus, Saksi yang setia, yang pertama bangkit dari antara orang mati dan yang berkuasa atas raja-raja bumi ini. Bagi Dia, yang mengasihi kita dan yang telah melepaskan kita dari dosa kita oleh darah-Nya-- dan yang telah membuat kita menjadi suatu kerajaan, menjadi imam-imam bagi TUHAN, Bapa-Nya, --bagi Dialah kemuliaan dan kuasa sampai selama-lamanya. Amin”* (Wahyu 1: 5 & 6). Dia telah menjadikan anda raja. Perintah kerajaan tubuh anda. Anda boleh memerintah fikiran anda, melindungi imaginasi anda, mengawal mata anda, ucapan, tingkahlaku dan gaya hidup anda.

3. Ia Telah Menebus atau Membeli Kita dari Kuasa Iblis untuk Dimiliki Tuhan.

Alkitab berkata, *“Dan mereka menyanyikan suatu nyanyian baru katanya: “Engkau layak menerima gulungan kitab itu dan membuka meterai-meterainya; karena Engkau telah disembelih dan dengan darah-Mu Engkau*

telah membeli mereka bagi TUHAN dari tiap-tiap suku dan bahasa dan kaum dan bangsa. Dan Engkau telah membuat mereka menjadi suatu kerajaan, dan menjadi imam-imam bagi TUHAN kita, dan mereka akan memerintah sebagai raja di bumi” (Wahyu 5: 9 & 10). Penebusan datang dengan pembayaran tebusan atau harga. Yesus telah membayar harga untuk menebuskan kita! Ketika Tuhan menjadikan kamu imam, Dia telah memberikan kedudukan yang paling berkuasa. Imam adalah orang-orang yang berdiri dalam hadirat Tuhan. Darah Yesus melayakkan anda. Kuasailah kehidupan dan situasi anda.

Kelebihan Darah Yesus yang Berharga

• Ia membawa kita lebih dekat kepada Tuhan.

“Tetapi sekarang di dalam Kristus Yesus kamu, yang dahulu “jauh”, sudah menjadi “dekat” oleh darah Kristus” (Efesus 2:13) dan *“Jadi, saudara-saudara, oleh darah Yesus kita sekarang penuh keberanian dapat masuk ke dalam tempat kudus”* (Ibrani 10: 19).

• Kita menerima pengampunan untuk dosa kita melaluinya.

“Sebab inilah darah-Ku, darah perjanjian, yang ditumpahkan bagi banyak orang untuk pengampunan dosa” (Matius 26:28) dan *“Sebab di dalam Dia dan oleh darah-Nya kita beroleh penebusan, yaitu pengampunan dosa, menurut kekayaan kasih karunia-Nya”* (Efesus 1: 7).

• Ia terus membersihkan kita daripada dosa.

Ia adalah satu proses yang berterusan. Yesus meninggal dunia 2000 tahun dahulu, tetapi darah-Nya masih berkuasa hari ini dan hari esok. Hiduplah dalam aliran Calvary itu. Kristus di atas salib menyelamatkan kita daripada dosa. Kristus di atas takhta itu menyelamatkan kita dari

kuasa dosa dan kedatangan Kristus yang kedua akan menyelamatkan kita dari hadirat dosa. Darahnya terus mengalir sehingga hari ini, maka apabila Dia datang, kita bersedia untuk menemui-Nya.

Adalah penting untuk mendapatkan pemahaman Firman akan kuasa pembersihan darah Yesus.

Pertama, Nabi Yesaya berkata, *“Marilah, baiklah kita berperkara! --firman TUHAN-- Sekalipun dosamu merah seperti kirmizi, akan menjadi putih seperti salju; sekalipun berwarna merah seperti kain kesumba, akan menjadi putih seperti bulu domba”* (Yesaya 1:18). Hebatnya undangan ini! Anda dibersihkan dan dijadikan berani. Anda boleh berdiri dalam hadiratNya. Dia tidak akan melakukan kepada anda sebagaimana apa yang dilakukannya kepada anaknya, Yesus di atas salib.

