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This is My Story, This is My Song

There is a Fountain

Romans 3:23–26 (ESV) 23for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, 25whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

William Cowper (pronounced Cooper) was born in 1731. His Father was a clergyman.

- Through a series of hard life events, Cowper concluded that he must be damned by God.
- He threw away his bible, and he attempted suicide.
- It was God's providence that he failed his suicide attempt, because in his recovery he found himself under the care of a committed Christian doctor.
- His doctor helped him find God again. One of his big turning points happened while he was reading through Romans, where Paul writes - "*Jesus was put forward by God as a propitiation by his blood to be received by faith.*"
- In this powerful moment where he re-found Christ, he wrote:

*There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's (Jesus/God with us) veins.
And sinners plunged beneath that flood, Lose all their guilty stains.*

*Dear dying lamb, Thy precious blood, shall never lose its power.
Till all the ransomed Church of God, are saved to sin no more.*

*E're since by faith I saw the stream, Thy flowing wounds supply.
Redeeming love has been my theme, And shall be till I die.*

The truth that changed Cooper's life is this: **It takes Jesus' blood to saves us.**

- How does that work? What does that mean?

Hebrews, 9:22: **22** *Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.*

- To approach God takes sacrifice. To be around God takes blood. No one gets close to God without the shedding of blood.

Blood has a power like nothing else to connect us to God.

If we see blood...something is wrong.

- **Blood means brokenness**
- **Blood means guilt**
- **Blood means a stain**
- All three of these metaphors come together in Isaiah 59 - "Your sins have separated you from me, your hands are stained with blood."
- Hebrews 10:11 - *"Every priest stands daily at his service, offering the same sacrifices over and over, which can never take away sins.*
- When you see blood before you see God, it's a reminder that there's nothing we can do to fix what is wrong with us.

If we don't have blood...something is wrong

- **Life is in the blood.** (Genesis 9:4 tells us that life is in the blood.)
- **Power is in the blood.**
- *You were born by the power of blood.*
- *You live as free by the power of blood.*
- *You are saved by the power of blood.*
- Whole story of the Bible comes to this: Blood in both positive and negative:
- Negative: If we see blood something is wrong. Sin has broken the world. We have a debt to God. Only blood pays the debt. We need to pay in blood.
- Positive: If you don't have blood something is wrong. Life is in the blood. Power is in the blood.

- Dilemma: Somethings wrong! We owe a sin debt to God for the world and the lives that we've broken. And that debt needs to be paid in blood. But if we pay it this way... somethings also wrong! If we give our blood, our life, then we don't have life. We owe God in blood. But paying what we owe God in blood means we die.
- What's the solution?
- Go back to Romans where William Cooper put all of this together and found Christ again:

Romans 3:24-25 **24** (We) are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, **25** whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.

More scriptures to help:

Matthew 26:28: **28** for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Acts 20:28 (ESV) **28** Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock, in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood.

Romans 5:9: **9** Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Ephesians 2:13: **13** But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

1 John 1:7 **7** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Revelation 5:9-10 **9** And they sang a new song, saying, "Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation, **10** and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God, and they shall reign on the earth."

Hebrews 9:11-14 (ESV) **11** But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come... **2** he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. **13** For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, **14** how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

- God doesn't demand our blood as payment for sin.
- Instead God comes and offers his own blood for us.
- It means on one hand, that the debt of sin is paid by blood.

- It means on the other hand, that God himself has to die as it's his blood that is given away.
- The gospel is that Jesus saves us through sacrifice. Jesus saves us through his blood.
- There is life giving, redeeming power in the fountain of blood that Jesus gives.
- Do you have his blood?

And sinner's plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

God we leave this place in awe...we've never seen anything like this. A Savior who would give himself for us, that we may be clean. We glorify you in the name of Jesus, whose blood has forgiven us of sin. Amen.