

(New Covenant) 2. the Mark of the New Covenant

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The sermon emphasizes the significance of Jesus' blood in establishing the New Covenant and the transition from the Old Covenant's law to the law of love.

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Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of taking up one's cross and allowing God to work in their lives. The central message is that the law of love is the only law that matters in the Christian world. The preacher emphasizes the need to serve God and His people, giving one's life for others and for those who are suffering. The sermon also highlights the significance of suffering in the flesh, as it leads to the cessation of sin. The preacher encourages the audience to arm themselves with the same mindset as Christ, who suffered for humanity.

Transcript

So we've been speaking, we've been speaking for the past weeks on the glory of the new covenant. The glory of the new covenant. How many of you remember that? We've been speaking about the glory of the new covenant.

Jesus in us, the hope of glory. The Bible says that Jesus is the image of the glory of God. You remember? In Hebrews chapter 1 we saw that.

And as from now for the next weeks we're going to talk about the mark of the new covenant. The mark of the new covenant. That's why I will ask you to open your Bibles with me in Hebrews, the book of Hebrews chapter 9. We read from verse 11.

You know the more we hear the gospel, the more things become clear. Clear in our hearts, clear in our minds, clear, clear. No ambiguity.

Hmm? No maybe, but clear. And Christians are settled on the right foundation. Okay.

Hebrews chapter 9 verse 11. But Christ came as high priest of the good things to come, with a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is not of this creation. Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood he entered the most holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh, 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. Verse 15 says, and for this reason. In other words, because.

Correct? And for this reason, he is the mediator of the new covenant by means of death for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. Verse 16. For where there is a testament, there must also be necessity be the death of the testator.

For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives. Therefore, not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood. Now I'm sure that you have already understood and found out right now what's the mark of the new covenant.

It's the blood. The blood of Jesus Christ. For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people, according to the law, when everything was set, Moses received the commandments, came back, God gave him instructions for the people of God, what to do and what not to do about certain laws.

And then Moses sprinkled the blood of animals, opened the people, he kept half of it, half of it, he sprinkled it on the altar that he had just made, and half of it he kept to sprinkle the people or the elders or the representatives. So the blood was first established, or let's put it that way, God established that covenant by sprinkling the blood, the blood of animals. Here he says very clearly, for when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people, according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats with water, scarlet wood and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, this is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.

In other words, the old covenant, after the law was given, was inaugurated with blood, blood of animals. If you want to read it, it's in the book of Exodus chapter 24. If you read from this verses 4 to 8, you will understand what I just said.

So when God spoke to Moses, gave him the 10 commandments, brought it back to the people, and God continued to give them instructions, and he bound everything of that, and he set it, and he inaugurated it by shedding blood, blood of animals. For what reason? It kept the people of God in fellowship with God. That's why every time you see in the old covenant, they had to shed blood.

When they built the tabernacle, they had to shed blood, blood of animals. The only thing that can take care of sin is the blood. But in the old covenant, it was the blood of animals, and it could not cleanse them from their sins.

It could only remind them of their sins. It could only keep them in fellowship and in covenant with God. And if they did not do the sacrifices and burn the offerings, they would no more be in fellowship with God.

That's why they were under that law. We read it earlier. When Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, and that was for a period of time.

When the people of the old covenant, God's people, they had to build altars, and they had to shed blood. The priest, when he entered the holy of holies, he had to shed blood. He had to sprinkle the blood, not only for him, but for the people of God, reminding them of their sins.

Because that was the purpose for the priest to enter into the holy of holies. That was the purpose of the sacrifice. It was because of their sin.

It was not just a tradition. It was not just something that God was pleased for them to do, but there was a purpose behind it. It was the sin of the people.

Every time they had to shed blood. Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission for sins. That's what the Bible says.

Now there is no other reason why Jesus had to shed his blood. No other reason because of sin. And that's why even the old covenant was inaugurated by blood.

Because you like it or not, when sin entered the world, God had to take care of it. And the only way he could care of it, he would take care of it, was by the blood. But from that time to the time that Jesus had to come, blood had to be shed.

Blood had to be shed. And it was linked to the law. Because God gave Moses the law, the 10 commandments, and instructed them also what to do and what not to do.

