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THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM

There are believers who continue to live in sin and bondage to sinful habits in their everyday life. They do not understand or accept the power of the blood of Jesus Christ. The power of the blood of Jesus can sanctify and deliver us from sin and the bondage of sin to serve the living God.

Isaiah the prophet says sin separates man from God and from having the power to live victoriously or to find mercy with God. *“Behold, the Lord’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; nor His ear heavy, that it cannot hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; and your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear. For your hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity; your lips have spoken lies, your tongue has muttered perversity”* (Isaiah 59:1-3).

GOD'S ANSWER TO OUR SIN PROBLEM

The Bible says, *“And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission ... so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation”* (Hebrews 9:22,28) and *“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sin, according to the riches of His grace”* (Ephesians 1:7). The blood of Jesus Christ enables us to have the forgiveness of sin and to be free from the power of sin. There is power and mercy through the blood of Jesus.

There are many references to the blood of Jesus Christ in the New Testament. Here are some:

1. Judas spoke of it as innocent blood (Matthew 27:4), without sin.
2. Peter called it the precious blood of Christ, as a Lamb without blemish or spot (1 Peter 1:19).
3. Paul called it the purchasing blood (Acts 20:28). Jesus bought us, not with corruptible things, but with His precious blood.
4. Paul also called it:
 - the redeeming blood (Colossians 1:14)
 - the justifying blood (Romans 5:9)
 - the peacemaking blood (Colossians 1:20)
 - the sanctifying blood (Hebrews 13:12)
 - the blood of the everlasting covenant (Hebrews 13:20)
5. Jesus Himself said, “This is My blood of the New Covenant” (Matthew 26:28)
6. John 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” (Revelation 12:11).

UNDERSTANDING THE POWER OF THE BLOOD

An article by Arthur D. Lucas for Christian Assemblies International, Australia, describes what blood does in the body, and shows what the Word says about blood is true scientifically, long before modern science discovered the truth about blood.

Lucas says that it was only in 1615 AD that William Harvey discovered the blood circulatory system within the human body, and only in the last 30 years have people come to the full knowledge of what the Word of God teaches about blood.

It is now known that the heartbeat and other functions of the heart are set in motion by blood circulation, and as the Bible says, this is the very principle of how to preserve life. The heart is only a pump, and its job can be taken over by a machine. However, when blood is no longer being pumped to the essential organs,

death occurs. Therefore, physically, the life of the flesh is in the blood.

What science has discovered about blood, is what the Bible says about the blood! *“For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.” Therefore I said to the children of Israel, ‘No one among you shall eat blood, nor shall any stranger who dwells among you eat blood.’ ‘Whatever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell among you, who hunts and catches any animal or bird that may be eaten, he shall pour out its blood and cover it with dust; for it is the life of all flesh. Its blood sustains its life.’ Therefore I said to the children of Israel, ‘You shall not eat the blood of any flesh, for the life of all flesh is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off’”* (Leviticus 17:11-14). The Bible says blood is sacred in God’s plan of redemption. We are people redeemed by the blood of Jesus Christ. Therefore, sin has no power over us. We can live a victorious Christian life.

JESUS CHRIST IS OUR PASSOVER LAMB

For the children of Israel to be spared from the judgment of God, an innocent lamb without blemish had to be sacrificed and its blood sprinkled on the doorposts. When the angel of death saw the blood on the two doorposts, the Lord passed over the door and the angel of death did not destroy those in the house (Exodus 12:21-23). This occasion is celebrated even today as the feast of the Passover.

Paul says, *“All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God”* (Romans 3:23). Isaiah says, *“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all”* (Isaiah 53:6). Jesus, our Passover lamb, was sacrificed on our behalf. His blood was shed so we no longer have to live under the curse or power of sin. God has taken the punishment of sin for us and set us free to live an overcoming life of victory over sin.

The Bible says, *“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?" (Hebrews 9:13-14). Jesus is far more precious than the animal sacrificed to cleanse and make the people ceremonially acceptable in Old Testament law. When Jesus died, it was once and for all. Have faith in the blood of Jesus, as Paul says, *"Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey in its lusts. And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God. For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace"* (Romans 6:11-14).

WHAT WILL THE POWER OF THE BLOOD OF JESUS DO FOR US

1. POWER TO SERVE THE LIVING GOD

The Bible says, *"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). To serve the living God, you need to be cleansed from a sinful conscience. Jesus paid the price for the power of sin to be broken in your life, that you may live to serve the living God.

2. POWER TO FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD AND WALK IN THE SPIRIT

The Bible says, *"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), and *"There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but*

according to the Spirit" (Romans 8:1). Through the power of Jesus' blood, believers have the privilege to be freed from condemnation to walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.

