



TOWARD THE MARK

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OF THE HIGH CALLING OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS.”
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Dear Reader,

“Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.” Mt. 26:41.

As the summer months are upon us, they bring a sense of ease and relaxation. School work is over; vacations and holidays are being planned. How important to consider the warning of our blessed Lord to “watch and pray” – not just at the summer time but all the time.

Watchfulness and prayer are two essentials elements for every Christian. The one discerns dangers while the other defends us against them. To watch without prayer is presumption, to pray without watchfulness is hypocrisy. These two are important conditions of overcoming. Fortified by them, we shall not “enter into” although we pass through temptation. Watchfulness denotes reality, sincerity, and spiritual alertness. Prayer is the expression of dependence upon God, and confidence in Him. We must be watchful lest we lose our sense of dependence while we enjoy the results of dependence.

May the Lord use this issue of Toward the Mark to help you to grow and be established as you read it during the summer months.

Thank you for your e-mails and notes of encouragement.

Please keep praying for the Lord’s blessing on Toward the Mark.

Yours in our soon-coming Lord,

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MILK

"The truth shall make you free"

PEACE

Seven times in the epistles we read of "the God of Peace," and surely He will supply abundance of peace for those who love Him. Once is that beautiful title given to Christ by the Spirit – "the Lord of peace." How encouraging is the verse where it occurs: "The Lord of peace Himself give you peace continually in every way. The Lord be with you all" (2 Thessalonians 3:16).

1. Judicial Peace

Peace with God (Romans 5:1). This is judicial. It comes to us from a transaction which took place between God and our Lord Jesus Christ, when Jesus was delivered up for our offences, when the chastisement of our peace was laid upon Him. The whole question of our sins having been settled by divine justice, God raised Christ from among the dead for our justification; and, possessing this on the principle of faith, peace with God is consequently ours. It is unchangeable. It rests upon a solid basis of righteousness. It cannot be altered. Through we have it, yet we did not make it. It was made between God and Christ for us, and it is eternal. God was the author of it and Christ the procurer of it. Wars can neither make it nor mar it. Peace with God is ours through the work of another. He made it, and we take it by faith. It is fundamental and abiding.

2. Spiritual Peace

Peace of mind (Romans 8:6). This is spiritual, and results from the fact that the Holy Spirit dwells in us. The mind of the Spirit is life and peace, but the mind of the flesh is enmity against God. If a true believer minds the things of the flesh, he has an experience which is the very opposite to what is called "life and peace." The Holy Spirit swells in us to lead us into the things of God, to fill our thoughts with the glories of our Lord Jesus

Christ; and as the mind is occupied with and furnished by these things, peace of mind is ours. We prove in our spiritual experience the truth of that word; "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee" (Isaiah 26:3). To have the mind guided in the right direction is all-important in this connection.

3. Circumstantial Peace

The peace of God (Philippians 4:7). This is circumstantial. By that, we mean peace in relation to our circumstances; and, wonderful to relate, it is God's own peace which is ours in this connection. Peace with God is ours as the result of what Christ has done; the peace of God is ours as the result of what we do; as we read, "Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts (the seat of your affections) and minds (the seat of your thoughts) through Christ Jesus." These are the terms for the enjoyment of the peace of God. Full of care for nothing; prayerful and thankful to God in everything. Peace with God is ours through faith, this through prayer and thanksgiving. The first is ours in regard to the putting away of our sins at the cross; the second is ours in regard to all circumstances, as we gratefully leave our cares with Him who gives us His own peace instead. Words cannot express the infinite grace and sweetness of this; it "passes all understanding."

4. Universal Peace

Peace by blood (Colossians 1:20). This is universal. "Having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all things to Himself; by Him, I say, whether they be things in earth, or things in heaven." How far-reaching are the blessings that flow from the cross of our adorable Savior. Universal disturbance has come in through sin; peace and reconciliation result universally from its removal by Him who died and rose again. The Old Testament eloquently describes the earthly

blessings; and the thrones, dominions, principalities, powers and authorities in heaven will also benefit. Israel will rejoice in the Savior presently as “the Prince of Peace: of the increase of His government and peace there shall be no end” (Isaiah 9:6-7); but righteousness, peace and joy shall fill the earth, and the heavens likewise. “The mountains shall bring peace to the people” we are told; and Christ “shall have dominion from sea to sea”; then “men shall be blessed in Him”; but the heavens too shall reap rich results through Him who made peace by the blood of His cross. Already the redeemed can say in the language of Ephesians 2:4, “He is our peace.” Those who know the Savior have reached their desired haven; peace is theirs now for ever.

