The Sufficiency of the Blood of Christ!

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[0:00] This morning on the way down, I had this thought, I wonder how many times, or how many people are going to church today in America.

I mean, I'm glad people go to church, but how many people go because they love Jesus and they just want to hear what he has to say versus a spirit of religion?
And that thought kind of lingers with me. And then the question is, how many times have I done that? How many times was I just religious?
And it's Sunday, so we go to church, right? It's okay to be committed to that and have that as not an option or whatever, but would we rather have Jesus?
And then to further that thought, and then believe that Jesus is very important to our religion.
[1:26] And my mind kept going like, oh yeah, we believe in Jesus. Yep, he's our savior. But so many other thoughts are just religious thoughts and religious ideas.

And we don't even really, before we know it, Christ is no longer the center of our life. He's no longer the key issue. He's no longer the one we are really worshiping.
Rather than know Jesus is the one that saves. He's the one that redeemed. He's what it's all about. He's what, he's the center of what we believe.
Everything else surrounds around that, not the other way around. And just thought I'd share that this morning. Recently I've been thinking about, also about the blood of Jesus.
And about the forgiveness of sins and how is it that our sins are washed away?
[2:30] How is that? And what do we believe about that? So I'm going to, I do have some, a little bit of time here for some notes.

I believe that we are redeemed by his blood. The blood of Jesus Christ. And if we have been redeemed, then there is no more condemnation.
It is not God's will that we live as though we're not redeemed. Maybe that's all I need to say today. It's not God's will that we live as though we are not redeemed. Jesus didn't shed his precious blood merely so that we could be forgiven of our past sins.
And then to spend the rest of our life living in fear, in guilt, condemnation, and spiritual defeat. Some of these things you will relate to, I believe, because I know I do.
[3:48] His sacrifice provides redemption, reconciliation, cleansing, peace with God, and the foundation for a victorious Christian life.

We know that we cannot save ourselves. We can't cleanse ourselves. We can't justify ourselves. We try, of course. We can't overcome the enemy through our own strength.
Everything we need begins with Jesus Christ and what he accomplished for us at Calvary on the cross. It's not just saving us from our sins.
It is so that we can walk a victorious life. It is so that we bring glory to him. And so if you're struggling with, okay, like Brother Danny shared, our commitment, you know, what did you say, five years ago or something, whenever you made that commitment to Christ, what is our life supposed to be like after that?
Like, you know, you've lived now through that and you're growing in the Lord and I'm sure it's a wonderful life. You wouldn't go back to the old one, right? You've been redeemed.
[5:13] But what happens between then and our death? Our time on earth is empty or is over. Our time on earth is no more.

In Revelation chapter 12, and I guess the burden I have is simply that we live victoriously. We live the way God wants us to live as far as in our minds, in our hearts, in our faith that we now have. Revelation 12, 11, familiar verse. And they overcame him by the blood of the lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they love not their lives unto the death.

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I want to just look at the blood of Jesus for a little bit here. And about being redeemed by his blood. The blood that cleanses our conscience. And how that there's no more condemnation. In Hebrews chapter 9, verse 22.
[6:22] I'm going to have quite a few verses just picked out here, but that you don't have to turn to all of them. But you can write down the, yeah, maybe write down the references at least.

Hebrews 9, 22 says, And almost all things are by the law purged with blood, and without shedding of blood is no remission.
So there is no remission. There is no forgiveness without shedding of blood. Ephesians 2, verse 8 and 9.
Again, familiar verses. For by grace are you saved through faith, and that not of yourselves. It is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast.
John 15, 5. I am the vine, you are the branches. He that abideth in me, and I in him. The same bringeth forth much fruit.
[7:22] For without me you can do nothing. One of the reasons I believe for the, maybe for the burden of this message is that, that we bring forth fruit.