Kedua, Yohanes mengajar, *“Tetapi jika kita hidup di dalam terang sama seperti Dia ada di dalam terang, maka kita beroleh persekutuan seorang dengan yang lain, dan darah Yesus, Anak-Nya itu, menyucikan kita dari pada segala dosa. Jika kita berkata, bahwa kita tidak berdosa, maka kita menipu diri kita sendiri dan kebenaran tidak ada di dalam kita. Jika kita mengaku dosa kita, maka Ia adalah setia dan adil, sehingga Ia akan mengampuni segala dosa kita dan menyucikan kita dari segala kejahatan”* (1 Yohanes 1: 7-9). Kita dibersihkan dari kesalahan dosa apabila kita berjalan di dalam cahaya seperti mana Dia ada di dalam cahaya.

4. Kita boleh dijadikan benar dan dikuduskan.

Paulus bersukacita dengan mengatakan, *“Lebih-lebih, karena kita sekarang telah dibenarkan oleh darah-Nya, kita pasti akan diselamatkan dari murka TUHAN. Sebab jikalau kita, ketika masih seteru, diperdamaikan dengan TUHAN oleh kematian Anak-Nya, lebih-lebih kita, yang sekarang telah diperdamaikan, pasti akan diselamatkan oleh hidup-Nya! Dan bukan hanya itu saja! Kita malah bermegah dalam TUHAN oleh Yesus Kristus, Tuhan kita, sebab oleh Dia kita telah menerima pendamaian itu”* (Roma 5: 9-11). Dijadikan benar berkaitan dengan dengan kedudukan kita atau posisi kita dalam Kristus sementara pengudusan adalah kondisi atau keadaan kita. Bila dijadikan benar, kita diampuni dan dibebaskan dari kuasa dosa. Tetapi pengudusan adalah progresif. Setiap kali kita telah berdosa, kita tidak perlu kekal dalam keadaan atau kondisi ini, kita boleh menjadi benar dan menjalani kehidupan yang kudus.

5. Kami Dikuduskan dan Diasingkan untuk Tuhan.

Alkitab berkata, *“ Itu jugalah sebabnya Yesus telah menderita di luar pintu gerbang untuk menguduskan umat-Nya dengan darah-Nya sendiri”* (Ibrani 13:12). Untuk *“menguduskan umat” adalah untuk mengasingkan mereka untuk Tuhan. Yesus adalah pengudus kita. Beliau telah menjadikan kita kudus. Paulus berkata, “ Tetapi oleh Dia kamu berada dalam Kristus Yesus, yang oleh Allah telah menjadi hikmat bagi kita. Ia membenarkan dan menguduskan dan menebus kita”* (1 Korintus 1:30). Kita dibersihkan oleh darah Yesus dan diasingkan, supaya kita dapat melayani Tuhan dan anggota-anggota badan kita akan menjadi peralatan yang saleh. Anda dikhususkan untuk menjalani kehidupan yang suci. Pada dahulunya anda adalah seorang hamba kepada dosa dan anggota-anggota badan anda adalah peralatan kepada dosa. Tetapi Yesus telah membebaskan anda daripada dosa. Dia adalah Tuhan dalam hidup anda dan anda mempunyai kuasa untuk hidup kehidupan yang saleh.

6. Kita Mengalahkan Iblis dengan DarahNya.

Alkitab mengatakan, *“ Dan mereka mengalahkan dia oleh darah Anak Domba, dan oleh perkataan kesaksian mereka. Karena mereka tidak mengasihinya nyawa mereka sampai ke dalam maut”* (Wahyu 12:11). Dosa dalam hidup anda membenarkan iblis untuk berkuasa. Apabila anda menggunakan darahNya anda mempunyai kemenangan ke atas iblis dan anda mempunyai suatu kesaksian. Apabila iblis dihalau oleh darah Yesus, ini mengesahkan iman anda. Bersaksilah dan kongsi apa yang Tuhan telah lakukan dalam dan melalui anda.