5. Intentional Peace

The counselors of peace (Proverbs 12:20). This is intentional. The intent and counsel of their heart is for peace; therefore we read, “To the counselors of peace is joy.” This truth is applicable to all who counsel with such Christ like intent; but it surely carries our thoughts up to the supreme council chamber of the divine majesty. There the Godhead counseled peace. Sin spreads its disastrous disorders. No one else could secure peace and equity. Man is helpless in himself; but the gracious and august deliberations of the Trinity counseled the way of peace through the cross of Christ; and, though the blessings of that counsel and work are ours, the glory and the joy shall be theirs eternally; for, as we have seen, not only are believers reconciled as the present result of the death of Christ, but eventually all things in earth and heaven shall be reconciled also. “To the counselors of peace is joy” - joy now, joy forever. How worthy of this is our God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who counseled, procured, and proclaimed it to us.

6. Conditional Peace.

The God of peace (Philippians 4:9). This is conditional; that is, as far as our experience of His presence with us according to this verse is concerned. If we “do” the things referred to, it is said, “The God of peace shall be with you.” What company may be ours in a world like this! We have seen from verse 7 that our hearts and minds may be garrisoned by God’s own peace; now we are told, we may have the company of the God of peace Himself with us. What high honor! What a priceless privilege! Meditation upon these worlds will be more likely to produce the desired result than extended dilation upon them. “What ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, these things DO; and the God of peace shall be with you.”

7. Practical Peace.

The makers of peace (Matthew 5:9). This is practical. The Lord Jesus said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.” It is not that peace-making constitutes us sons of God. The relationship of sons is ours, “by faith in Christ Jesus” (Galatians 3:26); but it means we shall bear that character – that God- likeness; so we shall be known as sons of God. We read of sons of light, sons of the day, and sons of thunder. This is character rather than relationship. Peace-making is to be characteristic of us. The blessedness, happiness, and recognition of this will then be ours. Surely, beloved brethren, since we are recipients of such abundance of peace ourselves; since we belong to Him who is the God of peace; since we are eternally at rest through the work of the great Peace-maker, our Lord and Savior; since we are called to follow Him we should seek in every possible way to make peace consistent with the holiness of God. Happy are the peace-makers. It is difficult to think of any of the saints of God seeking anything different from this. They are all peace-takers; they should all be peace makers; surely none can intentionally be peace-breakers. We are exhorted to “follow peace with all.”

O ye children of God, rejoice greatly in the abiding peace which is yours through our Lord Jesus Christ – “Peace like an even river flows, and mercy like a flood.”

O ye spiritual priesthood, having approach to God to offer up your “spiritual sacrifices,” feed abundantly on the “peace offerings” divinely provided for you!

And ye soldiers warring in the heavenly conflict of Ephesians 6, see that ye stand your ground firmly, strong in the Lord, “having your feet strong in the Lord, “having your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace”! – peace in the struggle is thy portion!

Finally, may grace and peace be multiplied to us in the knowledge of God and of our Lord Jesus Christ (2 Peter 1:2). Again and again, in nearly all the inspired letters, the Spirit begins by desiring for us, “Grace and peace from God our Father and our Lord Jesus Christ.” LORD, LET THY BELOVED SAINTS PROVE THIS PLENTIFULLY AT THE PRESENT TIME.

H.J. Vine

SEARCH THE SCRIPTURES!

1. **Who was the first priest mentioned in the Bible?**
2. **How many spies did the tribe of Dan sent to check out its land?**
3. **What is the name of John Mark’s mother?**

MEAT

"Sanctify them by the truth"