3. BOLDNESS TO ENTER THE PRESENCE OF GOD

The Bible says, *"Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is, His flesh"* (Hebrews 10:19-20). You do not need to wait for a high priest to go before you and ask for your forgiveness. The blood of Jesus gives you boldness to enter into the presence of God. In the tabernacle, there was a veil (curtain) between the Holy Place and the Holy of Holies. The veil represented the flesh separating us from God.

Jesus has removed the veil, which was ripped apart. We can all enter into the Holy of Holies through pleading the blood of Jesus. This is the new and living way which Jesus has consecrated for us.

Experience the power, grace, and love of God through the blood. Rise to a new level of victory. Plead the blood over your mind, your tongue, the works of your hands, and your walk with the Lord. He forgives and cleanses you. Then the Holy Spirit will anoint you to serve the living God.

"Would you be free from your burden of sin?
There is power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There is wonderful power in the blood"
(First stanza of "There is Power in the Blood").

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.



Mark and Lisa Thomas (first and second from right) with their joyful 3Sixteen hosts

GOD HAD HIS WAY

BY ANNABEL LILY

If we lived in an ideal world, everything would go as planned. Unfortunately, that is not the case, and things very often do not go as planned. Life Group (LG) member Mark Thomas, his wife Lisa, and his fellow 3Sixteen hosts were scurrying to get everything ready for their first 3Sixteen session, which was held in November 2019.

They planned, prayed, prepared the venue, cooked, and took care of every detail that needed attention, and anxiously waited for their guests' arrival. Sounds like the perfect plan, right? Not one guest turned up.

Feeling devastated, they tried to figure out what had just happened, and went through a myriad of emotions. The night did not go as planned, or so they thought.

God has this incredible, uncanny way of showing up and disrupting our plans. Having no guests turned out to be the best for the hosts. They were so busy preparing for the guests, they barely got to know one another.

That night, the Lord profoundly bonded the hosts together. Mark said, "We shared our daily lives, struggles, and joys. Being from three different LGs, we talked about our aspirations, challenges, and plans in anticipation of the 3Sixteen sessions. It is amazing to see what God has been faithfully carving in each individual life along the way."

God was teaching them that genuine care, love, and respect for each other is what is going to win guests over. We have heard the phrase "You cannot

take someone to a place you have not been yourself". Love was demonstrated so that the guests who eventually came during subsequent sessions witnessed and continue to experience the overflow of that love.

Mark observed that they were making friends both inside and outside of church due to being involved in 3Sixteen. "This is important because we are not meant to hide. We are meant to be His light for all to see, like a city on a hilltop that cannot be hidden" (Matthew 5:14).

That night ended with prayer, praise, and worship to the only Person that mattered the most; the audience of One.

At the time of the writing, Mark and his fellow hosts are still running the 3Sixteen sessions with their guests, who have been faithfully returning!



If you would like to lead loved ones and friends to the Lord but do not know how, you are invited to participate in 3Sixteen. Please seek assistance from your LG leader, or call us at 03-8999 5532 ext. 442.

BE HIS STAR

BY LISA TOH

Christmas morning was abuzz with the camaraderie of fellowship over breakfast as the church family gathered for the Christmas Worship Service at Calvary Convention Centre.

Service began with songs of praise and worship, as well as familiar Christmas carols. Hadley Fernandez and Victoria Grace narrated an energetic performance presented by the Music & Creative Arts team that

included a reenactment of the nativity scene by the KidsCAT children.

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam's Christmas message reminded us that just as the star in the sky led the wise men to Jesus, we are to be the light in this world, leading the lost to Christ, the only One who can bring true joy and fulfilment. Even Solomon in all his wealth and possessions knew that fulfilment can only be found in God (Ecclesiastes 1:14).

All in all, it was a wonderful time of celebration, remembering Jesus' birth!



Listen to Senior Pastor's Christmas message again on our YouTube channel!



