

And if the bugler doesn't sound a clear sound, how will the soldiers know they are being called to battle?

1st Corinthians 14:8 NLV

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Prayer Study # 258

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FAILURE ISN'T FINAL!

But if we[really]are living and walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses (removes) us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations].

1st John 1:7 AMP

1. *It happened in the spring of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab and his servants with him and all Israel; and they destroyed the people of Ammon and besieged Rabbah. But David remained at Jerusalem.*
2. *Then it happened one evening that David arose from his bed and walked on the roof of the king's house. And from the roof he saw a woman bathing and the woman was very beautiful to behold.*
3. *So David sent and inquired about the woman. And someone said, "Is this not Bathsheba, the daughter of Eliam, the wife of Uriah the Hittite?"*
4. *Then David sent messengers and took her, and she came to him, and he lay with her, for she was cleansed from her impurity, and she returned to her house.*
5. *And the woman conceived; so she sent and told David and said, "I am with child."*
6. *Then David sent to Joab saying, "Send me Uriah the Hittite." And Joab sent Uriah to David.*
7. *When Uriah had come to him, David asked how Joab was doing and how the people were doing and how the war prospered.*
8. *And David said to Uriah, "Go down to your house and wash your feet." So Uriah departed from the king's house and a gift of food from the king followed him.*
9. *But Uriah slept at the door of the king's house with all the servants of his lord and did not go down to his house.*
10. *So when they told David, saying, "Uriah did not go down to his house," David said to Uriah, "Did you not come from a journey? Why did you not go down to your house?"*

11. *And Uriah said to David, "The ark and Israel and Judah are dwelling in tents, and my lord Joab and the servants of my lord are encamped in the open fields. Shall I then go to my house to eat and drink and to lie with my wife? As you live, and as your soul lives, I will not do this thing."*
12. *Then David said to Uriah, "Wait here today also and tomorrow I will let you depart." So Uriah remained in Jerusalem that day and the next.*
13. *Now when David called him, he ate and drank before him, and he made him drunk. And at evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but he did not go down to his house.*
14. *In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah.*
15. *And he wrote the letter, saying, "Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle and retreat from him that he may be struck down and die."*
16. *So it was, while Joab besieged the city that he assigned Uriah to a place where he knew there were valiant men.*
17. *Then the men of the city came out and fought with Joab. And some of the people of the servants of David fell, and Uriah the Hittite died also.*
18. *The Joab sent and told David all the things concerning the war.*
19. *And charged the messenger, saying, "When you have finished telling the matters of the war to the king,*
20. *"If it happens that the king's wrath rises, and he says to you, 'Why did you approach so near to the city when you fought? Did you not know that they would shoot from the wall?*
21. *'Who struck Abimelech the son of Jerubbesheth? Was it not a woman who cast a piece of a millstone on him from the wall, so that he died in Thebes? Why did you go near the wall?'-then you shall say, 'Your servant Urriah the Hittite is dead also.'"*
22. *So the messenger went and came and told David all that Joab had sent by him.*
23. *And the messenger said to David, "Surely the men prevailed against us and came out to us in the field; then we drove them back as far as the entrance of the gate.*
24. *"The archers shot from the wall at your servants, and some of the king's servants are dead, and your servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also."*

25. *Then David said to the messenger, "Thus you shall say to Joab: 'Do not let this thing displease you, for the sword devours one as well as another. Strengthen your attack against the city and overthrow it.' So encourage him."*

26. *When the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she mourned for her husband.*

27. *And when her mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife and bore him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased the LORD.*

2nd Samuel 11:1-27

David Failed the Lord:

1. He did not go to where the Lord called him to go to do what the Lord had called him to do. Instead he sent someone else to lead the army because he wanted to stay where it was comfortable and easy. Many people do not obey the Lord's calling on their lives because they want the easy way out. Spiritually, all the leaders God has appointed must go out to battle against the kingdom of darkness. Those who don't go are disobedient to God. David should have gone to war with his men.
2. He committed adultery.
3. He tried to make another man sin.
4. He had a man murdered and thus was a murderer himself.
5. He lied.