THE ETERNAL WORD

There are three great chapters which deal with this sublime subject: John 1, Colossians 1, Hebrews 1, and added to these 1 Timothy 6:15-16 and Luke 10:22 should beget in us the holy reverence that becomes those who are permitted to think at all of the eternal existence and glory of the Person of our Lord Jesus Christ. Along with this there must be a readiness to listen with faith to the words of the Holy Spirit, humbly seeking to understand those words, and careful that we neither take away from them nor add to them. The result of this attitude will be that we shall be transformed by the renewing of our minds. I am not speaking of being changed from the position of those who are dead in trespasses and sins to the peace of those who have received life and forgiveness through our Lord Jesus Christ, **but I am speaking to Christian young men who know this, and I say advisedly, we need to have our lives transformed. We are all commonplace sort of people, much as the writer of the fourth Gospel was, for after all John was but a fisherman by the lake of Galilee. There was nothing intellectually, or morally, to distinguish him from the other fishermen, and yet he wrote in the simplest language the most holy and profound book that has ever been written.** What brought about his surprising result? Nothing less than that he was transformed by the shining of the glory of the Person of the Son of God upon his soul; the sublime truth concerning the Person of Christ held him, not as a truth merely, but in living contact with Him whom he knew and of whom he wrote. A transformed life is brought about by a living acquaintance with the glorious Person of the Son of God. May God accomplish it in all of us to His praise.

John begins his Gospel without preface; at once he makes the profound statement, "In the beginning was the Logos." That is a personal name of our Lord Jesus Christ, He is the Word, and that not only as the means of communication, but as the very thing communicated.

In the Greek there are three words used to express speech: "lalia," the words that are said; "rhema," the thing that is uttered; "logos" includes the thought that gives rise to the communication, and therefore involves personality. Our Lord said to those around Him (John 8:43), "Why do ye not understand my speech" (lalia) what I am saying, "because ye cannot hear my word" (logos). You have not grasped the fact of who I am; consequently my words have no meaning to you.

There is a great deal of talk today about following the teaching in the Sermon on the Mount, while all the time the glorious Person who uttered it is denied by those who so speak. They cannot, however, understand His words, nor do they, until they have confessed Him as the Divine Word, the very Son of the Living God. There is something behind the words that I speak to you, namely the thought in my mind, and that thought would not be there unless I were a living person, and it is that which is implied in the word "Logos," thought expressing itself in words. It tells us that the Lord Jesus Christ is none other than God, for only God could express His own thoughts. Luke also uses the name "Logos" chapter 1:2, where we should read, "Those who were eye witnesses and attendants upon THE WORD," a beautiful touch at the commencement of the Gospel which sets forth the exquisite graces of the Word become flesh. **There are two names used in John 1 which must never be separated; one is "The Word" the other is "The only begotten Son," or again, the Son is He by whom God has spoken.**

Verse 1 tells us that in the beginning He was, taking us back beyond all time, not when time began to be, but before time was, beyond the farthest limit of human mind can reach, "the Word" is found not beginning to be, but existing eternally. At the same time He was a distinct Person, "the Word was with God." The preposition used does not simply mean alongside of, but towards, conveying the idea of intimate communion with God. Then lest our minds should conceive that although anterior to creation, He was an independent being, exterior to and something less than divine, it is added, "The Word was God." Thus we ascend from His eternal existence, to His distinct personality, crowned by the fact of His absolute Godhead. Yet so liable is the human mind to err in respect of so stupendous a statement that we might imagine that He was evolved from the Godhead, or as some say, "Begotten of the Father before all worlds." No, the second verse guards such a thought, "The same was in the beginning with God."

Everything that was created owes its being to Him, "And without Him was not anything made that was made." Is that a needless repetition? No, for people talk about eternity of matter; but there is no such thing, God only is eternal. "In Him was life." That short sentence solves all the problems of life that the scientists worry their minds about. A learned professor addressed the British Association a few years back, and having discussed the origin of life at great length, left off where he began, yet here it is settled in four words of one syllable, "**In Him was life.**" **Of every form of life He is the Author, and above all the Source of spiritual life by which moral beings can stand in relation to God, for "The Word became flesh."** Mystery of mysteries, blessed object of faith, which no creature mind can comprehend. He became man, never ceasing for a moment to be all that we have read in the first verses of John 1. **Though He took a place of humiliation He was never less than God.** The outward glory was laid aside,

but not the intrinsic excellence that belonged to Him. **He was still the eternal Son, He was still a distinct Person dwelling in the Father's bosom, He was still God over all blessed forever.** There is no other light or revelation of God but in Him. The message He brought was this, that God was unveiling Himself in His own beloved Son. That is the true light which like the sun in the heavens shines for every man. What was the condition into which He came? The world was not only in darkness, but darkness itself, and it comprehended not the fact that light had come. But Israel was a people to whom God had spoken in partial revelations of Himself. There had been a gradual preparation through Old Testament times for the coming of the light but when He came to His own, they received Him not.