7. Kita boleh Melayani Tuhan Dengan Hati Nurani yang Bersih.

“Betapa lebihnya darah Kristus, yang oleh Roh yang kekal telah mempersembahkan diri-Nya sendiri kepada TUHAN sebagai persembahan yang tak bercacat, akan menyucikan hati nurani kita dari perbuatan-perbuatan yang sia-sia, supaya kita dapat beribadah kepada TUHAN yang hidup” (Ibrani 9:14).

Apabila anda dibersihkan dari hati nurani yang mati yang mengganggu anda kerana kesalahan yang telah anda lakukan, anda boleh melayani Tuhan dengan berkesan, menyenangkanNya dengan kuasa Roh Kudus.

8. Ia Memberi Kita Kuasa dan Hak untuk Memasuki Bandar Baru dan Makan dari Pohon Kehidupan.

Rasul Yohanes menerangkan apa yang menanti mereka yang dibersihkan oleh darahNya, *“Dan seorang dari antara tua-tua itu berkata kepadaku: “Siapakah mereka yang memakai jubah putih itu dan dari manakah mereka datang?” Maka kataku kepadanya: “Tuanku, tuan mengetahuinya.” Lalu ia berkata kepadaku: “Mereka ini adalah orang-orang yang keluar dari kesusahan yang besar; dan mereka telah mencuci jubah mereka dan membuatnya putih di dalam darah Anak Domba”* (Wahyu 7: 13-14) dan *“Berbahagialah mereka yang membasuh jubahnya. Mereka akan memperoleh hak atas pohon-pohon kehidupan dan masuk melalui pintu-pintu gerbang ke dalam kota itu”* (Wahyu 22:14). Fahami dan hargai, kita yang telah dibersihkan dan mempunyai jubah-jubah putih, boleh masuk ke dalam kota syurgawi dan makan dari pohon kehidupan. Ia bukanlah dengan kehadiran kita di gereja, mengetahui Kitab Suci, yang mempunyai pelayanan atau melakukan kerja-kerja yang baik yang akan membawa kita ke syurga. Tetapi adalah kerana disucikan oleh Darah Anak Domba dan taat kepada FirmanNya.

Dalam buku Kejadian, terdapat satu pohon kehidupan. Apabila manusia berdosa dan dihalau keluar dari Taman Eden, Tuhan meletakkan seorang malaikat dan sebilah pedang berapi untuk mengawalinya. Alkitab berkata, *“Lalu TUHAN mengusir dia dari taman Eden supaya ia mengusahakan tanah dari mana ia diambil. Ia menghalau manusia itu dan di sebelah timur taman Eden ditempatkan-Nyala beberapa kerub dengan pedang yang beryala-nyala dan menyambar-nyambar, untuk menjaga jalan ke pohon kehidupan”* (Kejadian 3: 23-24). Bersyukurlah kepada Tuhan atas darah Domba yang menyucikan jiwa dan mengizinkan kita makan dari pohon kehidupan!

Kita harus percaya dan hidup di bawah darah Yesus. Peruntukkan darah Yesus yang berharga setiap hari dan milikilah kemenangan dalam cabaran-cabaran hidup dan tipu muslihat musuh. Biarlah Firman Tuhan menjadi terang kepada jalan anda.

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Indonesia.

耶稣的宝血

(文：古纳南主任牧师)

「…知道你们得赎，脱去你们祖宗所传流虚妄的行为，不是凭着能坏的金银等物，乃是凭着基督的宝血，如同无瑕疵、无玷污的羔羊之血」（彼前1:18-19）。

血

血液是一种十分神秘的物质，只有上帝才能创造它。虽然它不会产生生命，它里面却有生命。尽管科学不能完全理解它的复杂性，显然，没有它生命不再存在。它没有性别，不管你把女性的血输给男性或把高加索人的血输给东方人，是无关紧要的，这是它有承载生命的能力的普遍性。血液不能决定我们皮肤的颜色，或我们的个性。它只是有来自神的生命。