Hadley Fernandez and Victoria Grace narrating the Christmas story



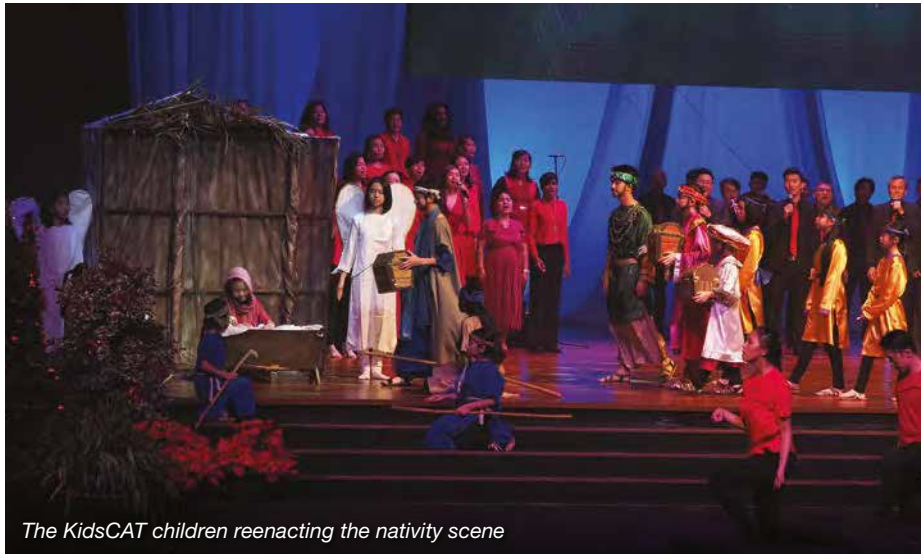
An energetic dance presentation

The choir leading in praise and worship





Senior Pastor sharing the Word



The KidsCAT children reenacting the nativity scene



Fellowshipping over breakfast on Christmas morning





Pastor Steven sharing God's Word



The choir leading in a time of praise and worship

YEAR END THANKSGIVING

BY LISA TOH

The Calvary family came together on Tuesday, 31 December 2019 at Calvary Convention Centre for a time of fellowship with one another and to give thanks for all that God has done in 2019.

We heard from multiple individuals who stepped forward to share their testimony, and it was truly encouraging to hear of God's hand in providing for, strengthening, and empowering His children for ministry.

Associate Pastor Steven Kum shared a reminder for us to be shaped by praise, drawing from the example set by Paul and Silas, where they did not let their

circumstances hinder them from having an attitude of gratitude, and neither did they stop expressing praise for God. In the same way, we are to express our praise to God in word and deed, whatever circumstances we may face.

We look forward to God's continued blessing upon the entire church in 2020!

Have a testimony to share? Drop us an email at email@calvary.my, or fill up a My Response card and hand it to one of the ushers!

Calvarites sharing their testimonies





Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam praying for the congregation



Enjoying a time of fellowship before service





CHURCH LEADERS' INSTALLATION 2020

BY ASSOCIATE PASTOR PETER ONG

During the first Sunday Worship Service of the year on 5 January 2020, church leaders were installed. This was to affirm their leadership, as well as to stand in prayer with each one of them, as they serve in their respective ministries. Those who are involved in the various ministries, services, and projects of the church were also recognised for their service unto the Lord.

The appointed church leaders were exhorted to take the responsibility of leadership seriously, to love truly, to hate what is wrong, to hold fast to whatever is good, and to take delight in honouring one another (Romans 12:6-10).

The installation concluded with a prayer of dedication, and the members of the congregation were encouraged to be involved in a ministry, as the Bible says that each one of us, being faithful stewards of God, should use whatever gifts we have received to serve others (1 Peter 4:10).

If you would like to serve in any of the church ministries, speak to any of the pastors, ministry heads, or leaders. You could also fill up a My Response card, and hand it to one of the ushers or to the Information Counter.



INTRODUCING THE MINISTRIES

1. **Life Group (LG) Ministry and Bahasa Malaysia (BM) Ministry**, led by Associate Pastor David Seah, 21 Sectional LG leaders, 73 LG leaders, and four BM Ministry leaders.
2. **Calvary Kids (Calvary Nursery Care (CNC) and Carpenter's Workshop (CW)), Evangelism Ministry, and Altar Workers' Ministry**, led by Associate Pastor Richard Yun, 36 CNC and CW teachers, one Evangelism Ministry Coordinator, and one Altar Workers' Ministry Coordinator.
3. **School of Christian Growth (SCG), Missionettes, and Dimensions**, led by Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng, 18 SCG teachers, and 15 Missionettes Sponsors.
4. **Royal Rangers (RR)**, led by Jim Guneratnam, Council Chairman David Peter, and 22 RR Commanders.
5. **Discipleship Ministry (DM) and Information Counter**, led by Pastor Susan Tan, four DM leaders, and one Information Counter leader.
6. **Music & Creative Arts (M&CA) Ministry**, led by Associate Pastor Christopher Lee, One Voice Director Nicole Ong, 19 M&CA team leaders, and three One Voice team leaders.
7. **Youth Ministry and Young Adults Ministry**, led by Michael Loon and eight team leaders.
8. **Prayer Ministry**, led by Associate Pastor Timothy Ong and four Prayer Ministry Coordinators.
9. **Hospitality Ministry**, led by Associate Pastor Raymond Yong and nine team leaders.
10. **Missions Ministry**, led by Associate Pastor Steven Kum and four committee members.
11. **Tamil Ministry**, led by Associate Pastor Peter Ong.
12. **Chinese Ministry**, co-led by Associate Pastor Timothy Ong and Associate Pastor Peter Ong, with three Chinese Ministry Coordinators.

KUASA DARAH YESUS

OLEH PENDITA KANAN PRINCE GUNERATNAM

Terdapat orang-orang percaya yang terus hidup dalam dosa dan dibelenggu dengan tabiat yang berdosa dalam kehidupan seharian mereka. Mereka tidak mengerti atau menerima kuasa darah Yesus Kristus. Kekuatan darah Yesus dapat menguduskan dan membebaskan kita dari dosa dan belenggu dosa untuk melayani Tuhan yang hidup.

