

What Jesus the Christ has done for us

**‘To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood,
and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father
- to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.’**

[Revelation 1:5b) - 6]

Do we realise the wonder of the fact that Jesus has washed us?

We ended last time by referring to these lines by William Cowper (1731 - 1800):

‘There is a fountain filled with blood
drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
and sinners plunged beneath that flood
lose all their guilty sins.’ [Praise 444, v. 1]

You may have seen pictures of people jumping in and out of the fountains in London: sometimes to cool down; sometimes just as part of some high jinx; and some of you may be old enough to remember kilted Scottish football fans doing this before and after matches against England at Wembley!

They have one thing in common: the fountain would not make them wet if they did not go into the fountain!

It is the same with Jesus the Christ.

Unless you come to God through Jesus the Christ, only through Jesus the Christ, then you shall not be washed of your sin.

BUT if you do come you will be thoroughly washed!

You cannot wash yourself of your sin.

You cannot mourn over your sin.

You cannot turn over a new leaf.

You cannot strive to be clean in your own power.

The Israelites in Egypt were told by God to mark their doors with the blood of the lamb so that the angel of death would pass over their homes. They were to be covered by the blood. [cf. Exodus 12:1 - 30]

If we wish to live, live life to the full, live in eternal life with God, we must be washed by the blood of Christ - the Lamb of God - so that our sin is removed and paid for, and we must live covered by that precious blood. [cf. Hebrews 9:22b)]

Remember God’s gift of eternal life in Christ is like any human present.

For it to be of any worthwhile use to us we have to **accept it and then use it!**

Only in Christ is it effective. We have to ensure that we have come to God by accepting the Lord Jesus Christ as our personal Saviour and Lord.

Otherwise the gift of God, the work of Christ is of no use to us!

Yours in Christ,

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