

Intro:

READ WLC Q&A 152 Js 2:10-11). Solution?

Main Point of Text : Christ's blood death justifies you before God so you hear His love rather than fear His hell.

Sermon Point: *Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Move 1: *Your sinful person and life are in opposition to a life with the Holy One.*

Explain: LC: "being against" (person and life at odds/in enmity with):

- "the sovereignty of God": authority. Ex. 20:1-3. Unsubmissive.
- "the goodness of God": generosity. Ex. 20:1-2. Ungrateful.
- "the holiness of God": righteous purity. *Thou art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and canst not look on iniquity ...* (Hab. 1:13) Unclean. Only attribute thrice highlighted (Isaiah 6/Rev. 4:8).
- Lev. 11:44-45: ... *I am the LORD your God: ye shall therefore sanctify yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile yourselves ... ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.*

Move 2: *Your guilty sins are a direct violation of God's perfect ethical code.*

LC: "and against his righteous law". Sin is not making a mistake, but breaking a just law:

- *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law.* (1 Jn. 3:4)
- 1 Jn. 5:17: *All unrighteousness is sin ...*
- *Wherefore the law is holy, and the commandment holy, and just, and good.* (Rom 7:12)
- Rom. 3:23; 6:23.

Move 3: *Thus, you deserve to be hated and punished by God.*

LC: "deserveth his" (worthy of, earned as reward):

- "wrath": angry condemnation. *Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience.* (Eph. 5:6)
- "and curse": punishment. Gal. 3:10 (Deut. 27:26): *For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse: for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them.*
- Evidence: Genesis 3:16-19; 3:23-24. Crucifixion.

Move 4: *Your punishment already began, and it will increase over eternity.*

LC: God's wrath and curse "both":

- "in this life": *Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?* (Lam 3:39)
- "and that which is to come": Mt. 25:41: Cursed cast into "everlasting fire". How can momentary sin be worthy of eternal wrath? God is the Person offended, and He is eternal/infinite. Sinners are finite, so they must pay forever, unless Jesus the God-man pays for it once and for all (1 Tim. 2:5).
- Lk. 16:24; John 3:36b.

Move 5: *Only Jesus Christ can reverse your curse through His blood.*

LC: "cannot be expiated [pay for/atone] but by the blood of Christ". Punishment paid in hell, or on cross.

- The Judge decides the satisfactory payment. Blood. Human blood. Heb. 9:22-26 with 10:18-22
- 1 Pet. 1:18-19: *Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:*
- Romans 5:8-9:
 - Present: God commends (opposite of condemn) and loves (opposite of hate) you who are justified (declared righteous) in the blood of Christ (present application of past payment).
 - Past: We sinned. Christ died on our behalf for our sins (punishment paid on the cross).
 - Future: God's wrath being paid by Christ's blood, we stand justified and won't go to hell.
 - Thus, vs. 1. Only Christ will do: Titus 3:5-6. Can't wash in your own blood. Acts 20:28.
 - Rev. 22:3: no more curse (Gen. 3).
 - 1 Thess. 1:10: Christ whom we wait for has delivered us from God's wrath.

Conclusion:

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What can wash away my sin? ...

HP: *Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*