Nabi Yesaya mengatakan dosa memisahkan manusia dari Tuhan dan daripada mempunyai kuasa untuk hidup dengan kemenangan atau untuk mendapatkan belas kasihan dengan Tuhan. "Sesungguhnya, tangan Tuhan tidak kurang panjang untuk menyelamatkan, dan pendengaran-Nya tidak kurang tajam untuk mendengar; tetapi yang merupakan pemisah antara kamu dan Tuhanmu ialah segala kejahatanmu, dan yang membuat Dia menyembunyikan diri terhadap kamu, sehingga Ia tidak mendengar, ialah segala dosamu. Sebab tanganmu cemar oleh darah dan jarimu oleh kejahatan; mulutmu mengucapkan dusta, lidahmu menyebut-nyebut kecurangan" (Yesaya 59 1-3).

JAWABAN TUHAN KEPADA MASALAH DOSA KITA

Alkitab berkata, "Dan hampir segala sesuatu disucikan menurut hukum Taurat dengan darah, dan tanpa penumpahan darah tidak ada pengampunan.... Kristus hanya satu kali saja mengorbankan diri-Nya untuk menanggung dosa banyak orang. Ia akan menyatakan diri-Nya sekali lagi tanpa menanggung dosa untuk menganugerahkan keselamatan kepada mereka, yang menantikan Dia" (Ibrani 9:22, 28) dan "Sebab di dalam Dia dan oleh darah-Nya kita beroleh penebusan, yaitu pengampunan dosa, menurut kekayaan kasih karunia-Nya" (Efesus 1:7). Darah Yesus Kristus membolehkan kita mempunyai pengampunan dosa dan pembebasan dari kuasa dosa. Ada kuasa dan belas kasihan dalam darah Yesus.

Terdapat banyak rujukan kepada darah Yesus Kristus dalam Perjanjian Baru. Berikut adalah beberapa:

1. Yudas membicarakannya sebagai "darah orang tidak bersalah" (Matius 27:4), tanpa dosa.

2. Petrus menyebutnya "darah yang mahal, iaitu darah Kristus yang sama seperti darah anak domba yang tak bernoda dan tak bercacat" (1 Petrus 1:19).
3. Paulus memanggilnya "darah yang diperoleh" (Kisah 20:28). Yesus membeli kita, bukan dengan barang fana, tetapi dengan darah-Nya yang berharga.
4. Paulus juga menyebutnya:
 - menebus darah (Kolose 1:14)
 - darah yang membenarkan (Roma 5: 9)
 - darah yang memperdamaikan (Kolose 1:20)
 - darah yang menguduskan (Ibrani 13:12)
 - darah perjanjian yang kekal (Ibrani 13:20)
5. Yesus sendiri berkata, "Inilah darahku Perjanjian Baru" (Matius 26:28)
6. Yohanes berkata, "Dan mereka mengalahkan dia oleh darah Anak Domba, dan oleh perkataan kesaksian mereka. Karena mereka tidak mengasihi nyawa mereka sampai ke dalam maut" (Wahyu 12:11).

MEMAHAMI KUASA DARAH

Artikel oleh Arthur D. Lucas untuk Christian Assemblies International, Australia, menggambarkan apa yang darah lakukan dalam tubuh, dan menunjukkan apa yang dikatakan Firman tentang darah adalah benar secara saintifik, jauh sebelum pun sains moden menjumpai kebenaran tentang darah.

Lucas mengatakan bahawa hanya pada tahun 1615 William Harvey telah menemui sistem peredaran darah dalam tubuh manusia, dan hanya dalam 30 tahun yang lalu, manusia telah mengetahui sepenuhnya apa yang diajar oleh Firman Tuhan mengenai darah.

Kini diketahui bahawa degupan jantung dan fungsi-fungsi jantung yang lain telah dilancarkan oleh peredaran darah, dan seperti yang dikatakan Alkitab, inilah prinsip utama bagaimana memelihara kehidupan. Jantung hanyalah sebuah pam, dan tugasnya boleh diambil alih oleh sebuah mesin. Walau bagaimanapun, apabila darah tidak lagi dipam ke organ penting, kematian berlaku. Oleh itu, secara fizikal, kehidupan daging ada di dalam darah.

