
Upcoming Events

PYCD Men's Basketball, Women's Volleyball, and Badminton (June 19th, Saturday)

PYCD memory verse list for Levels 3 and up and Bible Quiz info is now available:
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Weekly Schedule

Thurs, Apr 29th (Mesquite)	Area Prayer @ Mammen & Salomy's res (7 PM)
Fri, Apr 30th (Mesquite)	Fasting Prayer @ Parsonage (10 AM)
Fri, Apr 30th (Metro)	Impact Meeting @ Metro (7 PM)
Sat, May 1st (Metro)	Sunday School Development Board (10:30 AM)
Sat, May 1st (Metro)	Family Training Hour (FTH) @ Metro (6:45 PM)
Sun, May 2nd (Irving)	Prayer Meeting at Radisson Hotel (6 PM)

Prayer for the Nations: Costa Rica (Latin America)*

- Costa Rica lies in Central America, between Nicaragua and Panama. Christopher Columbus landed here in 1502 and named the land the 'rich coast' because of the gold jewellery worn by the locals.
- In 1949 Costa Rica took the unique step of dismantling its army. In a part of the world where many countries struggle to maintain peace, Costa Rica has had a stabilizing and peaceful influence on its neighbours. Its President was given the Nobel Peace Prize in 1987 for his attempts to spread peace to the rest of Central America.
- The country's economy depends heavily on exporting basic produce like coffee and bananas. 20% of the population live in deep poverty.
- In some rural areas of Costa Rica parents have been turning up to school armed with screwdrivers and saws. Although children in Costa Rica have a good level of education, there is often not enough money for basic resources like desks and chairs.
- Between 1970 and 1988 there was a dramatic growth in the number of evangelical Christians, from 3% to 11% of the population. This exciting time also inspired many Christians to get involved with mission overseas.
- The majority of Costa Ricans have grown up in a Catholic society, but most do not have a personal relationship with Jesus. Some Catholics, however, do have a personal and living faith in God. Pray that many more Costa Ricans in the Catholic Church will be impacted by the gospel and give their lives to God.
- Drug addiction and alcoholism have become serious problems among young people. Few students or young people are Christians – pray that God would call strong leaders to reach and disciple this generation.
- Pray for bible-believing churches to be established amongst all Amerindian tribes. Pray that these churches would encourage indigenous leaders and express the unique languages and cultures of each tribe.

* http://operationworld.24-7prayer.com/country.php?country_id=18

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*Celebrating the Presence of God
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"O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker. For he is our God; and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand..." (Ps 95:6,7)

Welcome

“The Power of the Blood of Jesus”

“...and the blood of his Son, purifies us from all sins” (1 John 1:7)

Warm greetings to you all in the matchless name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. It gives us immense pleasure in welcoming you all to the house of the Lord for a time of worship. As we continue to worship, ponder upon the meaning and power of the blood of Jesus Christ. Let me start with a story.

One night in a church service a young woman felt the tug of God at her heart. She responded to God's call and accepted Jesus as her Lord and Savior. The young woman had a very rough past, involving alcohol, drugs, and prostitution. But, the change in her was evident. As time went on she became a faithful member of the church. She eventually became involved in the ministry teaching young children. It was not very long until this faithful young woman had caught the eye and heart of the pastor's son. The relationship grew and they began to make wedding plans. This is when the problems began. You see, about one half of the church did not think that a woman with a past such as hers was suitable for a pastor's son. The church began to argue and fight about the matter. So they decided to have a meeting. As the people made their arguments and tensions increased, the meeting was getting completely out of hand. The young woman became very upset about all the things being brought up about her past. As she began to cry the pastor's son stood to speak. He could not bear the pain it was causing his wife to be. He began to speak and his statement was this: "My fiancée's past is not what is on trial here. What you are questioning is the ability of the blood of Jesus to wash away sin. Today you have put the blood of Jesus on trial. So, does it wash away sin or not?" The whole church began to weep as they realized that they had been slandering the blood of the Lord Jesus Christ. Too often, even as Christians, we bring up the past and use it as a weapon against our brothers and sisters. Forgiveness is a very foundational part of the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. If the blood of Jesus does not cleanse the other person completely then it cannot cleanse us completely. If that is the case, then we are all in a lot of trouble. What can wash away my sins? Nothing but the blood of Jesus! End of case!!!!

The language of 1 John 5: 7 is steeped in the Old Testament ritualistic language. It reminds us of the sacrificial system as evidenced in the religious life of the people of Israel. One commentator notes that the present tense of the verb stresses Christ's work as an ongoing provision against present and future contingencies. Without it enduring fellowship would be impossible, for the guilt resulting from sin destroys fellowship. The cleansing John speaks of results in forgiveness, restoration, and the reestablishment of love. John Stott's summary is excellent: "What is clear is that if we walk in the light, God has made provision to cleanse us from whatever sin would otherwise mar our fellowship with Him or each other" Similarly, the use of the singular "sin" reminds us that the emphasis is not on sinful acts but on the work of God in Christ that meets and deals with the sin principle itself.

The “blood” of Jesus as the NT portrays is the shorthand for the sacrificial death of Christ. One may read these references to understand the importance of the blood of Jesus and the effect of this blood for the existence and empowerment of the church. (Acts 20: 28; Rom 3:25; 5:9; Eph 1:7; 2: 12-13; Col 1:20; Heb 9:12, 14; 1Pet 1:2, 18-19; Rev 1:7; 5: 9-10) It is our prayer that once we understand the power inherent in the blood of Jesus, that we may appropriate the efficacy of the blood for our struggles with sin and also understand that we need to forgive others who have been washed in His blood.

In Christ Alone

Pastor Satish Kumar

Sermon Notes