

The Lakeview Lamp

“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.” – **Psalm 119:105**

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The Blood Of Christ

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What does the blood of Christ mean to you? It is possible to count the blood as something unholy or common (**Heb. 10:29**). That is what most of the world has done. But, even some "Christians" have tried to rob the gospel of the redemption through the blood of Christ.

Jesus Shed His Blood For Us

1. *A sacrifice had to be offered.* Sin is violation of the law (**1 Jno 3:4; Rom 4:15**). Law demands that a price (penalty) be paid. Else, the law is meaningless. Man could not begin to pay the price. The blood of animals was not sufficient (**Heb. 10:4**). The blood of the sinless Son of God was the perfect sacrifice.

2. *Jesus shed his blood for the sins of man.* Jesus said, “For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins” (**Matt. 26:28**). Paul said, “without the shedding of blood, there is no remission” (**Heb. 9:22**).

3. *Jesus shed his blood for all men.* Paul wrote, “But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone” (**Heb. 2:9**). The same writer said that he died for all (**2 Cor. 4:14-15**). The remission of sins that is offered through the blood is offered to one and all alike.

The Blood Was Offered In Heaven

Just as the High Priest had to enter the Most Holy Place to offer the sacrifice of animals (**Heb. 9:1-7**), Christ also had to rise from the dead so he could enter into heaven to offer his own blood as a sacrifice for the sin of man (**Heb. 9:24-26**). This is the meaning of his being “raised for our justification” (**Rom. 4:25**). Had Jesus died and not rose to offer that blood, we could not be saved.

There Is Power In The Blood

1. *The blood of Christ can cleanse us from all sin.* John wrote, “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” (**1 John 1:7**).

2. *When the blood cleanses us from our sins, God never remembers those sins again.* “For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more” (**Heb. 8:12**).

Stop The Insanity

Dan McKibben

I found an interesting little point the other day in studying **1 Timothy 2:9-10**. The text says, *“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with braided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array; But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works.”* I was looking up this word sobriety in Strong’s concordance. According to Mr. Strong, this word means “soundness of mind, i.e. (lit.) sanity.” Thus I learned that when women (and men) dress in modest, decent apparel, having the attitudes of shamefacedness and sobriety, that they have a soundness of mind, that they are showing forth “sanity” of mind by their good choices in the modest clothes they wear.

Also along this line in **Luke 8**, we read an interesting account of a man that was demon possessed, in the country of Gadarenes. In verse 27 the text records, *“And when he went forth to land, there met him out of the city a certain man, which had devils long time, and ware no clothes, neither abode in any house, but in the tombs.”* As we read on in this account in **Luke 8**, verses 28-34 describe how Jesus cast out the demons from the man, and how they entered into the swine. Then the record goes on to say in verse 35, *“Then they went out to see what was done; and came to Jesus, and found the man, out of whom the devils were departed, sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed, and in his right mind: and they were afraid.”* Thus we would learn from this passage that a man in his “right mind” will be wearing his clothes. And that a man that does not wear his clothes, is not in his “right mind.” I guess we would have to say, that folks who dress immodestly, are displaying “in-sanity.” And we would also have to say, that folks who dress modestly, are displaying “sanity.”

I suppose a lot of you have seen Susan Powder (she is the blonde headed lady that wears a burr haircut) on TV, advertising her video and her book called, *Stop The Insanity*. It is a diet program that laments the myriad of diet books and programs out there in the world, some that Susan feels are way out. On the cover of Susan’s book, they have a picture of Susan cringing, with her fists at her temples, and the caption and title that says, *Stop The Insanity*. Now this brings me to the point of this article. When one sees all about us, all the people who dress immodestly, folks who shed their clothes almost to nothing when the weather gets a little warm, when you drive through town and have to go by the public swimming pool and there are all those people who are

News and Notes

Members:

* Melissa Moore will be moving with a job to Americus, GA, in two weeks.

Friends and Family:

* Molly Thomas, Joyce Werner's daughter-in-law's mother, had ear surgery.

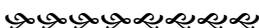
Absent: Lyda Plank (OH), Nicholson children (AL).

New Reports: None known.

We Don't Just Go To Church...

Bill Crews

A young couple who had not been to church services for a number of years asked, "What have we done wrong besides not going to church?" They had robbed God of thousands of dollars (**1 Corinthians 16:1, 2**); they had forsaken the Lord's own memorial supper (**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**); for years their voices were unheard in the praises of the saints; their petitions and thanksgivings absent from the prayers of the saints; and their knowledge of God's word stifled and fading, while their spiritual growth was completely neglected – to say nothing of the bad example set and the wrong influence exerted upon others around them. Indeed, their souls had become dead to God, and yet they ask: "What have we done wrong besides not going to church?" May God help us to see ourselves as He sees us.



running around in "colored underwear," when one feels almost embarrassed to go to the store in the summer-time because of all the brief, scanty attire, it just makes you want to put your fists to your temples and say, "Stop The Insanity!"



"The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief corner stone. This is the LORD'S doing; it is marvelous in our eyes." – **Psalm 118:22-23**