Apa yang sains telah temui mengenai darah, adalah apa yang dikatakan Alkitab mengenai darah! " Karena nyawa makhluk ada di dalam darahnya dan Aku telah memberikan darah itu kepadamu di atas mezbah untuk mengadakan pendamaian bagi nyawamu, karena darah mengadakan pendamaian dengan perantaraan nyawa. Itulah sebabnya

Aku berfirman kepada orang Israel: Seorangpun di antaramu janganlah makan darah. Demikian juga orang asing yang tinggal di tengah-tengahmu tidak boleh makan darah. Setiap orang dari orang Israel dan dari orang asing yang tinggal di tengah-tengahmu, yang menangkap dalam perburuan seekor binatang atau burung yang boleh dimakan, haruslah mencurahkan darahnya, lalu menimbunnya dengan tanah. Karena darah itulah nyawa segala makhluk. Sebab itu Aku telah berfirman kepada orang Israel: Darah makhluk apapun janganlah kamu makan, karena darah itulah nyawa segala makhluk: setiap orang yang memakannya haruslah dilenyapkan"(Imamat 17: 11-14). Alkitab mengatakan bahawa darah adalah suci dalam rencana penebusan Tuhan. Kita adalah orang-orang yang ditebus oleh darah Yesus Kristus. Oleh itu, dosa tidak berkuasa atas kita. Kita boleh menjalani hidup Kristian yang berkemenangan.

YESUS KRISTUS ADALAH DOMBA PASKAH KITA

"Dan Tuhan akan menjalani Mesir untuk menulahnya; apabila Ia melihat darah pada ambang atas dan pada kedua tiang pintu itu, maka Tuhan akan melewati pintu itu dan tidak membiarkan pemusnah masuk ke dalam rumahmu untuk menulahi" (Keluaran 12:21-23). Acara ini dirayakan hari ini sebagai jamuan Paskah.

Paulus berkata, "Karena semua orang telah berbuat dosa dan telah kehilangan kemuliaan Tuhan" (Roma 3:23). Yesaya berkata, "Kita sekalian sesat seperti domba, masing-masing kita mengambil jalannya sendiri, tetapi Tuhan telah menimpakan kepadanya kejahatan kita sekalian"(Yesaya 53:6). Yesus, domba Paskah kita, telah dikorbankan bagi pihak kita. Darahnya dicurahkan supaya kita tidak lagi hidup di bawah kutukan atau kuasa dosa. Tuhan telah mengambil hukuman dosa bagi kita dan membebaskan kita supaya hidup dalam kemenangan atas dosa.

Alkitab berkata, "Sebab, jika darah domba jantan dan darah lembu jantan dan percikan abu lembu muda menguduskan mereka yang najis, sehingga mereka disucikan secara lahiriah, 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 9:13-14). Yesus jauh lebih berharga daripada binatang yang dikorbankan untuk menyucikan dan menjadikan orang-orang yang diterima secara serentak

dalam hukum Perjanjian Lama. Apabila Yesus mati, ia adalah sekali dan untuk semua. Percayalah kepada darah Yesus, seperti yang dikatakan Paulus, "Demikianlah hendaknya kamu memandangnya: bahwa kamu telah mati bagi dosa, tetapi kamu hidup bagi Tuhan dalam Kristus Yesus. Sebab itu hendaklah dosa jangan berkuasa lagi di dalam tubuhmu yang fana, supaya kamu jangan lagi menuruti keinginannya. Dan janganlah kamu menyerahkan anggota-anggota tubuhmu kepada dosa untuk dipakai sebagai senjata kelaliman, tetapi serahkanlah dirimu kepada Tuhan sebagai orang-orang, yang dahulu mati, tetapi yang sekarang hidup. Dan serahkanlah anggota-anggota tubuhmu kepada Tuhan untuk menjadi senjata-senjata kebenaran. Sebab kamu tidak akan dikuasai lagi oleh dosa, karena kamu tidak berada di bawah hukum Taurat, tetapi di bawah kasih karunia"(Roma 6:11-14).

APAKAH KUASA DARAH YESUS AKAN LAKUKAN UNTUK KITA

1. KUASA UNTUK MELAYANI TUHAN YANG HIDUP

Alkitab berkata, "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). Untuk melayani Tuhan yang hidup, kamu perlu disucikan dari hati nurani yang berdosa. Yesus membayar harga untuk kuasa dosa agar dihancurkan dalam hidup kamu, agar kamu dapat hidup untuk melayani Tuhan yang hidup.

2. KUASA UNTUK BERSEKUTU DENGAN TUHAN DAN BERJALAN DALAM ROH

Alkitab mengatakan, "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" (1 Yohanes 1:7), dan "Demikianlah sekarang tidak ada penghukuman bagi mereka yang ada di dalam Kristus Yesus" (Roma 8: 1). Melalui kuasa darah Yesus, orang percaya mempunyai keistimewaan untuk dibebaskan dari penghukuman untuk berjalan tidak menurut daging, tetapi menurut Roh.

3. KEBERANIAN UNTUK MEMASUKI HADIRAT TUHAN

Alkitab berkata, "Jadi, saudara-saudara, oleh darah Yesus kita sekarang penuh keberanian dapat masuk ke dalam tempat kudus, karena Ia telah membuka jalan

yang baru dan yang hidup bagi kita melalui tabir, yaitu diri-Nya sendiri" (Ibrani 10:19-20). Kamu tidak perlu menunggu imam besar untuk masuk sebelum kamu dan meminta pengampunan kamu. Darah Yesus memberikan kamu keberanian untuk memasuki hadirat Tuhan. Di dalam Khemah Suci, terdapat tabir (tirai) di antara Tempat Kudus dan Tempat Maha Kudus. Tabir mewakili daging yang memisahkan kita dari Tuhan.