But there were some who saw the light, some who received Him. But how did this come about? Only because there was a divine work in them, they were born of God, and no one has ever seen the light or received Jesus as the Christ in any other way. It does not come about by blood, i.e., by natural birth. People do not believe on His name because they belong to a certain race or family. Neither is it by the will of the flesh, i.e., by moral improvement, it is not by the development of the moral faculties. Nor again, is it by the will of man, for it is not by cultivation of the intellect that a state is produced capable of receiving Him. It is solely and simply of God. Take John the fisherman, how did he come to see the glory of the Lord? Not because he was of the chosen race of Israel, not because he was morally better than anybody else, and certainly not because of his attendance on the schools of learning. None of those things brought him to see it. He was born of God, and the same is true of all into whose hearts the light of the glory has shone. What was the glory that they saw? It was the revelation of love. They saw in the One who daily walked with them the only begotten Son of the Father.

The title of "only-begotten" does not refer to His birth in time, but to the place of intense love and intimacy that had been eternally His in the bosom of the Father. The same word is translated "my darling" in Psalm 22:20. In reference to His birth of the Virgin in time, we read in Psalm 2:7 "Thou art my Son: this day have I begotten Thee; Thou are my Son," for **He was already "the Son" when He came into the world, and in manhood He is still "the Son of God"** (Luke 1:35). He brought with Him all the deep affection and tender love of the Father, and manifested this in His Person and by His words and works. Rejected, misunderstood, and walking in the midst of darkness that was not dispelled by the light, yet just as much the Son in the bosom of the Father as He was before all worlds. Further explanation of His Person is impossible. No finite mind can understand the Person of the Son; let us not attempt it, but rather worship and adore. **What one would greatly desire is, that this glorious Person might become more intensely real and commanding to us. If we know Him, His words will be supreme over us, and shut out every other voice. If His greatness and the glory of His love hold us, as it held the writer of this Gospel, we shall want to understand His words and do exactly what He says, for that alone will be of account in the day when we shall indeed see Him face to face. Let us remember, too, that it is by this test of obedience that He measures the reality of our love to Himself. (John 14:21)**

James Green

Exercise

"Exercise thyself unto piety"

COUNSEL TO YOUNG CONVERTS - A TIMELY WORD FOR ALL AGES - CLEAVE UNTO THE LORD

When Barnabas came to Antioch, where many had recently been converted, he "exhorted them all that with purpose of heart they should cleave unto the Lord. For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith; and much people was added unto the Lord" (Acts 11:23-24). **This is what the Christian is to do – cleave unto the Lord with purpose of heart! There is power and sufficiency in Christ for all He would have you do or be. Some are allowed a long season of joy on first believing; but God knows our hearts, and how soon we begin to depend on our joy instead of Christ. Yet, not the joy, but Christ is to be our Object.**

Sin no longer remains upon you – God has blotted out your sins; **but the flesh is in you to the end; and the old stock will put forth its buds, which must be nipped off as they appear if we would not reap its bitter fruits. No good fruit can come of it.** It is the new nature that bears fruit unto God. But though the flesh is in you, do not be thinking of this, but think of Christ, and seek His grace to turn away from the flesh.

As you grow in the knowledge of Christ, a joy comes deeper than the first joy. I have known Christ more or less some forty years, and I can truly say I have a thousand times more joy in Him now than I had at first. It is a deeper, calmer joy. The water rushing down a hill is beautiful to look at, and makes most noise, but you will find the water in the plain is deeper, calmer, and more generally useful.

Cleave to the Lord. A distracted or divided heart is the trouble of Christians. When we are after something not according to Christ, we are away from the source of strength. **When the soul is filled with Christ, we have no heart or eye for the trash of this world. If faith, it will not be a question with you, "What harm is there in this and in that?" But rather, "Am I doing this with the approval of my Lord? Can He go along with me in this?"**

Do not let the world get into your heart and distract your thoughts. I speak especially to you young ones. They who are older have had more experience of what the world is, and know more what it is worth; but it all lies shining before you, endeavoring to attract you. **Its smiles are deceitful – still it smiles. It makes promises which it cannot keep – still it makes them.** Your hearts cannot be satisfied by the world: it cannot fill them. They are but too little for Christ: He fills heaven with joy, and He will fill your heart to overflowing.