You see, and even under the Levitical priesthood, all the law and the instructions and all the offerings that were given to the people of God, they had to shed blood. They could not get away without shedding blood. They had to do many things.

They were bound by law. But the law was not sufficient. Why? Because God knew that they could not obey the law.

But what would take care of their sins? Now you are asked to do something and you can't do it. What is going to take care of that? Before Jesus. Can you understand that? Before the new covenant, we're talking about the old covenant now.

Now the people of God could not obey the law. They could not. The law could not make them become perfect.

The law could not deal with their sin, except to show them that they were sinners. But what would take care of their sins? It's the sacrifice that they would bring. It's the blood that they would shed.

And that would keep them in fellowship with God. That would keep them in covenant with God. Because the old covenant was inaugurated by blood.

Now you can understand why blood is important, even for witchcraft people. Now you understand why? Witchcraft doctors, all these guys, under the power of Satan, they use blood. They ask you to bring animals and they cut it, and they shed the blood.

But they don't care of their sin. They cannot take care of the sin of the people. That blood that they shed.

Can you understand what I'm saying? It cannot deal with the sin of the people, because they're doing it in another spirit. Can you understand? That's why so many people are bound by witchcraft, bound by demons and evil spirits. They fall under the power of Satan.

Satan disguises things. He uses blood. But you see, God uses blood because of sin.

But they do not use blood because of sin. That's the only way that God would take care of the sins of his people under the old covenant. That was the only way.

Only way. And even Abel at that revelation, even Abel at that revelation, he brought a sacrifice of the first, of the best of his animals. He had the revelation what was to come.

And everything that has been established, said and done under the old covenant is nothing compared to what was to come. It was an image of what was to come. Can you understand that? It was an image of what was to come.

And when what was to come came, what was made before what was to come had to stop. Is that clear? Or complicated? In other words, something had to happen because what was done before was an image of what would happen. Correct? Everybody's correct here.

All right. Now it happens. What happens to the image? It's of no use.

The image is of no use because the real thing has come. May the Lord help us. And the real thing has come.

But you see, we must understand the importance of the blood. That's why Jesus Christ, when he died on the cross and shed his blood, he went, he went to the holy of holies in heaven, in heaven. Not made tabernacle, not made by the hand of man, but direct to the Father.

And he brought his blood, the blood that is shed, the blood of the perfect sacrifice, the blood of the lamb without spot or wrinkle. Not the, not the blood of bulls, not the blood of calves, not the blood of goats, not the blood of birds. You see, in the old covenant, they shed all, they shed blood of everything.

Birds, bulls, goats, heifers, anything, anything. It was an image of what was to come. Now, can you understand why the old covenant was inaugurated by blood? A lot of blood has to be shed because blood, the blood of Christ.

You see, don't worry about the blood of the old covenant. It had no power. It was just a means to connect with God before the truth was revealed, before the real thing came.

There was nothing else that would satisfy the Father, nothing else that would satisfy God except the blood of his son, nothing else. Are you there? Can you follow? Nothing else. He had to shed blood.

There was no other means of death. He would not, he would not die of a heart attack. Can you understand? No.

He had to shed every single drop of his blood because it was the blood of the perfect sacrifice, the lamb, that's why he's called the lamb of God, the lamb without spot or wrinkle. He's the perfect man who came from above, took the form of man, humbled himself unto the death, and nothing else would please God, nothing else would satisfy God, nothing, nothing but the blood. In the old covenant, the sins could not be

taken care of, but they were dealt with.

I don't know how to explain that. My English is not very good, but you understand what I'm saying. You see that? Can you understand? Blood of bulls, blood of goats was shed as an offering, as sacrifices, always for their sin, always, always to make them understand that was the link, that was the link between God and them.

Now you can understand why there is so much blood in the old covenant. Blood, blood, blood, blood everywhere. You're right, am I right to say that? Blood, blood, blood everywhere in the old covenant.

So the blood was a reminder of their sins. It was designed, the shedding of blood was brought forth to portray to the people of God their faults and their sin. There was no other reason, no reason, no other reason.

It had no power to forgive them. It had no power to cleanse them. It had no power to purify them.

It had only a reason, make them become aware, aware. Each time blood was shed, they were aware of their state without being changed, without being changed, but they were aware. That's what, why, why, why we are asked to shed blood? Okay, because of my sin.