Yesus telah menanggalkan tabir, yang telah dikoyakkan. Kita semua boleh masuk ke Tempat Maha Kudus melalui permohonan darah Yesus. Inilah cara dan hidup baru yang Yesus telah kuduskan kita.

Alami kuasa, kasih karunia, dan kasih Tuhan melalui darah itu. Bangkit ke tahap kemenangan baru. Pakaiguna darah ke atas fikiran, lidah kamu, karya tangan kamu, dan jalan kamu dengan Tuhan. Dia mengampuni dan menyucikan kamu. Kemudian Roh Kudus akan mengurapi kamu untuk melayani Tuhan yang hidup.

"Adakah kamu akan bebas daripada beban dosa kamu?
Ada kuasa dalam darah, kuasa dalam darah;
Adakah kamu akan meraih kemenangan?
Ada kuasa yang luar biasa dalam darah"
(Baris pertama dalam "Terdapat Kuasa dalam Darah").

Semua petikan Alkitab adalah dari Alkitab Bahasa Indonesia.

耶稣宝血的大能

文: 古纳南主任牧师

有一些基督徒继续生活在罪恶中，在日常生活中被罪性与陋习捆绑。他们没有真正明白并接受主耶稣基督宝血的大能。耶稣基督宝血的大能可以使我们成圣，并将我们从罪恶与捆绑中释放出来，叫我们可以侍奉那永活的神。

先知以赛亚说，罪使人与神隔绝，叫人无法过得胜的生活，也没法寻求神的怜悯。“看哪！耶和华的手不是缩短了，以致不能拯救；他的耳朵不是不灵，不能听见；而是你们的罪孽使你们与你们的神隔绝；你们的罪恶使他掩面不顾你们，不听你们的祷告。因为你们的手沾满了血，你们的指头被罪孽玷污，你们的嘴唇说虚谎的话，你们的舌头讲出凶言” (以赛亚书 59:1-3)。

神回应我们的罪

圣经上说：“按着律法，几乎所有都是用血洁净的，如果没有流血，就没有赦免。……照样，基督为了担当许多人的罪，也曾经一次把自己献上；将来他还要再一次显现，不是为担当罪，而是要向那些热切期待他的人成全救恩” (希伯来书 9:22,28)。“我们在他爱子里，借着他的血蒙了救赎，过犯得到赦免，都是按着他丰盛的恩典” (以弗所书 1:7)。耶稣基督的宝血使我们脱离罪的权势并罪获得赦免。耶稣的宝血大有能力和怜悯。

新约圣经中有许多关于耶稣基督宝血的记载。例如：

1. 犹太称它为“无辜的血” (马太福音 27:4)，没有罪。
2. 彼得称它为“基督的宝血，就像无瑕疵无玷污的羊羔的血” (彼得前书 1:19)。
3. 保罗称它为“买赎的血” (使徒行传 20:28) 耶稣赎回我们，不是凭着能坏的金银等物，而是他的宝血。
4. 保罗也称它为：
 - 救赎的血 (歌罗西书 1:14)
 - 称义的血 (罗马书 5:9)
 - 和平的血 (歌罗西书 1:20)
 - 使人成圣的血 (希伯来书 13:12)
 - 永恒之约的血 (希伯来书 13:20)
5. 耶稣自己说：“这是我的血，是为立新约的血” (马太福音 26:28)。
6. 约翰说：“弟兄胜过它，是因着羊羔的血，也因着自己所见证的道，他们虽然至死，也不爱惜自己的性命” (启示录 12:11)。



明白宝血的大能

Arthur D. Lucas 在澳大利亚国际基督教会发表的一篇文章上描述体内血液的运行，并指出科学可以证明圣经里关于血液的文摘正确，圣经上关于血的文摘远远早于现代科学发现血液的真相。

Lucas 说，直到 1615 年，William Harvey 才发现人体中的血液循环系统，直到最近 30 年，人们才完全了解圣经上关于血液的教导。

现在我们都知，心脏跳动使血液循环使并让心脏的其他功能正常运作，正如圣经所说，这是活着的原理。心脏只是一个泵，它的泵血工作可以由机器替代。然而，当血液不能正常泵送到其它主要器官时，就会导致死亡。因此，人的生命就在血液中。