Cleave to the Lord with purpose of heart. He knows how treacherous the heart is, and how soon it puts anything in His place. You will have indeed to learn what is in your own heart: but abide with God, and you will learn it with Him, with the realization of His grace. If you do not, you will learn it, with bitter sorrow, through the devil's successful temptation.

If you have been getting away from God, and other things have come in and formed a crust over your heart, as it were, you will not at once get back the joy. God will have you deal with this crust in true self-judgment and return to Him. **Remember Christ bought you with His own blood, that you should be His, not the world's.**

Do not let Satan get between you and God's grace. However careless you may have been, however far you may have got

away from Him, count on His love in turning back to Him. It is His joy to see you back again.

Look at the sin with horror, but never wrong Him by distrusting His love. He has loved you, loves you now, and will love you to the end.

Talk much with Jesus, your Savior. Never be content without being able to walk and talk with Him as a dear friend. Be not satisfied with anything short of close relationship of soul with Him who has loved you and washed you from your sins by His own blood. Think of what He has suffered the judgment of sin upon the cross, to make you His own!

J.N. Darby

ANSWERS TO SCRIPTURES SEARCH!

1. Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18)
2. Five (Judges 18:2)
3. Mary (Acts 12:12)

Rest

"Shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee?"

Things Just Don't Happen

"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to those who are called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28).

Things just don't happen to us who love God;
they're planned by His own dear hand.
Then molded and shaped, and timed by His clock,
Things just don't happen, they're planned.

We just don't guess of the issues of life,
We Christians just rest in our Lord.
We are directed by His Sovereign will,
In the light of His Holy Word.

We who love Jesus are walking in faith,
Not seeing one step that's ahead.
Not doubting one moment what our lot might be,
But looking to Jesus instead.

We praise our dear Savior for loving us so,
For planning each care of our life,
Then giving us faith to trust Him for all,
The blessings as well as the strife.

Things just don't happen to us who love God,
To us that have taken our stand,
No matter the lot, the course, or the price,
Things just don't happen, they're planned.

Esther L. Fields

THE MATTER OF THE HEART!

“I will praise thee; for I am fearfully [and] wonderfully made: marvelous [are] thy works; and [that] my soul knoweth right well.” Psalm139:14

Zoologists have recorded an amazing 20,000 species of fish. Each of these species has two-chambered heart that pumps cold blood throughout its cold body.

There are 6,000 species of reptiles .they also have cold blood, but there is three-chambered heart (except the crocodile, which has four).

The 1,000 or so different amphibians (frogs, toads, and newts) have cold blood and a three- chambered heart.

There are over 9,000 species of birds. From the massive Andean condor with its wingspan of 12 feet to the tiny humming bird (whose heart beats 1,400 times a minute) each of those 9,000 species has four-chambered heart (left and right atrium, left and right ventricle)- just like humans.

Of course, the 15,000 species of mammals also have a pumping, four –chambered, which faithfully pumps blood throughout a series of intricate blood vessels to the rest of the body.

Here are some interesting questions for those who have embraced Darwinian evolution.

- Did the heart in all these different species of fish, reptiles, birds, and mammals evolve before there were blood vessels through their bodies?

-When did the blood evolve? Was it before the vessels evolved or after they evolved? If it was before, what was it that carried the blood to the heart, if there were no vessels?

-Did the heart beat before the blood evolved? Why was it beating if there was no blood to pump? If it wasn't beating, when did it start when it didn't know anything about blood?

-If the blood vessels evolved before there was blood, why did evolve if there was no such thing as blood?

-And if the blood evolved before the heart evolved, what was it that kept it circulating around the body?

Scientist Brad Harrub sums it up well: the final hurdle that evolutionists have not (and cannot) over-come involves the co-dependence of the respiratory system and the circulatory system. The heart muscle requires oxygenated blood to remain alive. The respiratory system depends on the circulating blood to deliver oxygen and remove carbon dioxide. So which came first, and how was it able to function properly without the other? Evolution may continue to be taught as a “fact” in the classroom, but it has yet to answer such basic life- dependency questions as these.