Okay, all right, now I understand. I messed it up and that kept them in fellowship with God. You understand? It, it, it, it holds the key for that covenant to stay alive.

The priests were consecrated, Aaron and all the Levites. Blood was sprinkled on them, a sign of purification. I say sign of purification, a sign of consecration.

Blood had to be shed. And they accepted that blood would be sprinkled upon them, so that the people of God would trust them as the priests, as the one who would handle the things of the tabernacle, the most important thing for them. It's amazing.

Hebrews chapter 9, just read verse 7. But into the second part of the high part, the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance. See? Now you read verse 22. And according to the law, according to the law, almost all things are purified with blood and without shedding of blood, there is no remission, no remission, without shedding of blood, there is no remission.

And in the old covenant, nearly everything had to be covered by blood. Nearly everything had to be covered by blood. We're getting there.

We're getting there. We're not there yet. But we're getting there.

Now you understand why Jesus had to shed his own blood. Right up to the next, to the last drop. He was a perfect sacrifice.

And he did it once and for all. That's why when he entered the world, what did he say? Sacrifices and offerings. He spoke to his father, sacrifices and offerings you don't want.

Correct? That's what he said. He entered the world. He came from the father to live on this earth and give his life.

And he says, sacrifices and offerings you do not want. So what would replace all the shedding of all that blood of all these animals? It's clear. It's clear.

You see, in the old covenant, the priest had to take the blood of the animals and bring it himself in the holy of holies. But Jesus didn't do that. No, he didn't take any blood.

He shed his own blood. He shed his own blood. That's why he became the high priest of the new covenant.

Cannot be replaced. It said in the book of Hebrews that the priest, you know, when he dies, his son became priest. It was by, how you call that? Huh? Okay.

From father to son. All right. It's true or not? No, I tell you in the old covenant, they were the priests of the order of Aaron.

Correct? In the new covenant. There's one priest, the high priest, the high priest of the new covenant. He didn't come from the tribe of Levi.

Jesus didn't come from the tribe of Levi because he cannot be compared. His priesthood would not be compared to the priesthood of the old covenant, which was under law. He would not.

That's not a, a, a, a, how do you call that a chance? It's not a coincidence. No, it's not. It's not.

And he shed his own blood. Become the priest, the high priest of the new covenant talked about by the prophets of the old covenant. You remember the prophet says in the last days, huh? I will make a covenant, new covenant, not by the old covenant, but in new covenant.

And I will write my law upon your heart. That's why when we talk about the perfect sacrifice, the perfect sacrifice, the high priest of the new covenant, you understand that it's not linked with any law whatsoever of the old covenant. We've got to understand that.

You see, you can't just accept that Jesus came as a perfect sacrifice, shed his own blood, go to the father, shows his blood and God accepts this and the new covenant starts. And then at the same time, you link your life with the laws of the old covenant and you are bound to do and to obey one or two or some, or if you are the laws of the old covenant, the law has been done away. Can you understand the law is done away since the time that Jesus rose again from the dead, took his own blood and presented it to the father in the holy of holies, in the holy tabernacle of God, in the presence of God, the father.

And at that very time, law was done away. There is no more law under the new covenant, but one, the law of love, nothing else, nothing else remains, but the law of love. Everything is contained in it.

Everything, everything. If you love, you've got it. If you love your brother, you've got it.

If you love Jesus with all your heart, you've got it. If you, if you love that man and that sister and brother next to you with all your heart, you've got it. That's all you need.

You don't need anything attached to that. No one has got to tell you the law says you've got to do something. No, you don't have to go and search in the old covenant what the people of Israel did to satisfy God.

No, in the new covenant, you don't have to touch any law of the old covenant because the law has been done away and there's one left, the law of love. If you love, you've got everything because love will control your life. Love will bring you to be a real servant.

Love will bring you to the place where you lose your life and you give your life to someone else. Not law, not law. That's the problem with the church today.

The church says, the Bible says that, so I must do that. The Bible says I must love my wife, so I love her. I love her the way I want to love her.

No, there's only way to love your wife when you give your life for her. That's love. If you don't want to love your life, your wife as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her, you don't love.

It's very simple. But now Jesus comes and he starts a new covenant and here we are trying to serve him under the old covenant. Oh Lord, help us.