And when we are troubled, when we are not healed, not cleansed, not walking in victory, then our fruits are very limited. The fruits coming out of our lives are very limited.
If we are plagued with the old life, if you will. Well, we have no, we have absolutely no ability to save ourselves, to redeem.
Man has no ability to redeem himself. We know, in fact, we heard a lot about that last Sunday. In Brother Merlin's message.
We didn't just need Jesus to give us a little help to just kind of push us over the edge, did we? That's not how it works. No, we needed him to do for us what we could not do ourselves.
[8:32] Impossible. The same Christ who saved us sustains us. Some believers, they measure their standing before God by how well they have performed.

A good day means being accepted. A struggle means rejected. Our confidence must rest upon Christ, not in our fluctuating feelings.
Let's hear that. Let's remember that on days that we don't feel like. We're not jumping up and down. We're not maybe feeling overly happy or whatever.
Maybe we're even physically sick or something. And I know that can be a real struggle, a real challenge. When we're not feeling well physically. But let's not allow that to determine our salvation or our confidence in Christ.
Paul said to the Galatians, Are you so foolish, having begun in the spirit, are you now made perfect in the flesh? Have we begun trusting in the blood of Jesus, like we heard already this morning, only to begin depending upon our own strength to finish the journey?
[9:57] And the journey is what we're talking about this morning after salvation. Do we think that we can somehow finish the journey now by being good?

Or are we still depending on him to sustain us? Yes, the blood is our only hope. Redeemed and purchased by his blood.
In 1 Peter chapter 1, verse 18 and 19. For as much as you know that you are not redeemed with corruptible things as silver and gold.
Peter talking here. From your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers. But with the precious blood of Christ as a lamb without blemish and without spot.
Wow. The precious blood of Christ. That's what redeemed us. In whom we have redemption.
[11:04] Now this is in Ephesians 1, 7. In whom we have redemption. Through the blood. The forgiveness of sins according to the riches of his grace.

A few more verses in Colossians 1, 13 and 14. Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness. And hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear son. In whom we have redemption. Through his blood. Even the forgiveness of sins. Are you thankful this morning for the blood of Jesus?
There is no other way. There is no other forgiveness of sins. Redeemed. Redeemed. Speaks of deliverance.
Through the payment of a price. The word redemption means that. Having been redeemed. Having been salvaged. Having been. There's other words you could put in there.
[12:04] But. We weren't purchased with money. But we were purchased. In Acts I believe. 28 maybe. It talks about. How that God.

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Purchased the church. With his own blood. God being Jesus. Jesus being God.
Purchased the church with his own blood. Yes. In Colossians here it says. Hath delivered us from the power of darkness. That is standing.
The standing of those who truly. Trust Christ. Temptation. Accusation. And warfare.
That come into our lives. Do not cancel redemption. Do you feel sometimes condemned? Feel accused. Feel.
[13:07] Rejected. That does not mean that you're not redeemed. Wow. That touches my heart.

Imagine a prisoner. I thought of a bird. Same. Same scenario. But imagine a prisoner. A convicted prisoner.
That. His debt is fully paid. And he is released. Out of the prison. The prison doors are open.
His release has been secured. Whatever. He was released. He was pardoned. But. He remains sitting inside. Because he believes he still belongs there.
We would say. Wow. How foolish. But some Christians keep revisiting. Forgiven sins. Identifying with their former life.
[14:11] And listening to accusations. That contradict what God has declared. We need to stop allowing our past to define what the blood of Jesus has redeemed.

I know how that is. I've done that. For a number of years after I was saved. Kept revisiting. And. And there is such a thing as you know. Wanting to be sure that we're forgiven.
Wanting to be sure that. But. But. Once we are. Let. Here's another angle. Or just a burden that I have. Is that. That we understand the power of the blood of Jesus.
That we understand that. Not because we have repented enough. Because that will never save us. But the power of the blood.
The precious blood of Jesus that we read in Peter. It is so powerful. It will forgive. It will wash away. To the uttermost. The worst of the worst.
[15:14] And so. Let that be our. Where our faith is in. And not how we feel. We repent.

