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**A Personal Message
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Dear Friends of IPM,

We praise the Lord for the cards, letters, and emails that many have sent in light of Leola's Homegoing. The Lord has used them to comfort, encourage, and strengthen our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM Team. Many of you not only expressed great love and appreciation for Leola, but you also urged us to press on in our service unto Christ in reaching out to inmates. By God's faithfulness and grace, we are committed to doing this very thing.

Bibles, Bible dictionaries, testimony books, and biblical edification books continue to pour out each week from IPM to prisoners all across the country. One of the new additions to our edification books is the appreciation gift book for this month - - *The Blood of the Cross*, by Andrew Murray.

The shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ is one of the major themes of the word of God. We can see this pictured in the Old Testament. "*And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are: and when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and the plague shall not be upon you to destroy you, when I smite the land of Egypt*" (Exodus 12:13). Here the Lord is declaring how judgment can be avoided. The Egyptians were going to be judged for their rebellion against the true and living God. An angel of death would go through the land and bring judgment to all who were not covered by the shed blood of the Passover lamb. Faith in the provision of the Lord brought protection from judgment to all who believed.

We see this fulfilled for us in the New Testament. "*For*

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even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us" (1 Corinthians 5:7). We are delivered from judgment for sin by the shed blood of Jesus Christ. This is good news for inmates. This is good news for us all.

John the Baptist proclaimed these truths. "The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29).

The Apostle Peter was led of the Spirit to use similar language. "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" (1 Peter 1:18-19). Herein we see that we were redeemed by the shed blood of our Lord Jesus. The blood of Christ was the precious price God paid to buy us back from the spiritual slave market of sin and guilt. This is good news for inmates. This is good news for us all.

What a privilege it is to serve such a glorious Savior and to proclaim such a wonderful gospel. And what a joy to serve Him together with so many devoted and faithful ministry partners. We anticipate all that the Lord will do in the days ahead to save the souls of many inmates and to build them up in the faith.

Proclaiming the Good News of the Shed Blood of Christ,

Bob Hoekstra

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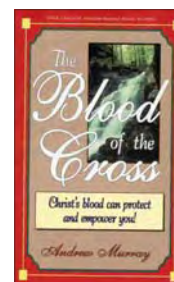
(for all of our "Chaplain Ray Family" and the IPM Team)

P. S. Remember, our appreciation gift book for this month is a new selection from IPM - - The Blood of the Cross, by Andrew Murray.



"Where the sense of the need exists, the first requirement for a full faith in the blood is: A spiritual knowledge of the Word of God."

Andrew Murray



Selected Highlights:

Chapter 1- The Spirit and the Blood

"There are three that bear witness on earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood, and these agree in one."
(1 John 5:8)

Chapter 2 - The Blood of the Cross

"(God) having made peace through the blood of His cross, by Him to reconcile all unto Himself; by Him, whether they be things on earth, or things in heaven." (Colossians 1:20)

Chapter 3 - The Altar Sanctified by the Blood

"Seven days thou shalt make an atonement for the altar, and sanctify it; and it shall be an altar most holy; whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy." (Exodus 29:37)

Chapter 4 - Faith in the Blood

"Whom God had set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood." (Romans 3:25)

Chapter 5 - The Blood of the Lamb

"These are they which came out of great tribulation, and have washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb." (Revelation 7:14)

Chapter 6 - The Blood-bought Multitude

"And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof; for thou was slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation." (Revelation 5:9)

Chapter 7 - "When I See the Blood"