人类的血液是有效和有能力的，并让人得以一窥耶稣的宝血的功用。不要用天然的心思试着去理解耶稣基督的宝血，而低估了耶稣的宝血宝贵和强大的工作。

耶稣基督宝血的属灵真理必须用圣经的解释去领会和理解。

1. 耶稣的宝血使有罪的人和圣洁的神之间的关系和好。

圣经上说：「因为父喜欢叫一切的丰盛在他里面居住。既然藉着他在十字架上所流的血成就了和平，便藉着他叫万有—无论是地上的、天上的一都与自己和好了。你们从前与神隔绝，因着恶行，心里与他为敌。但如今他藉着基督的肉身受死，叫你们与自己和好，都成了圣洁，没有瑕疵，无可责备，把你们引到自己面前」（西1:19-22）。除了神，没有人能使你与神和好，所以祂必须差派祂唯一的儿子，耶稣死在十字架上。罪将你与神隔绝，耶稣的宝血赐给你胜过罪的胜利。

2. 它洗去我们的罪恶，使我们成为神的君尊祭司。

约翰后示说：「…并那诚实作见证的、从死里首先复活、为世上君王元首的耶稣基督，有恩惠、平安归与你们！他爱我们，用自己的血使我们脱离罪恶，又使我们成为国民，作他父神的祭司。但愿荣耀、权能归给他，直到永远。阿们！」（启1:5-6）祂已立你作王。你可以掌管你的身体。你可以掌管你的心思，保护你的想象力，控制你的眼睛，言语、行为和生活方式。

3. 它已从撒旦的权势之下赎回或买赎我们为归子神。

圣经上说：「他们唱新歌，说：你配拿书卷，配揭开七印；因为你曾被杀，用自己的血从各族、各方、各民、各国中买了人来，叫他们归于神，又叫他们成为国民，作祭司归于神，在地上执掌王权」（启5:9-10）。救赎是以交付赎金或赎价而得。耶稣付出了赎价救赎我们！当祂让你成为祭司，祂给了你最强大的地位。祭司是站在神面前的人。耶稣的宝血使你配得。在你的生活和环境掌权。

4. 我们都得称义和洗净

保罗欢喜的说：「现在我们既靠着他的血称义，就更要藉着他免去神的忿怒。因为我们作仇敌的时候，且藉着神儿子的死，得与神和好；既已和好，就更要因他的生得救了。不但如此，我们既藉着我主耶稣基督得与神和好，也就藉着他以神为乐」（罗5:9-11）。称义是处理我们的地位或在基督里的地步，而成圣是关乎我们的情况或状态。得蒙称义，我们被赦免，并得脱离罪恶的力量。但成圣是渐进的。每当我们犯了罪，我们不必留在这情况或状态中，我们可以被称义和过一个成圣的生活。

5. 我们成为圣洁和分别归神

圣经上说：「所以，耶稣要用自己的血叫百姓成圣，也就在城门外受苦」（来13:12）。要叫「百姓成圣」是把他们分别为圣归于神。耶稣是使我们成圣的那一位。祂使我们成为圣洁。保罗说：「但你们得在基督耶稣里，是本乎神，神又使祂成为我们的智慧、公义、圣洁、救赎」（林前1:30）。我们被耶稣的宝血洗净，并分别为圣，所以我们可以事奉神并将我们的肢体作义的器具献给神。你被分别为圣要过一个圣洁的生活。你曾经是一个罪的奴仆，你的肢体是罪的器具。但耶稣已把你从罪中释放出来。祂是你生命的主，你有力量去过一个公义的生活。

6. 我们以祂的宝血胜过魔鬼

圣经上说：「弟兄胜过他，是因羔羊的血和自己所见证的道。他们虽至于死，也不爱惜性命」（启12:11）。你生命中的罪会给魔鬼留地步。当你使用耶稣的宝血时，你就能战胜魔鬼和有一个见证。当撒旦因宝血被驱逐时，它确认你的信心。作见证和分享神在你里面和通过你所成就的工作。

