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Sprinkling of Blood

1 Peter 1:1-2: 1. Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the strangers scattered throughout Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2. Elect according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied.

The sprinkling of blood was prominent in Israel's Tabernacle services, all of which are an allegory of the cleansing, or sanctification of our spirits toward obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus. In the Tabernacle, the priest would dip his finger in the blood (Lev 4:6; 16:14) of the sacrifice and sprinkle it in various places, depending which ceremony was being observed. What does it mean to sprinkle the blood of Jesus?

Finger: In answer to the Jew's accusation that Jesus was casting out demons by Beelzebub (lord of the house), Jesus stated: **Lk 11:20:** *But if I by the finger of God cast out demons ⁽¹¹⁴⁰⁾, then is the kingdom of God come upon you.* Matthew interpreted what Jesus said: **Mt 12:28:** *But if I by the Spirit of God cast out demons ⁽¹¹⁴⁰⁾, then is the kingdom of God come upon you.* (ASV) A 'demon' (devil - KJ) is an unclean spirit (Lk 4:33; 9:42) and the casting out, or cleansing of it comes by the 'finger' of God - i.e. His spirit, or, His word.

Sprinkle: **Eze 36:23-27:** 23. *And I will sanctify my great name, which was profaned among the heathen, which ye have profaned in the midst of them; and the heathen shall know that I am the Lord, saith the Lord God, when I shall be sanctified in you (our understanding of God becomes pure) before their eyes.* 24. *For I will take you from among the [nations], and gather you out of all countries, and will bring you into your own land.* 25. *Then will I sprinkle clean water upon you, and ye shall be clean: from all your filthiness, and from all your idols, will I cleanse you.* 26. *A new heart also will I give you, and a new spirit will I put within you: and I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will give you an heart of flesh.* 27. *And I will put my spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep my judgments, and do them.*

Water is words or thoughts (Pr 18:4), which from man are considered to be polluted, but from God they are called 'living waters' (Jer 2:13). To sprinkle with the finger (spirit) is to teach, and living water is the pure word of God that begets spiritual life. When we receive His word, we are receiving His spirit, which gives us a new heart, or, a new way of thinking. **Ps 25:12:** *What man is he that fears the Lord? him shall he teach in the way that he shall choose.*

To 'sprinkle the blood of Christ' is to teach the understanding of his death and resurrection. Now, read these verses with understanding:

Isa 52:13-15: 13. *Behold, my servant shall [act wisely], he shall be exalted and extolled, and be very high.* 14. *As many were astonished at thee; his visage was so marred more than any man, and his form more than the sons of men:* 15. *So shall he sprinkle many nations; the kings shall shut their mouths at him: for that which had not been told them shall they see; and that which they had not heard shall they consider.*

Christ's appearance and form were physically marred beyond recognition. Today, however, he is spiritually marred beyond recognition because the cross is not understood in the correct light. People argue over what nature the Son took as a man, and they apply to him the attributes of the Father. The

terrible consequence of receiving man's understanding is that the depth of God's love cannot be seen nor received. **Isa 53:1:** *Who hath believed our report? and to whom is the arm of the Lord revealed?* This question is answered later in the chapter: **Isa 53:11:** *...by his knowledge shall my righteous servant justify many...* God's character can only be understood as we receive understanding from Christ. It may come via another person, but God will impress your heart as to what is truth.

Heb 9:13-14: *13. For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies to the purifying of the flesh: 14. How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge (or, cleanse) your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?* Dead works are a result of dead thoughts - i.e. The fruits of God cannot be produced in an individual unless his thinking is based on God's thoughts and not man's.

Heb 10:22: *Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.* Grace and peace are multiplied when the cross is understood correctly, and correct understanding begins with the fact that there is only one true God - the Father, and one Lord - Jesus Christ (Jn 17:3; 1 Cor 8:6), and they are two separate individuals.

Lk 9:23-26: *23. And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. 24. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it. 25. For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away? 26. For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he shall come in his own glory, and in his Father's, and of the holy angels (human messengers).* When we daily and habitually apply the principles of the cross in our lives, then will we have the glory of the Father and the Son, (cf Jn 17:5, 22, 24). Praise God!