We confess. We forsake sin. But do not treat forgiven sins. Yeah. In other words.
Christ's sacrifice. Is where the power is at. Not. Because we repented enough. I remember. Those first few years.
Of me being. Saved. Of. Repenting again. Bringing up. Reminding God. You know. I did this. In my youth. And then one day.
God reminded me. But. My blood covered that. My blood washed that. Why are you reminding me? And. I would like to add this.
[16:14] We do that sometimes. To each other too. Christians. Believers at least. Refusing to forgive somebody.

That Christ has already forgiven. Same story. If. The blood has cleansed you.
Brother Mike. But I won't forgive you. What am I saying? Am I better than God? Do I know more than God? What the blood has cleansed.
It is cleansed. Let not your heart be troubled. Believe in God. Believe in me. Jesus said. I don't know.
Did I read these verses in Hebrews? No. I don't think I did. Hebrews. 9. 13. And 14. Just a few more. For if the blood of bulls.
[17:25] And of goats. And of the ashes. Of an heifer. Sprinkling. The unclean. Sanctify. To the purifying of the flesh. We're talking of. What they did in the law.

How much more. Shall the blood of Christ. Who through the eternal spirit. Offered himself. Without spot. To God. He was perfect. Without spot.
How much more. Will that blood. Purge. Your. Your. Conscience. From. From. Dead works. To serving.
The living God. Purge. Your conscience. Isn't that beautiful? The blood.
Provides. The basis. For a cleansed. Conscience. Before God. The blood. The blood. Of Jesus. God does not want us.
[18:20] Spending our Christian lives. Looking backward. At our failures. But serving him. With a conscience. Cleansed. Through faith. That's how we know.

Through faith. Then. Also. In Hebrews 10. Next chapter over. 19 and 22.
Having therefore brethren. Boldness. To enter. Into the holiest. By the blood of Jesus. Again. The blood of Jesus. Because of that blood.

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Now we have. Boldness. By a new. And living way. Which he hath. Consecrated for us. Through the veil. That is to say.
His flesh. Verse 21. And having. An high priest. Over the house of God. Let us draw near. With a true heart. In full assurance.
[19:16] Of faith. Having our hearts. Sprinkled. From an evil conscience. And our bodies. Washed. With pure water. Boldness.

Look at the words in here. Boldness. Draw near. Full assurance. Without doubting. Is what that means.
No doubting. Full assurance. Full confidence. These are not. The descriptions. Of a believer. Hiding in shame.
And I know. We've been taught. All our life. You know. Some of us that. You know. Don't be proud. You know. That looks proud. When we have boldness. But the Bible uses terms like boldness. Full assurance. That's not proud. That's boasting in the cross of Christ. We have a reason to boast. And to be happy.
[20:12] And to be joyful. And filled with joy. Godly. But it's not in ourselves. That's what people don't understand. That don't have it.

They think it looks like pride. But we're not proud of ourselves. We're just boasting in Jesus Christ. Godly convictions.
Now here's something else. You know. When we're convicted. When we hear a message like last Sunday maybe. Or whatever message.
Sermon. There is a conviction. And I don't want to downplay that. If God convicts you of something. Then we need to repent. Right?
It brings repentance. And restoration. There's a difference in being convicted of something. Versus feeling condemnation.
[21:13] Destructive condemnation keeps us dwelling on failures. And doubting God's mercy. But when God convicts you. He's also giving you a way forward.

And that way forward is just simply to repent. You know. We can repent. We can get rid of it. Whatever. That's what God wants. He always provides a way forward.
But condemnation has no way. It's just condemned. There's no path. There's no looking forward. John says.
1 John 1 7 to 9. But if we walk in the light. As he is in the light. We have fellowship one with another. And the blood of Jesus Christ his son.
Cleanseth us from all sin. Hallelujah. We have fellowship one with another. Because again.
[22:14] The blood. We think we just fellowship because. We like each other. You know. And we're fussy about who we like. And maybe who we don't.