Why do we need that? Why do we need something that cannot help us? Why? Why do you need to be subjected to some law and obligation? Why? Why? For what reason? There's no reason. We are free. We are free people.

So the law is done away. How many of you believe that the law is done away? The law is done away. We are free people.

Now, Luke chapter 22 verse 20. Are you there? Oh, it's lovely. Not that you are there.

The gospel is lovely. Luke 22 verse 20. Likewise, he also took the cup of the supper, saying, this cup is the new covenant in my blood, which is shed for you.

This cup is the new covenant of my blood, in my blood, which is shed for you. And Jesus said in the gospel of John, if you don't eat my flesh and you drink my blood. Okay, what do you say? You'll die, but you will live if you drink my blood and you eat my flesh.

How can we do that? Where are we going to find that? Hey, but Jesus found it very important that somehow we understood what he has done, so that we could identify our lives with him and give him our life as he gave his life on that cross and shed his blood. And when we partake to the cup and we eat the bread, we are identifying our lives with Christ. That's what Jesus said.

And Paul, Paul says it again in 1 Corinthians chapter 11 verse 25, when he talks about the table of the Lord. That's what he says. He repeats what Jesus Christ said.

You see the blood of the new covenant. That's what Jesus is talking about here. The blood of the new covenant.

It's his blood that was shed. It's not the blood of animals that was put on the lintels of the doors so that when God would come and kill all the all the firstborn in Egypt, even so, they were protected at that time. The people of God were protected because when the angel of the Lord would come and God had determined to kill all the firstborn in Egypt and he said to them, you just put blood on the lintel of the door and when the angel come and would see the blood, he would pass by the house.

And I want to tell you under the new covenant, it's not even that blood. It's not the blood that Moses shed on the people of God. It's not the blood that was shed by the high priest into the holy of holies to take care of the sins of the people of God, but it's the blood of Jesus Christ.

That's why the apostle Peter says we are not saved by gold and silver but the precious blood of the lamb without spot and wrinkle. There's no salvation without the blood of Christ. There's no remission for our sins without the blood of Christ.

There's no reconciliation with God without the blood of Christ. There's no cleansing of sins today as a Christian without the blood of Christ. There's nothing.

There's nothing. But you see, we must look at it under the new covenant and understand the power of that blood. First to reconcile us to God.

Look in Colossians chapter 1 verse 8. Ephesians chapter 1 verse 8. Verse 7. In him we have redemption through his blood. We have redemption. We've been redeemed through his blood.

Can you understand? We had to go through that blood. That's why when you are saved, when you confess your sins, the blood of Jesus Christ washes you and purifies you from all your past sin, your sins now, even your sins to come. That's why the apostle John says in 1 John chapter 1, if we confess our sins he is faithful to forgive us.

We are washed. We are purified. We are cleansed by the blood.

Colossians chapter 1. 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. That's how we are reconciled to God. That's how we make peace with God through the blood.

So there's something that the blood does when we confess Jesus Christ as Lord. When we confess our sins, the blood of Christ cleanses us and we are redeemed by the blood. You see our faith in Christ opens up the door for the blood of Christ to come and cleanse us and purifies us of all our sins by faith.

So it's a completely new partnership, new covenant with God. That's why as far as regulations, law, instructions of the old covenant, please understand me well. Please understand me well.

As far as the law, the instructions, the regulations, and everything that was asked of the people of God by God in the old covenant is done away with. Now you don't have to do anything except go. The Bible says that.

What does it say? Come to the Lord. We have access. We have entrance in his presence.

We don't need anything of the past, not even the blood of bulls. Nothing. Nothing.

There's one sacrifice, one perfect sacrifice, one new covenant, one perfect covenant, one high priest, a perfect high priest. Unchangeable. He has become the high priest eternally.

Okay? Aaron died and his son came. His son died and his son's son came. But now there is no more death.

He's alive. He's alive forevermore. He's the high priest of the new covenant.

The blood is sitting in the holy of holies, in the tabernacle of God, and this same blood washes you, cleanses you, purifies you, redeems you from all sins. That's the power of the blood. That's the power of the blood.

And it's right there. It's a blood of the new covenant. Now you understand why Jesus Christ had to shed all of his blood.