The only reasonable answer to these questions is that God made the human body (and the bodies of all the other creatures) with a heart, lungs, (to oxygenated the blood,) kidneys (to filter waters from the blood), blood vessels, arteries, blood, skin (to hold it all in), etc., at one moment in time, as the Bible states.

“Thine hands have made me and fashioned me together round about...Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, and hast fenced me with bones and sinews. Thou hast granted me life and favor, and thy visitation hath preserved my spirit.” Job10:8, 11, 12

QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

Q. In 1 Cor. 11:1-16, do angels learn from watching men and women and do they pay attention to things such as dress? Also, in 1 Sam. 16 we learn that God looks on the heart: do angels have the same ability?

Living Stones CC

A. The apostle Paul is setting out in this portion the truth of Headship, that God has established an order (v.3): the Head of Christ is God, Christ is the head of man (as opposed to woman), and man is the head of woman. Headship brings in direction and nourishment and we see how our blessed Lord fulfilled, and continues to fulfill, as Man, His role as the Servant of Jehovah. He perfectly completed the will of God in every detail of His life and now we, both men and women in our respective roles, are to be governed by headship. Whenever a believer is praying or prophesying, direction (the outflow of headship) as to our head covering has been given by God, and we are to follow that direction. Angels are the servants of God, but are not in relation to God as believers, but they learn from our behavior (see Eph. 3 and 1 Cor. 4). In summary, our behavior is observed by angels, as well as other persons, and so our dress and words become a reflection of our profession. In all of our profession we are to be modest and our deportment is to be such as to bring honor to the name of our Lord Jesus. Note that these instructions as to head covering are given in relation to individual behavior, and not, as some may limit, to assembly functions.

As to your second question, only God looks on the heart. Angels and men look on the outward appearance. Angels are ministering spirits sent forth by and receiving instruction from God as to their work. Angels are not to be worshipped nor will they rule in the world to come. They desire to look into the things testified beforehand (see 1 Pet. 1), and there are myriads of them who are mighty, holy, and elect. There are also those fallen angels who are reserved for judgment.

JAP

THE FATHER'S GRACE

PART 1

FATHER, in Thine eternal power,
Thy grace and majesty divine,
No soul, in this weak mortal hour,
Can grasp the glory that is Thine!

E'en in its thoughts of sovereign grace
It leaves us all far, far behind;
The love that gives with Christ a place
Surpasses our poor feeble mind.

And yet that love is not unknown
To those who have the Saviour seen;
Nor strange to those He calls His own -
Pilgrims in scenes where He has been.

In Him Thy perfect love, revealed,
Has led our hearts that love to trace
Where nothing of that love's concealed,
But meets us in our lowly place.

But grace, the source of all our hope,
From Thine eternal nature flows;
Could to our lost condition stoop,
And now through Christ no hindrance knows;

Has flowed in fullest streams below,
And opened to our hearts the place
Where, in its ripened fruits, we'll know
The eternal blessings of that grace.

And here we walk, as sons through grace,
A Father's love our present joy;
Sons, in the brightness of Thy face,
Find rest no sorrows can destroy.

Nor is the comfort of Thy love,
In which we "Abba, Father" cry,
The only blessing that we prove:
Because that love is ever nigh,

J. N. Darby

THE BLOOD OF JESUS THE LORD

- **There is no forgiveness without it.**

“Without shedding of blood is no remission” (Hebrews 9:22)

- **It meets the holy claim of God.**

“When I see the blood, I will pass over you” (Exodus 12:13)

- **It makes atonement for the soul.**

“It is the blood that make an atonement for the soul”

(Leviticus 17:11)

- **It redeems.**

“Redeemed- with the precious blood of Christ” (1 Peter 1:18-19)

- **It cleanses from all sin.**

“The blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanseth us from all sin (1 John 1:9)

- **It justifies**

“Being justified by His blood “(Romans 5:9)

- **It has made peace.**

“Having made peace through the blood of His cross”

(Colossians 1:20)

- **It brings you near to God**

“Now, in Christ Jesus, ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ” (Ephesians 1:13)

There is wonder working power in the precious blood of the lamb

If you are washed in that precious blood, in God’s sight you will be, “whiter than snow.” No longer then a mere professor, making a show in the flesh while the soul’s deep stains of sin are unremoved, you will be justified by grace, dressed in divine righteousness, and made complete in Christ.

“Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved” (Acts 16:31).