But no. That's not how the church is. The church has fellowship. One with another. Because of the blood of Christ. That's what the Bible says.
The blood of Jesus. Cleanses. His son. Cleanses us from all sin. But if we say we have no sin. We deceive ourselves.
And the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins. He is faithful and just. To forgive us our sins. And to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
There's that confession again. It's not just some of our unrighteousness. It says all unrighteousness.
[23:11] Confess. Forsake. God is faithful. He will forgive. It's not a matter of if. It's a matter of if we believe it. Isaiah says.

Surely he hath borne our griefs. And carried our sorrows. I'll give the reference. Isaiah 53. 4 to 5. 4 and 5. Surely he hath borne our griefs.
And carried our sorrows. Yet we did esteem him stricken. Smitten of God. And afflicted. 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.
Jesus bore our sins. Our griefs. Our sorrows. His suffering is the foundation of reconciliation. Spiritual restoration. And for hope.
[24:20] For hope. To complete healing. Now. I'm not going to talk a lot about healing.

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Physical healing. We heard last Sunday that the greatest miracle of healing is our hearts. A new heart. I agree with that. This morning we were listening to a church service.
Somewhere where they were having revival meetings. And they were sharing testimonies. And we were listening to the testimonies. And the one man got up there. And he was all broken about it.
Of course. But what happened is. You know. We do anointing with oil sometimes. And somebody's sick. Pray for healing. Like it says in James.
But this man. They were actually worshipping. They were singing a song. And while they were singing that song. He. God just gave him a picture.
[25:20] Just for. He said for a few seconds. He just had this picture of. A cup of oil. Like anointing oil or whatever. Being poured out. And he had serious health issues.

He had. Knee problems. He had. Like the worst kind of. Worst degree of. Arthritis in his knees.
And. And. It was. Very very painful. He almost didn't go to church. But he was there that Sunday. Or that. In that meeting. And as they were.
As he saw that. And he's worshipping. And he saw that oil. In his mind. He didn't even get anointed. With. Literal oil. But he's there.
Just. Standing there. And he's like. Jesus. Thank you. That picture. That. That was for me. And he accepted that. And his knees. Stopped hurting. This was.
[26:16] Last week. Or whenever. You do with that. What you want. But I just thought. You know. God isn't even limited. To the physical. Anointing of oil. He could just show somebody.

A picture. And by faith. Believing in that. Praise God. And this is just a common man. Like me and you. And his knees. You know. He might still.
He's an older man. And he's. Yeah. Older. But. Our body's still going to wear out. He's still going to die. But.
For then. For now. He was healed. And it's through the blood of Jesus. For our griefs.
By his stripes. We are healed. Jesus did not shed his blood. So that we would spend the rest of our lives.
[27:15] Believing. We are. Too. Unworthy. To come to him. And. This is another. Big one. He didn't. Go to the cross.

Suffer. The way he did. Shed his blood. By his stripes. So that. We just feel too unworthy. To come to him. We just won't come.
We just won't put our faith. Are you holding on to something. God has already forgiven. Is yesterday's failure.
Stealing. Today's peace. I have to ask myself this. You know. Many of us need that. We need healing. We need healing in our minds. Is yesterday's failure.
Have we failed? Yeah. But is that. Stealing. Today's peace. We all know the verse.
[28:19] In Romans 8. 1. I'll read it anyway. 1 through 4. There is therefore now. No condemnation. To them.

Which are in Christ Jesus. Who walk not after the flesh. But after the spirit. For the law of the spirit of life. In Christ Jesus. Has made me free.
From the law of sin and death. For what the law could not do. In that it was weak through the flesh. God sending his own son. In the likeness of sinful flesh. And for sin.
Condemned sin. In the flesh. That the righteousness of the law. Might be fulfilled in us. Who walk not after the flesh. But after the spirit. There is therefore now.
No condemnation. This word now. Jumped out at me. Earlier this morning. In reading this. Not merely.
[29:18] Not just when we reach heaven. There is no condemnation. We know there is no condemnation there. But that is not what it says. And it does not mean.

