

## The Cleansing Power Of The Blood Of Christ

### I. Introduction:

A. When an honest person comes face to face with his or her transgressions that honest person hates his or herself (**Job 42:1-6**).

1. Shame and such feelings are part of the process of repentance (**Jeremiah 31:18-20**).

2. Sometimes though, it leads to a feeling that one is not worthy of forgiveness (**Luke 15:11-19**).

B. Sometimes, honest people that are forgiven of their past sins still think about them and struggle getting past them (**I Corinthians 15:9**).

1. This doesn't mean that person doesn't understand they are forgiven of those past sins (**I Timothy 1:12-15**).

2. It is just that those memories cause one to loathe themselves for what they have done in the past (**Ezekiel 36:22-33**).

3. We cannot allow ourselves to feel so guilty of our pasts that we are not mindful of the peace that comes from being forgiven and all that means.

II. Body: Those Who Have Been Added To The Body of Christ (**Acts 2:41; 2:47**) Have Been Washed By The Blood of Christ (**Revelation 1:4-5**).

A. Thinking about the precious blood of Christ (**I Peter 1:18-21**).

1. His blood was shed for the remission [pardon; forgiveness] of sins (**Matthew 26:28**; cf. **Ephesians 1:7**).

2. Not as the sacrifices under the Law of Moses (**Hebrews 9:11-17**).

3. In continuation of the contrast of the blood of Christ to that of sacrifices under the Law of Moses, consider how His blood washing us allows us to come before God boldly (**Hebrews 10:1-22**).

4. Forgiveness through the blood of Christ did not just benefit the Jews, His blood also benefits us Gentiles (**Ephesians 2:4-13**).

B. Being washed by the blood of Christ means you are not what you once were when you were a sinner (**I Corinthians 6:9-11**).

1. Bad things may be part of your past (**Titus 3:3**).

2. Who you were as a sinner is not who you are in Christ Jesus (**Romans 6:3-11** and **II Corinthians 5:17**).

C. Of course, we want to remain humble (**Luke 17:7-10** and **Luke 18:9-14**).

1. Just remember, there is a difference in the humility that comes with the process repentance (**James 4:6-10**)...

2. ... And the humility that continues afterward (**I Peter 5:5-6**).

III. Conclusion: We, in Christ, are redeemed and forgiven (**Colossians 1:12-14**)!