

Bloody Logic

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In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

“And without shedding of blood, there is no remission.”

Dear friends, today is the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, and the third Sunday of the month during which Holy Mother Church commands us to worship the Blood that flows through the veins of God the Son, the Second Person of the Holy Trinity.

But even as she bids us join in this sweet song of her most precious daughter, the Blessed Virgin Mary herself, thousands upon thousands of her priestly sons, and hundreds more of her episcopal lords, and tens upon tens of her cardinal princes, flitter between countless shrines built to the honor and glory of the demon gods of the heathen.

“And without shedding of blood, there is no remission.”

Yes, friends, while Our Lady of Victory lifts her voice in praise of the Blood that pulses through the veins of her Divine Son—the Blood which alone possesses the power to cleanse the guilty conscience of men, to make them and keep them whole, to pay their ransom and to set them free—while this Terror of the Demons hymns the Precious Blood of her God-Man Son, these traitorous ecclesiastics, these sons who have lost their first love, sing novel songs and preen before those who are not gods at all.

Meanwhile, it still remains true that without the shedding of blood, there is no remission.

Yes, friends, while throngs of feckless erstwhile sons sing the praises of men who chase after myths and legends, refusing to bend the knee of their minds and hearts to the Divine Revelation; who consciously reject the saving necessity of the Blood of the Savior; and of men who forge their own paths to God, withholding the obedience of faith that is due to the One who declared quite plainly:

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No man cometh to the Father, but by Me.”

Yes, while Holy Mother Church’s faithless sons busy themselves with all these things, her true sons and daughters join the chorus of the Lord of Armies and sing a new canticle to the Lord:

*Hail, Jesus, hail! who for my sake
sweet Blood from Mary’s veins didst take,
and shed it all for me:
O blessed be my Savior’s Blood,*

*my life, my light, my only good,
to all eternity.*

*To endless ages let us praise
the Precious Blood whose price could raise
the world from wrath and sin;
whose streams our inward thirst appease,
and heal the sinner's worst disease,
if he but bathe therein.*

*O to be sprinkled from the wells
of Christ's own sacred Blood excels
earth's best and highest bliss:
the ministers of wrath divine
hurt not the happy hearts that shine
with those red drops of His!*

*Ah! there is joy amid the saints,
and hell's despairing courage faints
when this sweet song we raise:
O louder then, and louder still,
earth with one mighty chorus fill,
the Precious Blood to praise!*

And this new canticle is, as it were, the womb in which the ancient, yet ever-new, Catholic devotion to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus is conceived and nourished.

"For without shedding of blood, there is no remission."

Friends, in his Epistle to the Catholics at Ephesus, St. Paul confessed the heart of the matter with regard to the Precious Blood of Christ:

"Unto the praise of the glory of the grace of the God and Father of Our Lord Jesus Christ, in which He hath graced us in His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption through His Blood, the remission of sins according to the riches of His grace."

Did you catch that? "In whom we have redemption through His Blood." And if you did, then count yourselves blessed to be numbered among those who know the bloody logic of the Gospel.

And as you come to receive upon your tongues and in your persons the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, I bid you beg of God the Father the grace not only to know, but also to believe and to live a life worthy of the Blood that was shed for your salvation and mine, saying:

“Almighty, everlasting God, who didst appoint Thine only-begotten Son to be Redeemer of the world, and didst vouchsafe to be appeased by His Blood, grant, we beseech Thee, that by our solemn service we may so venerate the price of our redemption, and by its power be so defended from the evils of this present life on earth, that we may enjoy its fruit forevermore in Heaven.”

“Graciously grant to us, we beseech Thee, O Lord, the spirit to think and to do always such things as are rightful, that we who cannot exist without Thee may be enabled to live according to Thy will. Through Jesus Christ, Thy Son, Our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee in the unity of the Holy Ghost, God, world without end. Amen.”

Saint Vincent de Paul, pray for us.

Immaculate Heart of Mary, pray for us.

Most Precious Blood of Jesus, save us.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.