Amen? 1 Peter 1 19. 1 Peter 1 19. Let's read from verse 18.

18. Knowing that you were not redeemed, you were not redeemed with corruptible things. Okay? No good works can save you.

Nothing. You can do good things. You can give alms to the poor.

You can do all sorts of things. You can give your gold. You can give your silver.

You can give your riches. You can give anything to God. No, you are not saved by it.

From your aimless conduct received by tradition from your fathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb, as of a lamb, without blemish and without spot. Perfect. Perfect sacrifice.

That's why I don't understand why there are Christians living under condemnation. You can't anymore live under condemnation when you have the blood of Christ, when you confess your sins, when you repent towards the Lord for what you've done, the blood of Jesus Christ washes you and purifies you clean. There is no more condemnation.

You cannot stay condemned. You cannot stay under the accusation of the enemy. You cannot stay under the accusation of your thoughts.

You are saved. You are cleansed every time you come before God and you repent and you put your heart right. That's why the blood of Jesus is there for your past sins, your now sins, and your future sins.

He's taken care of and even has taken care of the people of the old covenant. He's taken care of them. Verse 15, chapter 9, Hebrews.

I'll show you. Hebrews 9, verse 15. Okay? You there? And for this reason, now we come back again.

And for this reason, what reason? Because of the blood. You read verse 14, you will see. Because of the blood, he is the mediator of the new covenant.

Because of his blood. For this reason, there is no other reason why Jesus Christ became the high priest of the new covenant. No other reason but the shedding of his blood.

No other reason. He could not become the high priest of the new covenant forever. He could not until he shed his blood.

That's why the Bible says for this reason, because he shed his blood, then he became the high priest of the new covenant. Just because of his blood. The perfect sacrifice.

The blood of the lamb without spot and wrinkle. That's why he walked a perfect life on earth. Can you see why? He walked a perfect life on earth.

Because the blood that he would shed had to come from a perfect man. As a man, he took the form of man. Now listen, he took the form of man.

If he had sinned, God could forgive him. Why not? Why not? He had taken the form of man, a flesh like you and I, temptations like you and I, and if he had failed, God could forgive him. But no.

No. Because the blood that had to be shed had to come from a lamb. He represents the lamb of the old covenant.

A perfect lamb without spot and wrinkle. Absolutely pure. Absolutely clean.

That's what makes the power of his blood. Do you see that? That's why his blood is special. That's why there's power in his blood.

That's why his blood can cleanse. That's why his blood can purify. It's not the blood of Apostle Peter.

No. It's not the blood of Apostle Peter. Can you understand what I'm saying? It's not the blood of a wolf.

It's not just blood. It's the blood of a perfect man. It's the blood of a man that walked without blemish.

Without blemish. Now if you catch that, then you can understand that old covenant is done away with. If you catch that, you can understand now that all that is told, asked of you by the church to do, which is written in the old covenant as a law, put it away.

Put it away. Whatever it might be and wherever it can come from the greatest preacher on earth, I wouldn't care. He can ask me to give that, give this, give that according to the law of the old covenant.

No ways I'm going to give according to the love of God and to the spirit of God through me. The rest, keep it. I won't be motivated and directed by whosoever according from scripture and law and law.

I'm not saying that the old, I don't read the old testament. I'm not saying that the old testament should not be read. I'm not saying these things.

I'm talking about the laws of the old covenant that are not mine anymore because of the perfect blood. Because of the perfect blood. How can I associate the perfect blood of the lamb without spot and wrinkle? Jesus Christ, the son of God with the blood of bulls.

Come on now, you can't do that. That's why you can't go back. You can't go back to old principles.

You can't go back to old covenant laws. You can't go back to old covenant regulations because all of that was done under a covenant that was inaugurated by the blood of bulls. I'm under the covenant inaugurated by the blood of the son of God.

The perfect man, the perfect blood, the perfect sacrifice, the perfect tabernacle. That's why the blood that was brought in that perfect tabernacle in the glory of God, in the holiness of God, had to be brought from the blood of a man that would not sin. Hallelujah.

Can you see that? Can you see the power of that blood to cleanse you? And some of you, you are walking head down because you are condemned by your sin of next week. Just repent sir, the new way. Just repent.

