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The Precious Blood of Jesus

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Isaiah 53:6

Do you see the words in this verse – *all we?* When we highlight these words, our attention is drawn to two groups of people. There is the group that is following the crowd and the group that is doing their own thing. There are the mavericks, the independents and then there are those that love the world and are doing what the world is doing - the "Everybody is doing it" routine. When Jesus comes to rescue He is going to rescue *all*. *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way.* He is going to rescue the sheep that are doing their own thing. He will also rescue the sheep that are doing the wrong things everyone else is doing. He is going to do that through His death and resurrection. *The Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.* (Isaiah 53:6)

The word *laid* is very interesting. It is the word intercession. The Lord hath interceded. Intercession means to stand in the place of another. The only thing most people know about intercession is that it is a type of prayer. You can stand in the place of another through prayer, but not all prayer is intercession. Some prayer is intercession. Some prayer falls into other types and kinds. In Isaiah 53:12 it states He *made intercession for the transgressors*. This was more than a **prayer** of

intercession. It was an **act** of intercession. It is talking about His actual substitutionary work. He stood in my place. He stood in the place of all that were going astray. He took our place. He made intercession. The word **intercession** in verse twelve is the same word translated **laid** in verse six, *and the Lord hath laid on him the iniquity of us all*. That is how He made intercession. The Lord laid the sins and iniquities of the world on Him. We will notice it says *the iniquity of us all*. It was an act or deed of intercession.

Jesus is going to respond to our need by action, not simply a prayer of intercession, but an act of intercession. He is going to stand in the place of all that have gone astray to take the punishment that would have come to them. Now if I stand in my own place to pay for my sin, I would be locked in hell. I would not be able to escape. He is the sinless Son of God. When He goes to hell He does not go as a sinner. He is the Son of God who carries with Him the sin of the world. Since He is the spotless Son of God once He gets to hell, He will be able to defeat satan. He will be depending on the Holy Ghost and the glory of the Lord to raise Him up out of hell. He did that not for His benefit but for mine.

In Isaiah 53:5 it states, *But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: The chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with His stripes we are healed.* That **our** is the world. *God so loved the world.* (John 3:15) Jesus died for the world. He did that for all who would receive. It is available to the world. It comes to all who will receive. He did that in our place. (continued side 2)

Words From Wayne

As Becky and I "Go & Come" it is our hearts desire to be and do all that God has for us. We must be busy for the Kingdom! We are so blessed to have such wonderful friends to help send us. We thank you from the bottom of our heart for your faithful giving. Please pray for us that new doors of opportunity will come to share the gospel, that utterance will be given Becky to minister the Word with clarity, and that signs and wonders will follow the teaching of the Word.

We have had a great summer ministering in Zephyrhills for Pastor Ben Morrison, Brandon for Pastor Jackie McDonald, Florence, South Carolina for Pastor Steve McCart, and Winter Haven for Pastor Jeff Conner. This coming Sunday we will be at Word of Life Christian Center in Bartow with Pastor David White. We count it a privilege to be in these churches watering seeds they have sown and planted. There are other opportunities on our fall schedule which God has provided. We will highlight them later.

We ask you to continue to pray for us as we work together for His coming.

When Adam was in the garden God said to him, *Of every tree of the garden thou mayest freely eat: but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.* (Genesis 2:16-17) That death meant his spirit would be separated from God. He would carry the nature of Satan. Satan would become his father. Now Adam partook deliberately. Only Eve was deceived. The scripture says in 1 Timothy 2:14 that Adam was not deceived. In other words, he made a choice. He chose. He came into agreement with his wife and went astray. He did not go astray because of deception. Deception is when you thought you did the right thing and you thought you had truth. You thought your action was right. You did not see the error or the flaw. However, Adam was not deceived. He chose. He deliberately went in the wrong direction.

Now Jesus is going to rescue man and the only way He can rescue man is to take the punishment Himself - to descend into hell and to pay the price. The price is going to be His blood. 1 Peter 1:18 - *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers.* In other words the price was not monetary. He could not buy us out of our condition. We had made wrong choices. We chose sin. Adam made a wrong choice, but we cannot throw any stones at Adam because every man in succession has made the same choice - gone astray, rebelled, and done his own thing.

It says we are *not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold* but (1 Peter 1:19) *with the precious blood of the Christ.* Do you see the wonderful words, "the precious blood"? There are three things that make something precious. When you see a new baby what do you usually say? "Ah, how precious!" What does that mean? It means cherished, innocent, pure, and new. Secondly, if you were in the desert and I were to bring you a thermos of water that thermos would be precious because it would quench your thirst. It would meet your need. It would bring life. That which is pure, that which brings life, is precious. It is precious blood because it is pure and it is going to bring life. Thirdly, if you were in an art gallery, they might have a unique work of art, a rare pottery, or vase. It is usually enclosed in a glass case because it is precious. It is one of a kind. It is irreplaceable. Jesus is one of a kind. He is the only Son of God who became man. We are men who embrace the nature of God. He was God who became like man, and He is precious. His blood is precious because it is going to bring life. It is one of a kind. There is no substitute. ***Nobody else can do what Jesus did for us.***



Becky at Winter Haven Worship Center

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From Behind The Desk

Oh how wonderful our Savior is and what a great thing He did for us! We at Becky Combee Ministries are eternally grateful for the many blessings we have had this year.

As the year moves into its second half, we can look back and praise God for so much abundance and also look forward to the great things He has in store. Thank you so much for your continuing support both financially and in prayer.

Know that if we can help serve you better in any fashion, we are always willing to listen to suggestions and ideas. You can contact us via the address below or by email at combee@verizon.net.

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