科学发现关于血的真相，就是圣经上关于血的记载！“因为肉体的生命是在血里，我指定这祭坛上的血代替你们的生命，因为血里有生命，所以能代赎生命。所以我对以色列人说：你们中间任何人都不可吃血，在你们中间寄居的外人也不可吃血。任何以色列人，或是在你们中间寄居的外人中，有人打猎得了可以吃的禽兽，总要放尽它的血，用泥土掩盖。‘因为所有动物的生命就在它们的血中，所以我对以色列人说：任何动物的血，你们都不可吃；因为所有动物的血，就是它的生命；吃血的，必被剪除’”（利未记 17:11-14）圣经上说，在神的救赎计划中，血是神圣的。我们是被耶稣基督宝血救赎的人。因此，罪不能辖制我们。我们可以过基督徒得胜的生活。

耶稣基督是我们逾越节的羔羊

“为了使以色列人免受神的审判，你们必须献祭一只毫无残缺的羊羔，取点血涂在两边的门柱和门楣上，耶和華越过那门，不让那毁灭者进入你们的房屋来击杀你们”（出埃及记 12:21-23）。直到今天，人们还在庆祝逾越节。

保罗说：“因为人人都犯了罪，亏缺了神的荣耀”（罗马书 3:23）。以赛亚说：“我们众人都如羊走迷了路，各人偏行己路；耶和華却把我们众人的罪孽，都归在他身上”（以赛亚书 53:6）。耶稣，我们逾越节的羔羊，为我们的缘故牺牲了。他被宰杀鲜血流出，叫我们不再活在罪的诅咒和权势之下。神承受了我们罪的惩罚，叫我们获得自由，战胜罪恶，活出得胜的生命。

圣经上说：“如果山羊和公牛的血，以及母牛犊的灰，洒在不洁的人身上，尚且可以使他们成为圣洁，身体洁净，何况基督的血呢？他借着永远的灵，把自己无瑕无疵的献给神，他的血不是更能洁净我们的良心脱离死行，使我们可以事奉永活的神吗？”（希伯来书 9:13-14）在旧约律法之下，人们透过献上动物为赎罪祭，使他们得洁净；与之相比，耶稣的宝血更为珍贵。耶稣献上自己作赎罪祭，他的宝血永远

洁净我们。让我们信靠耶稣宝血。保罗说：“你们也应当这样，向罪算自己是死的，在基督耶稣里，向神却是活的。所以，不要容罪在你们必死的肉身上掌权，使你们顺从肉身的私欲，也不要你们的肢体献给罪，作不义的用具；倒要像出死得生的人，把自己献给神，并且把你们的肢体献给神作义的用具。罪必不能辖制你们，因为你们不是在律法之下，而是在恩典之下”（罗马书 6:11-14）。

耶稣宝血的大能赐给了我们什么

1. 侍奉永活的神的能力

圣经上说：“何况基督的血呢？他借着永远的灵，把自己无瑕无疵的献给神，他的血不是更能洁净我们的良心脱离死行，使我们可以事奉永活的神吗？”（希伯来书 9:14）我们的有罪的良心要被洗净，才能侍奉永活的神。耶稣自己付上赎价，打破我们生命里罪的权势，叫我们可以侍奉永活的神。

2. 与神交通和与圣灵同行的能力

圣经上说：“我们若行在光中，像他在光中一样，就被此心灵相通，他儿子耶稣的血也洁净我们脱离一切罪”（约翰一书 1:7）。“所以现在，那些在耶稣基督里的人就不被定罪了；”（罗马书 8:1）透过耶稣宝血的大能，基督徒就不被定罪了，不随从肉体而随从圣灵。

3. 坦然无惧来到神的面前

圣经上说：“所以，弟兄们！我们凭着耶稣的血，可以坦然无惧地进入至圣所。这进入的路，是他给我们开辟的，是一条通过幔子、又新又活的路，这幔子就是他的身体”（希伯来书 10:19-20）。你不需要大祭司走在你前面为你请求宽恕。耶稣的宝血叫你可以坦然无惧地进入至圣所。在神的会幕中，圣所和至圣所之间有一块幔子（帷幕）。帷幕代表我们的肉体，使我们与神隔开的肉体。

耶稣撕开那幔子，让我们所有人都可以透过耶稣宝血的救恩进入至圣所。这是耶稣透过献上自己为祭，赐给我们又新又活的路。

透过耶稣的宝血经历神的能力、恩典和大爱，经历生命中崭新的得胜。祈求宝血的能力覆盖你的心思、你的舌头、你手所做的工作，和你与主同行的脚步。他赦免你，洗净你。圣灵会恩膏你，叫你可以侍奉永活的神。

“你是否愿从罪担得释放？

宝血有能力，大有能力；

你是否胜过罪恶捆绑？

耶稣的宝血有能力。”

（耶稣宝血大有能力，第一节）

圣经经文摘自新译本圣经。

THANKING GOD FOR HIS FAITHFULNESS

BY ERIC SAMUEL / JESSICA TEO



Eric (left) with his dad, mum, and sister

On 28 November 2019, my dad was unable to balance himself and his head was spinning uncontrollably.

