

The Life-Giver 4142

I. The Life-taker vs. The Life-giver

- A. Two opposite persons—John 10:10
 - 1. Thief (Satan)—steal, kill, destroy
 - 2. Jesus—giver of life abundantly
 - 3. God is altogether good and the devil is altogether bad
- B. The devil has three motives:
 - 1. To steal: take away every good thing that God wants us to have
 - 2. To kill: destroy us physically and mentally
 - 3. To destroy: banish from the presence of God eternally
- C. The devil comes as a thief
 - 1. A thief usually comes at night while you are asleep
 - a. The devil does not announce his coming
 - b. You do not realize the devil is stealing from you until he is gone
 - 2. Thieves may operate as “con” men, by deception; or as robbers, armed and violent. The devil uses fear and pressure

II. How Jesus Gives Us Life

- A. Leviticus 17:11—The *life/soul* is in the *blood*
- B. Leviticus 16:11–14—Sprinkled *seven times*
 - 1. The incense represents worship
 - 2. We must have the blood for the atonement of sin
- C. Isaiah 53:12—Jesus poured out His soul/blood

III. Jesus Shed His Blood Seven Ways

- A. No. 1: Luke 22:44—Sweat drops of blood
- B. No. 2: Matt. 26:63–7—Struck on the face with fists and rods
- C. No. 3: Isaiah 50:5–6—Hair of His beard pulled out
- D. No. 4: Matt. 27:26—Scourged on His back (compare Ps. 129:1–3; Is. 53:5)
- E. No. 5: Matt. 27:29—The crown of thorns pressed into His scalp
- F. No. 6: Matt. 27:35—Crucified: nails in His hands and feet
- G. No. 7: John 19:34—Side pierced by the spear

IV. Sevenfold Working Of The Blood

- A. No. 1: Eph. 1:7 – *Redeemed* (compare 1 Pet. 1:18–19; Rom. 7:14)
 - 1. To buy back
 - 2. To ransom
 - 3. Example of the slave in the slave market
- B. No. 2: Rom. 5:9 – *Justified*
 - 1. “Just-as-if-I’d never sinned”
 - 2. Made righteous through the blood
- C. No. 3: Heb. 13:12 – *Sanctified*
 - 1. Set apart
 - 2. Made holy
- D. No. 4: 1 John 1:7 – *Continually cleansed*
 - 1. The blood cleanses only when we are walking in the light

- 2. Walking in obedience to the Word of God and in fellowship with our fellow believers
- E. No. 5: Heb. 10:19 – *Access into God's immediate presence*
- F. No. 6: Heb. 12:22–24 – *Speaks/intercedes on our behalf*
 - 1. Sprinkled in heaven, not earth
 - 2. Calls out for mercy, not vengeance
- G. No. 7: John 6:53–57 – *God's life is made available*

V. Application

- A. Revelation 12:11
We overcome Satan when we testify personally to what the Word of God says the blood of Jesus does for us
- B. Combination of three things:
 - 1. The blood
 - 2. The Word
 - 3. Our testimony
- C. Practical application/confession
 - 1. Redeemed
“Through the blood of Jesus, I am redeemed out of the hand of the devil”
 - 2. Justified
“Through the blood of Jesus, I am justified, made righteous, just-as-if-I'd never sinned”
 - 3. Sanctified
“Through the blood of Jesus, I am sanctified, made holy, set apart to God, out of Satan's territory”
 - 4. Continually cleansed
“While I walk in the light, the blood of Jesus cleanses me now and continually from all sin”
 - 5. Access into God's immediate presence
“Through the blood of Jesus, I have access with boldness into the immediate presence of God Himself”
 - 6. His blood speaks/intercedes on our behalf
“The blood of Jesus, sprinkled in heaven, continually speaks for me in the presence of God and asks for mercy”
 - 7. God's life is made available
“Because Jesus gave His life for me and shed His blood on the cross, the eternal, divine, undefeatable, glorious life of God is available to me”