20 years after you are a Christian. Or 30 like myself. It says. Now. For those that are in Christ. You know.
Paul is not teaching. That sin doesn't matter anymore. He is not saying that. He is clarifying it. Those that walk after the spirit. Not after the flesh. But that word now.
That matters. On down in the chapter. Same chapter. Romans 8 verse 31. What shall we say then to these things?
If God be for us. Who can be against us? He that spared not his own son. But delivered him up for us all. How shall he not.

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[30:18] With him also freely give us all things. Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect. It is God that justifieth.

Who is he that condemneth. It is Christ that died. Yeah. Who's going to condemn anyway. Christ is the one that died. He's the one that paid.
Paid it all. Yea rather. That is risen again. Who is even at the right hand of God. Who also makes intercession. For us.
If God be for us. Who can be against us? Opposition. Cannot overturn God's power. God's saving power. Who makes intercession for us?
Who's interceding for us? Anyone? You in the back. Says he's just.
[31:18] I'm just checking to see if you were following along. He is in heaven interceding for us. Yes. Imagine.

Imagine. That we're sitting. Or standing. In a courtroom. And we're guilty. With no defense. Based on our own goodness. Christ. Paid the penalty.
And through faith in him. You are justified. The enemy. May keep accusing. But the verdict. Does not depend. On the loudness.
Of the accuser. Because we have been completely justified. Not by our. By somebody else. By Jesus.
Through the blood. We are justified. Through faith. The enemy wants to keep reminding us. Of our sins. We are justified.
[32:21] In Romans 5. 1. Therefore being justified. By faith. We have peace with God. Through our Lord Jesus Christ. If God has justified you.

Through faith. In his son. Why allow condemnation. To govern. Your thoughts. Sometimes we struggle with fear.
With doubt. With discouragement. With unworthiness. Unworthy feelings. You know. And. The mind is a battleground.
It's a battlefield. Really. Some of us. Have picked that up. From being children. When we were little. We grew up that way.
Being made. To feel like. We're not worthy. We're nothing. We're dumb. We're whatever. Whatever. We're. But remember.
[33:35] Satan. Is called. The accuser. He wants. Us to believe. In our failures. And. He wants our failures. To exceed.

God's grace. He doesn't like the blood. He's against it. All. He's the enemy. Of our soul. But remember.
They overcame him. By the blood of the lamb. And the word of their testimony. There is a. Verse in 2nd Corinthians.
You might want this reference. 2nd Corinthians 10. Verse 5. I'm going to start in verse 3. For though we walk in the flesh.
We do not war after the flesh. For the weapons of our warfare. Are not carnal. But mighty through God. To the pulling down. Of strongholds. Casting down imaginations.
[34:36] And every high thing. That exalteth itself. Against the knowledge of God. And bringing into captivity. Every thought. To the obedience of Christ.

Christ. You know. Not every troubling thought. That we have. Comes directly from Satan. Some of those thoughts.
Arise of old habits. Or old. You know. Maybe even experiences. Painful experiences. Or anxiety. Pressures of life.
Whatever the source. Our thoughts must be brought. Under Christ's truth. One thought is.
I am beyond forgiveness. I heard a man just the other day say that. Forget. Yeah. Somebody local here. I remember now who it was. And he's a dying of cancer.
[35:38] Not the same one we pray for. But a different one. And he just made the comment the other day. That he's dying. And I was. There's a couple of us together.

And he just. I want to get back to him about this. He's a Mormon. And he just. I forget exactly the words. But something about.
When he gets there. I just don't know if he's going to let me in. I thought wow. We need to come back to that. I see him a lot. So I'm hoping that.

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There's a way you can know before you get there. You don't have to wait till. You get to those gates. And I don't know if they're going to let me in. Wow. What a. What a way to live.
Or what a way to die. Actually. Do you ever feel like God has abandoned you. Hebrews 13.5 says.
[36:40] He will never leave nor forsake me. There's a verse for every doubt that comes to your mind. Did you know that. Every doubt the enemy brings.