David's sin was grievous and put him under judgment. From this point on David's life was a series of heartbreaks and troubles. He had to reap what he sowed. The Lord does not whip the devil's children, but He chastens those He loves and scourged every son He receives (Hebrews 12:6). In other words, He takes us to the woodshed, and He took David to the woodshed.

Yet David eventually acknowledged his sin, repented and was forgiven. Furthermore, he was called a man after God's own heart and through his bloodline, Jesus was born. This failure, as bad as it was, was not final.

Today our failure does not have to be final. It will be, however, if we do not invite Jesus to have a personal relationship with us and walk the walk of faith. Coming into a genuine relationship with Christ gives us access to the Blood of the Lamb.

And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation and strength and the kingdom of God and the power of His Christ; for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God

day and night. And they overcame him by the BLOOD of the Lamb and by the Word of their testimony, and they loved not their lives unto the death.

Derek Prince did an excellent teaching on the BLOOD which we receive when we accept Jesus and make Him Lord of our lives:

1. **THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS, I AM REDEEMED OUT OF THE HAND OF THE DEVIL.** *Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He hath redeemed from the hand of the enemy (Psalm 107:2).*
2. **THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS, ALL MY SINS ARE FORGIVEN.** *In Whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace...(Ephesians 1:7).*
3. **THE BLOOD OF JESUS, GOD'S SON, CONTINUALLY CLEANSSES ME FROM ALL SIN.** *But if we [really] are living and walking in the Light, as He [Himself] is in the Light, we have [true, unbroken] fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses (removes) us from all sin and guilt [keeps us cleansed from sin in all its forms and manifestations]. 1st John 1: 7 AMP*
4. **THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS, I AM JUSTIFIED, MADE RIGHTEOUS, JUST AS IF I HAD NEVER SINNED.** *Much more then, being now justified by His blood, we should be saved from wrath through him (Romans 5:9).*
5. **THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS, I AM SANCTIFIED-MADE HOLY OR SET APART TO GOD AND SEPARATED FROM THE DEVIL.** *Wherefore, Jesus also, that He might sanctify the people with His own blood, suffered outside the gate (Hebrews 13:12).*
6. **MY BODY IS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT-REDEEMED, CLEANSSED, SANCTIFIED BY THE BLOOD OF JESUS. THEREFORE, SATAN HAS NO PLACE IN ME, NO POWER OVER ME, THROUGH THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB JESUS! What? Know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom ye have of God and ye are not your own. For ye are bought with a price; therefore, glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's (1st Corinthians 6:19-20).**

This is what you get when you enter into relationship with Jesus and are covered with His blood. Do you know Him today?

Requirements of Salvation

1. Confession: Romans 10:10-*For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.*
2. Repentance: Mark 1:15-*And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.*
3. Faith: John 3:14-18-*And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life. For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. He that believes in Him is not condemned; but he that does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*
4. Regeneration: John 3:3-8-*Jesus answered and said unto him, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. Nicodemus said to Him, How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born? Jesus answered, Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not marvel that I said to you, You must be born again. The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.*
5. Holy Scripture: 2nd Timothy 3:15-*And that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus.*
6. Believe: Romans 10:9-*That if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.*

Excuses People Give for Not Accepting Christ

1. **I am too bad or too great a sinner.** 1st Timothy 1:15 says Jesus came to save the Chief of sinners, and though their sins be as scarlet (Isaiah 1:18), Jesus is able to save to the "uttermost" (Hebrews 7:25) and will not "cast away" any who come to Him (John 6:27). Isaiah 1:18-*"Come now and let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though*

your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow. Though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool."

