

POWER IN THE BLOOD

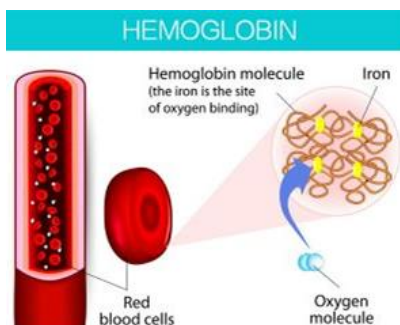
The Amazing Foreknowledge, Insight, and Reconciliation We Find for the “Stuff of Life”



Donate blood! Save lives! Paramedics and emergency rooms know that blood transfusions are critical tools for saving lives. Without enough blood we would all die within minutes!

Today we understand how each molecule of hemoglobin in the blood, with an iron atom at the center of each of 4 quadrants is specifically shaped and constituted to “grab hold of” and transport up to eight atoms of oxygen. “Red blood cells”, each loaded with 250,000 or more of these hemoglobin molecules carry the life-giving oxygen from the lungs through arteries and capillaries to all the far flung cells of the body. And they carry back to the lungs the exhaust product carbon dioxide, exchanged for the oxygen.

And then there are the “white blood cells” which learn to recognize and kill viruses and other germ-infected cells. They are part of the tremendous warfare continually taking place on a bio-molecular level in our bodies. The blood-borne armies of our immune system are constantly fighting the bacterial, viral, and toxic invaders of our physiology. If it wasn't for the



blood's immune system we would all be, as they say, “dead meat”. **Truly, “the life of the flesh is in the blood” (Lev 17:11)** - confirming, as happens again and again, that Biblical truth is not just “skin deep”. The Biblical World-view maintains a connection between the spread of infection and the spread of sin.

This is a powerful analogy, and the design of a Holy God who created our life-support system in the first place.

To be holy is by definition to be free from sin, just as to be clean is by definition to be free from dirt and germs. We can't seem to eradicate infectious disease. Bacteria, viruses, and disease are all around. We are totally dependent on the immune system carried throughout our bodies by our blood. Similarly, we can't eradicate the sin which infests this world, our flesh, and our spiritual adversary, the devil. The solution to our dilemma once again is a blood-borne immunity— this time found in the blood of Jesus Christ, the unmerited gift of God to us!



By Definition: If God Created the Universe and all it contains, then He must perfectly understand it all, and have perfect power over it. Therefore, He understands that good is better than evil, and applies His perfect power to be perfectly good—Holy! This means He must be a perfectly Good and incorruptible Judge! He must deal with our sin.

Physical Uncleanness —————> **Infection** —————> **Physical Death.**

Spiritual Uncleanness —————> **Spiritual Death.**

To combat the fact of spiritual uncleanness and death we all need the blood donation, the blood transfusion, offered by our Holy God through Jesus Christ the Lord! “Without the shedding of blood there is no remission.” (Hebrews 9:22) “...and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7)

As the hymn writer put it, “My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus’ blood and righteousness...On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand...” -E. Mote

There is indeed power, wonder working power, in the blood of the sacrificial “Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”. (John 1:29)

Wouldn't you like to have a personal relationship with the God who died for you and invites you to become part of His family?

Here's what you need to know, based on words from the Creator's own book, the Bible:

God's original design for mankind was disrupted by sin.

For all have sinned [disobeyed God], and come short of the glory [perfection] of God; (Romans 3:23) For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Romans 6:23) But God commends his love toward us in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. (Romans 5:8)

"Okay, so I'm a sinner. How can Jesus help me?"

For Christ also suffered once for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, indeed being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the Spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)

"But isn't Jesus just one of many ways I can be saved?"

...there is no other name under Heaven given among men by which we must be saved. (Acts 4:12) Jesus said to him, I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. (John 14:6)

"Can't I get to heaven by obeying God's commandments as best as I can?"

Therefore by the deeds of the Law none of all flesh will be justified in His sight: for through the Law is the knowledge of sin. (Romans 3:20)

"So what does the Bible say about how to be saved?"

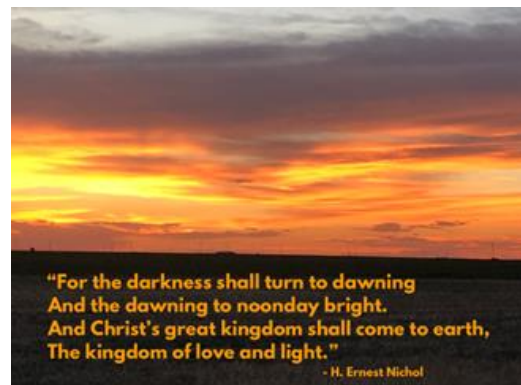
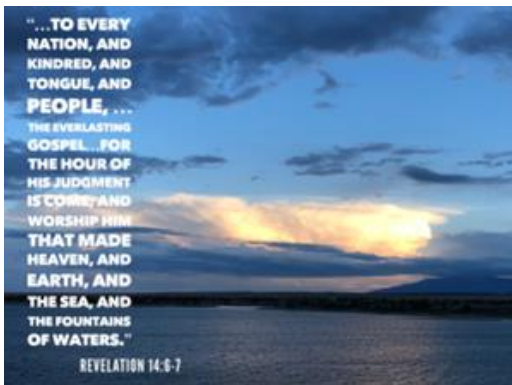
The Bible says that the power to save us from this evil age lies with God. Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us. (Titus 3:5) For by grace you are saved through faith [trust]. (Ephesians 2:8)

"You mean just like I trust the chairs I sit on?"

Yes! You trust (believe) without a full understanding that they, like Jesus Christ, will hold you up!

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and you shall be saved (Acts 16:31). The word is near you, even in your mouth and in your heart; that is the word of faith... Because if you confess the Lord Jesus, and believe in your heart that God has raised him from the dead, you shall be saved. For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth one confesses unto salvation. (Romans 10:8-10)

PRAY AND CONFESS: Thank You, Jesus, for living a sinless life and then becoming the sacrifice for my sins by shedding your blood and dying on the cross. Thank You also for giving me faith that lets me recognize my own unrighteousness and know that You died on my behalf to wipe away my sins. Thank You that You rose from the dead, and that I can escape Your judgment of this present evil age, and look forward to spending eternity with You in heaven. Amen.



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