Allow your heart to be broken. Allow your heart to be humble and broken before the Lord. And the next second as you repent of that sin, the blood of Jesus Christ flows and washes you, purifies you, cleanse you, cleanse everything in you.

That's the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. Now don't use that as witchcraft. Don't use the power of the blood of Jesus Christ like witchcraft doctors.

You must be careful now. You must use the blood of Jesus Christ for what is the purpose of what is written in the Bible and nothing else. Are you there? You've got to use the power of that blood for what it is written in the Bible for it to do.

Oh but you know, this preacher said that, who cares about this preacher? Don't care about me. Don't care about Jack, John, Paul, Andrew. No, care about what is preached according to the Bible.

The Bible says, call unto the name of the Lord and you are going to be saved. Call unto the name of the Lord. You see, we must use the blood of Christ for what it is asked of us to do.

Here there are people that walk away from their home in the morning and they cover themselves with the blood of Jesus and they go and do their own thing. But where is that written? Have you got something like that in the Old Covenant? Anyway, it's not for you. All right? The blood was sprinkled, the blood, the blood, the blood, the blood, the blood of bulls was sprinkled unto Aaron.

Why don't you go there? Why do you go there? Why do you have to go to try and live a life before the cross when the cross came and the Son of God died on that cross and inaugurated a new way of life? Why do you have to go backwards? That's a problem of the church. We take everything, even things of the Old Covenant, and we try to apply it to our lives. It's not in order because the New Covenant is a new order.

It's a new reformation. It's a new time. It's a new life.

He must help us. The Lord must help us. Why do you have to go back to the blood of bulls? Now you want to take the blood of Jesus and do with the blood of Jesus what they did with the blood of bulls.

But you can't do that. How can you use the blood of Christ to do what they did with the blood of animals? Lord help us. You can't do that.

How can you do that? It's becoming like witchcraft. Cover yourself with the blood. Cover yourself with the blood.

But where do you find that? Please tell me where you find it. I can only find that in the Old Covenant. It was an image.

An image. A shadow of the things to come. That's what it was.

But why do you want to use the blood of the perfect lamb? It's well there. It's well there. And try to imitate the priest of the Old Covenant.

Did you see what the apostle Peter said about the church? About our priesthood? What are we? What the Bible says in Peter? We are a royal priesthood. Do you think these guys of the Old Covenant were a royal priesthood? Oh, come on now. No, I'm not criticizing them.

No, I'm not. Please understand. But do you think they were royal priesthood? God, we can because the blood washes us clean.

You see that there they were sprinkled. Now the blood washes, purifies, cleanses, clean, and we become high priest of the New Covenant. Not the perfect high priest because there's only one Jesus Christ, the mediator of the New Covenant, the one who shed his blood.

Oh Lord, he must help us to understand. Then there are some who plead it. They plead it.

Let's be careful not to invent things. Invent things. I tell you, Jesus said, drink my blood.

Drink my blood. Partake. Partake to my sacrifice.

Identify your life with my sacrifice. Be ready to suffer. There's one scripture in the book of Peter.

We'll close. 1 Peter chapter 4. Therefore, since Christ suffered for us in the flesh, arm yourselves also with the same mind. For he who has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin.

Can you see? Can you see what happens when you give your life and you take that road of the cross and you allow God to break you and mold you? Can you understand when you are ready to die, when you're ready to lose your life, God deals with your flesh. That he no longer should leave the rest of his time in the flesh for the lust of men, but for the will of God. You want to do the will of God? You want to do the will of God? You don't have to plead the blood.

You just have to take up your cross and follow him and God will deal with that flesh. Do you understand? God will deal with that flesh. That's what is written here.

If you suffer in the flesh, then sin will stop in your life. The Bible says that sin dwells in the flesh. There's no automatic, you call that, solution in the Bible.

There's no a press button Christianity in the Bible. It's a walk on the road of the cross. It's a life that you give.

It's a loss of your life. Drink my blood, eat my flesh. What do you think that means? Drink my cup by blood, drink my blood and eat my flesh.

If you don't do that, you'll die. You see that part of your life where you've got to identify with Christ in his sufferings and in his death so that you may partake life. Where else can you find that? Where else? Tradition? Religiosity? Can't find that.

Can't find that. No. Drink my blood, eat my flesh.