We do like Jesus did. Just come back at him with the word of God. But it is written. Amen. Let the word be our weapon.
I can never overcome. Romans 8.37. More than conquerors through him. That loved us. Remember Aaron's message.
Through him that loved us. Do we understand the love of God this morning. How much he loves you. I must do this.
Myself. With my own strength. But Paul said to the Philippians. Christ strengthens me. Christ who strengthens me.
[37:48] Second Corinthians 5.17. Therefore if any man be in Christ. He is what? A new creature.

Old things are passed away. Behold. All things become new. Are become new. Are you a new creature this morning?
A new person? I believe so. I believe we are. In Christ. Old things are passed away.
Think about it. The enemy wants nothing more than to remind us of who we were. And try to make us feel like we're still that person. But Jesus said. You're not.
He said you are a new person. I've made you new. Through my blood that he shed. We are more than conquerors through him that loved us.
[38:46] I can do all things through Christ which strengthen me. Strengtheneth me. Amen. Be not conformed to this world.

But be transformed by the renewing of your mind. How are we not worldly? We've been taught all our life.
Can't be worldly. Can't do that. Can't have this thing. Can't have that thing. And then you're not worldly. But the Bible says. To be transformed.
By the renewing of your mind. That you may approve what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. That's how we're not worldly.
Transformation of the mind. I'm going to skip a few things here. It's time's going fast.
[39:58] I want to just read in Philippians here. Philippians 4. You could turn there. Chapter 4 verse 6 through 8. We know these verses.

Is this water from today? Thanks for putting it up here.
Philippians 4 verse 6. Be careful for nothing but in everything by prayer and supplication. With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God which passeth all understanding shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.
Meaning don't be anxious. Meaning don't be anxious. Be careful for nothing means. It's not saying be a careless person.
It means don't be worried about anything. But in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving we let our requests be known.
[41:08] And the peace of God will keep our hearts and our minds through Christ Jesus. Finally brethren. Whatsoever things are true. Whatsoever things are honest.

The things that are just. Things that are pure. Things that are lovely. Whatsoever things are of good report.
If there be any virtue and if there be any praise. Think on these things. Not the other things. These things. Things that are qualified to think about.
We need to examine our thoughts sometimes. Is there a sin for me to confess? Or an accusation about something already brought to Christ?
We already covered that. Responding with scripture. To turn toward Christ. We can't always prevent a troubling thought.
[42:17] From entering our mind. But through Christ. We can learn to surrender. Our heart and life. To that thought. What about our thoughts about other people?

Maybe it's not just thought about ourselves. Maybe we're just really irritated with somebody else. How about those thoughts? We're talking more about our own.

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You know. Not feeling condemned and so on. But. Yeah. There's more verses we could look at. Give me just a minute.
There's some questions. Sometimes we just need to come back to the cross.
Maybe we've come to church carrying a heavy burden. We know that Jesus forgave you or that he died for your sins, but you struggle to believe that you can truly be free.
[43:34] Maybe our past keeps troubling us. Maybe you've failed the Lord and allowed that failure to define your life. Maybe you're so focused on weakness that you almost forgot your Savior's strength.

You see, he's our everything. He is our strength. He is the one that sustains us. Was it last Sunday there in Colossians, or when did we hear that, I think, about?
Yeah, him holding the whole, like everything's sustained by Christ. What's the word? By him all things consist. Is that the one I think?
Everything consists by Christ. And we forget that about our own life sometimes. Okay, the trees, yeah, those. But what about my life? What about my thoughts, my emotions, and all of that?
He bore our sin in his own body on the tree. Peter said that, that we being dead to sin should live under righteousness by whose stripes you are healed.
[44:48] There's that again. First we were in Isaiah, but then Peter says it too, that we are healed. Not going to be, but we are healed. I know some of these verses are taken out of context.