2. **I am afraid I can't hold out.** God will not permit us to be tempted above what we are able to bear (1st Corinthians 10:13). We are not to keep ourselves but are kept by the power of God (1st Peter 1:5). Christ is able to keep us (Jude 24) and no man can pluck us out of His hand (John 10:27-29). He who has begun a good work in us will continue it unto the end (Philippians 1:6). *Philippians 1:6-Being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ.*
3. **I will be persecuted.** Yes, all who live godly will suffer persecution (2nd Timothy 3:12). Jesus suffered persecution (1st Peter 2:20-21), and we must not let even those of our own household keep us from Christ (Matthew 10:34-39). The sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the Glory, which shall be revealed to us (Romans 8:18). *2nd Timothy 3:12-Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.*
4. **I am seeking, but cannot find Him.** The reason is you do not search with "all your heart" (Jeremiah 29:13). As Christ is seeking you (Luke 19:10), if you are really seeking Him, it won't be take long for a seeking Savior and a seeking sinner to find each other. Luke 19:10-*"...for the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost."* Jeremiah 29:13-*And you will seek Me and find Me, when you search for Me with all your heart.*
5. **I am trying to be a Christian.** It is not "trying", but RECEIVING!" John 1:12-*But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God to those who believe in His name.*
6. **I can't believe.** In most cases the reason is an unforgiving spirit (Matthew 5:22-24 & 6:15), some sin you refuse to give up (Matthew 18:8), love of the world (1st John 2:15), business or social entanglements (Mark 8:36 & 2nd Corinthians 6:14-17), being ashamed (Luke 9:26). Isaiah 55:7 will show you what you must do, and Galatians 6:7-8 will show you the consequences if you don't. Romans 10:17 shows you how FAITH comes.
7. **It is too late for me.** The dying thief story tells us it is never too late until we are dead (Luke 23:39-43).
8. **Inconsistencies of Christians keep me from Christ.** Jesus said, *"What is that to you? Follow me."* (John 21:22) Every one of us must give a personal account to Christ (Romans 14:10-12). Yes, sometimes Christians are inconsistent. If you think about it, only

Christians can be inconsistent because they are trying to follow Christ, and Satan is trying to prevent them (Romans 7:18-25), but your eyes should be on Jesus, and you should follow Him as your example and not any other man or woman.

9. **I do believe but I don't feel saved.** Feeling is the FRUIT, not the ROOT of salvation (Galatians 5:22 & 1st Peter 1:8). The Bible nowhere says we are to trust in our "feelings" for salvation, but we are to trust in the PROMISES of God.
10. **There are other ways to get to heaven besides Jesus.** John 14:6-*Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me."*
11. **I'll have time later.** Matthew 24:36-37-*"But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, but My Father only. But as the days of Noah were, so also will the coming of the Son of Man be."*
12. **I have committed the unpardonable sin or blasphemy against the Holy Spirit.** Matthew 12:31-*"Therefore I say to you, every sin and blasphemy will be forgiven men, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven men."*

Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you died on the cross for my sins and rose again from the dead. You redeemed me by your blood, and I belong to You, and I want to live for You. I confess all my sins-known and unknown-I'm sorry for them all. I renounce them all. I forgive all others as I want you to forgive me. Forgive me now and cleanse me with your blood. I thank You for the blood of Jesus Christ which cleanses me now from all sin. And I come to you now as my deliverer. You know my special needs-the thing that holds, that torments, that defiles, that evil spirit, that unclean spirit-I claim the promise of your word, "Whosoever that calleth on the name of the Lord shall be delivered." I call upon you now. In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, deliver me and set me free. Satan, I renounce you and all your works. I loose myself from you, in the name of Jesus, and I command you to leave me right now in Jesus name.

AMEN!

THE BLOOD BOUGHT CHURCH

Nancy Harmon

They shall lift up their voice
They shall sing for joy
They shall cry aloud and be free
They shall glorify the name of the Lord
It's the blood bought, the church, the redeemed

Oh, pick up your heart
Oh Zion of the Lord
Let the earth ring forth with His praise
All His children rejoice from the island of the sea
It's the blood bought, the church, the redeemed

Let the earth be silent
All winds cease to blow
Every created being hold your wing
For there's a new song being sung
With a new melody
In the blood bought, the church, the redeemed

CHORUS

And we are in the army of the Lord
We've been washed in the blood
And we are going forth
There is nothing that can stop this mighty moving force
With a shout of praise, a two edged sword
Every stronghold of bondage must fall beneath our feet
Every prisoner held captive must be freed
For our deliverance has come
Through the power of the Son
It's the blood bought, the church, the redeemed.