That's why when you partake to the table of the Lord, you are shouting and screaming and saying, Jesus Christ, I'm ready to identify my life with you. I'm ready to give my life. I'm ready to lose my life.

I'm not talking about physical death. I'm talking about yourself. The old men, the old men, that's got to be renewed so that the new men can live.

The new man can live. You see, we've got to come back to simplicity of the gospel. We're getting too complicated.

The church is getting too complicated, very much so. Each one is trying to invent his own technique, his own way of things. No.

Take up your cross, sir. Take up your cross, lady. Take up your cross, my brother and sister.

Let us together take our cross and allow God to deal with us that we may carry his life. I want to encourage you to see that there is one law left in this Christian world. One law left in this Christian world.

It's not about your money. No. No.

It's not about how much you can give. No. It's about love.

It's about becoming a servant. It's about serving God and serving his people. It's about giving your life for one another.

It's about giving your life for those who are suffering. It's about giving your life for God's people. The law of love.

You can do one hundred and many things and still be bound by the law. You can put your life under law, under pressure. You can do that too.

But you see, you cannot replace the love of God by anything. And that love is a product. You don't press the button and pray, God, fill me with your love.

Where do you find that? The Bible talks about the fruit of the Spirit is love. You must plant the seed. Not talking about money.

No ways. I'm talking about your life. Plant your life.

Plant the seed of your life. Take up that cross. Let God do away with all your flesh.

Bible, they crucified the flesh. The blood of Jesus Christ. The power of that blood.

Do you understand why it's powerful? Are your eyes been opened a little bit? The power of that blood. That's why I said earlier, we can't play with it. You can't just take the blood of Christ and, you know, can't do that.

It's like people play with the anointing of God. They put olive oil in a little tin and they pray about it and they say it's the anointing oil and then you can go and give me \$25 for that and then you can go, your life will be in order. What sort of doctrine is that? What sort of doctrine is that? Hey, you fooled the anointing of God.

Even here in Mauritius, we've got these people here. Yeah, got them going around and selling little tubes of oil, olive oil. If it's cheaper than in town and in the shops, buy it and use it and eat it.

I know one place in the Bible where those who are sick call for the elders and they come and anoint you with oil. You are not asked any money. You are not asked to buy that oil.

You are not asked for anything and they come and they anoint you with oil on your body to represent the anointing of the Holy Spirit and that's all I know about oil in the new covenant. You know, in the old covenant, they talk about the oil that was specially anointed in the old covenant. They had all sorts of herbs and all sorts of things.

You know, you can respect that. It's absolutely clear. There's no problem that God gave that direction.

If you want an oil to be anointed in the old covenant, we're talking about old covenant. Today, the anointing comes by the Spirit. By the Spirit.

Jesus said, I will not leave you orphans. I will send you the Holy Spirit. You see, when they were in the upper room, there were 120 people who were praying, praying, praying for the manifestation of God.

What came down? Oil or the Spirit? Huh? Did God pour out oil from heaven upon them? No, he sent the Spirit. He sent the Holy Spirit and it filled them and they started to speak in tongues and they were full of the Holy Spirit and they went about doing all sorts of miracles and wonders by the Spirit. You see? Olive oil.

Olive oil. I'm sure they are making a profit. We've got to come back to simple Christianity.

With God's revelation. With God's pure doctrine. Amen or not? God's pure doctrine.

No mixing, no compromise, no dilution. Straight, clear, as it is written. Clear, as it is written.

Don't add, don't take away. Don't use scripture out of context. Make things clear.

Amen? The power of the blood. The power of the blood of Jesus Christ. This is what inaugurated the new covenant.

That new relationship with God. Amen? Amen? Because of that, your name, my name are written in the Lamb's book of life. Hallelujah.

In the Lamb's book of life. Because the blood of Jesus Christ has washed us clean. We've been redeemed by the blood.

We've been reconciled to God by the blood. That's the mark of the new covenant. He shed blood on that day.

And no more blood has got to be shed. The book of Hebrews talk about this very clearly. In the old covenant, they came every day.

Repetition, repetition, repetition. Now finished. He died once and for all.

He shed his blood once and for all. He became the high priest once and for all. There's a new covenant once and for all.

Oh, it's wonderful. It's wonderful. It's wonderful.

Amen? Last stand up.

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