We had to get an ambulance, and at the hospital, his body cramped severely. The pain was excruciating and he was unable to stand.

Four hospitals and multiple tests later, the doctors ruled out heart complications, a stroke, as well as thyroid and hormonal imbalances. While the doctors are still unable to pinpoint the cause of his condition, we can truly say we have seen the Lord's healing hand, as dad is recuperating and able to walk freely.

All this occurred during the Christmas intensive practices and I questioned God. My dad, despite being ill, told me to go ahead, as the Lord will take care of him. In times of such despair and anxiety, indeed Psalm 121 rings true. I look to the heavens and where does my help come from? My help comes from the Maker of heaven and earth.

We are thankful to the pastors and friends who stood with us with care, concern, support, and most importantly, prayer.

On a personal note, I began 2019 with many questions. Initially doubting my career change, the Lord proved His faithfulness, granting financial provision twice. Going into 2020 with as many questions in a different area of life – I have learnt that entrusting an unknown future to a known God indeed requires child-like faith.

He will not let your foot slip – he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep (Psalm 121:3-4 NIV).



Jessica with her late father

It was a challenging 2019, but God is good. He answered two of my most precious prayers: my parents' salvation. My mum gave her heart to Jesus in May 2019, and was water baptised in August 2019.

My dad, on the other hand, was a challenge. He stayed in Johor and we did not see him often. He was diagnosed with Stage Four cancer in November 2019, and his condition deteriorated swiftly. We prayed for his salvation and for God's healing mercy.

He accepted the Lord on 2 December 2019. Before knowing the Lord, he said he was afraid and did not know what to expect. After accepting Jesus, Dad put all his hope in Jesus, and one day said he was waiting for Jesus to bring him home.

Dad went home to be with the Lord on 19 December 2019 with the sweetest smile I have ever seen, and I knew then God is real.

My granduncle remarked during the wake that he did not know my dad was a Christian, and I mentioned he accepted Jesus at the beginning of the month. God answered our prayers, allowing my dad to be His witness to our family, who are all potential believers. He has also blessed our family in more ways than we can ask or imagine.

I want to thank the pastors, my Life Group, and the Discipleship Ministry members who came to pray for my dad, and prayed with and for us.

FAITHFUL SERVICE AWARDS

Congratulations to the following lay leaders and church staff whose faithfulness in service were recognised at the Year End Thanksgiving Service on Tuesday, 31 December 2019 at Calvary Convention Centre.

CHURCH STAFF

20 Years' Service



LAY LEADERS

25 Years' Service



10 Years' Service



PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL THROUGH BAPTISM

Congratulations to 20 Calvarites who followed Christ in water baptism on 21 December 2019 and 18 January 2020 at the Saturday Worship Services at Calvary Damansara Heights. The Lord bless your obedience in your journey with Him.

If you would like to take the step of obedience to the Lord and be water baptised, call 03-8999 5532 ext. 434, visit calvary.my/water-baptism, or speak to any of the pastors.



Front Row (L-R):

Tony Tey Wei Quan,
Susan Oh Poh Yoke,
Joel Ooi Chong Wei,
Ng Kian See,
Shirley Tay Bee Koo

Back Row (L-R):

Kylie Liong Sing Yee,
Tony Wong Kok Chye,
Lee Dik Aun,



Front Row (L-R):

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Rachael Sakdin,
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Matthias Lai Quan Fong

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Nuon Sokom,
Choi Lai Peng,
Stephanie Chong Hui Ying,
Danny Ho Yim Hong

Back Row (L-R):

Jaden Gan-Selvam,
Arhyel Buba Msheila,



MEMBERSHIP ACCEPTANCE

Congratulations to 45 Calvarites who were received as members on Sunday, 22 December 2019 at Calvary Convention Centre. May you continue to be faithful in this local body of Christ and be involved in serving the Lord.

CALVARY CHURCH is always on the lookout

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 2020

Saturday, 5.00pm Calvary Damansara Heights

- 01** Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng
Communion
- 08** Associate Pastor David Seah
- 15** Associate Pastor Peter Ong
- 22** Associate Pastor Richard Yun
Water Baptism
- 29** Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
Communion

Sunday, 9.00am Calvary Convention Centre

- 02** Associate Pastor Richard Yun
Communion
- 09** Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
- 16** Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng
- 23** Associate Pastor David Seah
Membership Intake

ACTIVITIES

**16
FEB**



TAMIL FELLOWSHIP
Sunday, 11.30am
Theatrette 1, Level B2,
Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Associate Pastor
Timothy Ong

**22
FEB**



WATER BAPTISM
Saturday, 5.00pm
Calvary Damansara Heights
*Closing date for submission of application:
Sunday, 9 February 2020*

**23
FEB**



CHINESE FELLOWSHIP
Sunday, 11.30am
Theatrette 2, Level B2,
Calvary Convention Centre
Speaker: Senior Associate Pastor
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