But they're verses nonetheless. There's a truth in that. When Jesus died, he said, it is finished. Jesus completed the sacrifice that we could never offer. We cannot add to the sufficiency of his blood. Did you hear that?
We cannot add to the sufficiency of the blood of Christ. It is complete. It is the package.
It is all of it. It is all that we need. All sufficient. Our calling is to repent, to believe, and to abide in him.
[45:54] And to walk in his spirit. So if we're under condemnation, come to Jesus. If you carry unconfessed sin, repent and come to Jesus.

If your mind is overwhelmed by accusations, come to Jesus. If we're trying to live on our own strength, surrender afresh to Jesus.
Place your confidence in the Lamb of God. Some day, Revelations 5, 9.
I don't know when this is or was or is to come. But, and they sang a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book and to open the seals thereof.
For thou was slain and has redeemed us to God by your blood out of every kindred and tongue and people and nation. He is worthy and his blood is sufficient.
[47:06] Whether you feel worthy this morning or not is not the issue. The issue is he is worthy. Will he get the reward of his suffering in your life?

Will Jesus be rewarded for suffering for John? You can put your name in there. Does Jesus get the reward that he deserves?
The way to reward him is to have faith in him. Right? To just believe. I cannot save myself.
We looked at that. We have been redeemed by his blood through faith. My past no longer defines my standing in Christ.
His blood cleanses my conscience. I can draw near with a clean conscience. Why don't we? Why don't I?
[48:21] There is no condemnation in Christ. I can overcome through Christ. But I must look unto Jesus. The one who saved me and sustains me.

Here's a verse I found the other day that I thought was powerful to me. And we know this. In fact, there's even a song. We sing the song.
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee because he trusteth in thee.
Does your mind have perfect peace?
It's the mind that is stayed on him. That's focused. Zeroed in. Keep him in your sight. Your eyes fixed upon him.
Amen. Amen. Joy, peace, hope.
[49:27] They're all connected with keeping our eyes on him. I think I want to end with Hebrews 13, verse 20.

Now the God of peace that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his

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will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ to whom be glory forever and ever.
That's how he gets glory. That's another way. It's not just our faith, but our faith that works, that produces fruit. It's through the much fruit.
That's what he's looking for. That he will make us perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you which is well-pleasing in his sight through Jesus Christ.
That's the key. Through Jesus. To whom be glory forever and ever. Our victory is not found in becoming strong enough to live without him.
[50:46] Never happens. Our victory is found in learning to depend on him for everything. Everything. Even our finances.

How many times are we just so smart? We just figure things out. And I believe God wants us to look to him for everything in this life.
Let's pray. Actually, would you stand with me and we'll pray and then I'll turn it over to whoever's next.
And if there's something that we need to recommit to Christ, maybe it's just struggling with condemnation or fears or anxiety or just not knowing or whatever it is, God knows.
And because of him, because of his great love, through him that loved us, we can come boldly to his throne of grace and ask him to set us free.
[51:57] Father, we come to you and Lord Jesus, we are so thankful this morning for your blood. Thank you for shedding your blood and being willing to go to the cross for me.

And Lord, we pray this morning, I believe all our hearts are to bring glory to you, to see you rewarded for your suffering in our lives.
That is what you want. You want good fruits that can only come from a relationship with you. So Lord, this morning, if anyone is here that is struggling with condemnation and thoughts that you would like to set us free from, Lord, we just want to bring them to you and ask you, Lord Jesus, that you would touch us, that your anointing touch.
Even now, Lord, like that man, that testimony this morning that just saw that little vision of you touching him and he was healed. And Lord, you can heal our minds, you can heal our thoughts, our emotions, the things of rejection from our past.
All those things, Lord Jesus, help us to bring them to you. And Lord, we ask you that you would touch every one of us in some way, letting us know that we belong to you.
[53:22] Letting us know that if we've been redeemed, that we come with full confidence, no doubting, but with full assurance, claiming those promises because you are worthy.

Lord Jesus, you are worthy. It's not us that are worthy, but you are. And so, help us to focus on you this week, to believe with all our hearts.
We give ourselves to you and we love you. Thank you. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen. You may be seated.

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