7. 我们可以用洗净的良心事奉神

「何况基督藉着永远的灵，将自己无瑕献给神，他的血岂不更能洗净你们的良心，除去你们的死行，使你们事奉那永生神吗？」（来9:14）。你死去的良心因为你的过犯困扰你，当你从你死去的良心被洗净时，你就可以有效地事奉神，靠圣灵的赋权讨祂的喜悦。

8. 它给我们权柄和权利进入新的城中和吃生命树的果子

使徒约翰描述那些被宝血洗净的人在等待的事，「长老中有一位问我说：『这些穿白衣的是谁？是从哪里来的？』我对他说：『我主，你知道。』他问我说：『这些人是从大患难中出来的，曾用羔羊的血把衣裳洗白净了。』」（启7:13-14）。又「那些洗净自己衣服有福了！可得权柄能到生命树那里，也能从门进城」（启22:14）。理解和认识，我们被宝血洗净和有白色衣裳的人，可以进入天上之圣城，并吃生命树的果子。这不是因我们参加教会聚会，认识圣经，有参与事工或行善，而让我们

进入天堂。而是因被羔羊的宝血洗净和遵从祂的话语。

在创世记里，在哪里有一棵生命树。当人犯了罪被赶出伊甸园时，神安设天使和四面转动发火焰的剑来守护它。圣经上说：「耶和華神便打发他出伊甸园去，耕种他所自出之土。于是把他赶出去了；又在伊甸园的东边安设基路伯和四面转动发火焰的剑，要把守生命树的道路」（创3:23-24）。感谢神，因洁净灵魂的羔羊宝血，让我们可以吃生命树的果子！

我们必须相信和生活在耶稣宝血的遮盖下。不论是面对生活的挑战，还是敌人的诡计，每天使用耶稣的宝血来取得胜利。让神的话语成为你路上的光。

以上经文是采用中文圣经和合本。

中文团契

二月份聚会与中文布道活动联合

日期/时间：

7-3-15（六），晚上七点正

8-3-15（日），下午五点正

福音歌手：Rev Paul Ch'ng

地点：CCC影剧院3，B2

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日期：14-2-15（六）

时间：下午一点

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浸礼聚会

日期：14-2-15（六）

时间：下午五点

地点：加略山教会(大堂)

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2015 Service Schedule

DAMANSARA HEIGHTS

Saturday ■ 5.00pm

CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE

Sunday ■ 9.00am

		Feb01	Bishop Mosa Sono
Feb07	Holy Communion Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Feb08	Holy Communion Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Feb14	Water Baptism Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng	Feb15	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam
Feb21	Associate Pastor Raymond Yong	Feb22	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
Feb28	Holy Communion Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Mar01	Holy Communion Membership Intake Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Mar07	Associate Pastor David Seah	Mar08	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
Mar14	Rev Dr Mark Rutland	Mar15	Rev Dr Mark Rutland
Mar21	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Mar22	Associate Pastor David Seah
Mar28	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Mar29	Associate Pastor Richard Yun

CHINESE NEW YEAR CONCERT

With
Rev Paul Ch'ng
(Pastor and Gospel Singer)

7 MARCH SATURDAY | 7.00PM

8 MARCH SUNDAY | 5.00PM

VENUE:
Theatrette 3, Level B2, CCC

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Bahasa Fellowship SUNDAY ◀ 11.30AM

15 FEBRUARY

SPEAKER:
Associate Pastor David Seah
TOPIC:
**The Power of A New Image
(Kuasa Imej Baru)**

29 MARCH

SPEAKER: **Felisa Foo**
TOPIC:
**The Power of A New Mind
(Kuasa Minda Baru)**
VENUE:
Room 10, Level 4, CCC

WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS

SATURDAY | 1.00PM

14 FEBRUARY

VENUE : DH, WORSHIP NURSERY

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

SATURDAY | 5.00PM

14 FEBRUARY 2015

VENUE : DH, SANCTUARY



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MONDAY – THURSDAY**
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- Helpers are needed to assist in the general running of the event on the day itself.

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