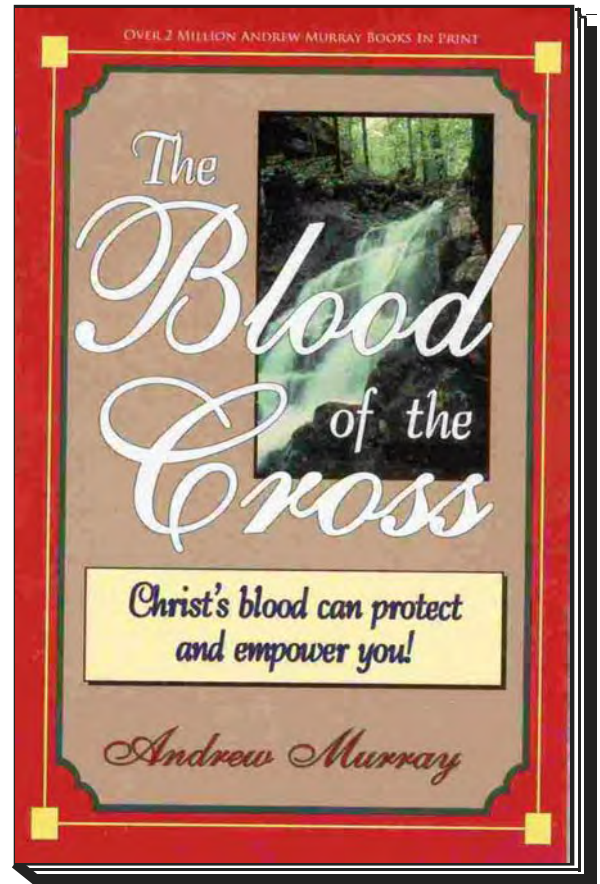
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Chapter 8 - Purchased by the Blood

"Worthy art Thou . . . for Thou wast slain, and hast purchased us to God by Thy blood." (Revelation 5:9)

Chapter 9 - The Blood and the Trinity

"Peter . . . to . . . the elect according to the



foreknowledge of God the Father, through sanctification of the Spirit, unto obedience and the sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace unto you, and peace, be multiplied." (1 Peter 1:1-2)

Chapter 10 - Washed in His Blood

"To Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests unto God His Father, to Him be glory and power forever and ever, Amen." (Revelations 1:5-6)

May we rest in and rely upon all the provisions of the shed blood of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Yes, Send Gift Book:

*The
Blood
of the
Cross*

by Andrew Murray

It is the policy of I.P.M. to use each gift as it is designated by the donor. If any project is completed, any surplus will be used where it is needed most.

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IPM Sent Me a Bible in 2003, I Am Still Holding On to That Bible and Praying Every Day! *Walter W., California Prison*

The Bible Is Not Just Words to Read, They are God's Living Word.

Dear Pastor Bob, God blesses us in here in that we have new found time to read more and pray more. Time becomes valuable. Sometimes God's words are hard to understand, or even believe. But I have been saved by grace through faith in Christ. I cannot find if I don't look. I am God's child and I want to know my Father. It does not feel right when I do not read the Bible daily. So when I do not understand a part of the Bible, I can pass over it. There is plenty of Bible there to read. And I have to remember the Bible is not just words to read, they are God's living word. The parts I understand come alive. Reading the Word is not about emotions, it is about devotion. I devote my time every day to getting a chunk of the Bible read. And I pray for God to open the eyes' of my heart.

Dan K., California Prison

Nothing Less Than A Blessing

It is strange sometimes how God's love can cause some tears.

I am being truthful about this,

it has happened for quite a few years

Then after they dry, He will send me some serious thoughts,

Answers to questions I have asked,

how to keep that love in my heart.

I am not saying this is the only way to receive your request,

but when God moves my heart,

it is like a great big hug at its best.

I even find myself at time talking and praying to Him.

Thanking Him for His love, and

giving me this understanding.

He just continues in my life, Nothing less than a blessing.

David K., California Prison

"Worthy art Thou . . . For Thou wast slain, and hast purchased us to God by Thy blood" (Revelation 5:9).

From Muslim to Faith in Jesus Christ

Dear Pastor Bob, I have been a Muslim all my life. After seeing that nothing in my life is changing, I was starting to wonder why. So I went to church one Sunday. I was shocked to see all the love that was in the chapel. Somebody gave me some testimony books to read -- "Devil Driver," "For Tomorrow We Die," "Jewels for the Journey," and "God's Prison Gang." I am seeing things a lot differently. I am changing my faith. Please send me a Bible and Bible study helps and testimony books. Thanks.

Idris E., Pennsylvania Prison

The Path to the Lord

I sit now on the side of a dark and narrow path, Looking back at the steps I took.

Now I know the sinful steps I took that led me astray from that good book, the Bible.

However as the Bible states if we believe and ask the Lord for forgiveness, we shall be granted it. We just have to believe in and follow the good book.

Timothy M., Florida Prison

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Message or Prayer Request for IPM:
