***Talking Blood – With God At The Cross – Hebrews 11:4; 12:22-29***

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**Introduction**

1. Hebrews 12 is one of the most exciting, amazing chapters in the Bible. It literally takes us into the “Throne Room in Heaven.” In this chapter, it says the blood of Jesus speaks better than that of Abel.
2. The blood of Abel cried for justice; the blood of Jesus cried for forgiveness! God is speaking today and He does it with “talking blood.”
3. **God’s Immutability**
   1. God is the same yesterday, today, and forever...
      1. God never changes (James 1:17) for God is God.
      2. God is holy, pure, and without sin. He hates sin! He cannot fellowship with sin and to dismiss sin is to diminish God.
   2. How can God interact with sinful man?
      1. By nailing His Son to the cross (Acts 2:23-36). God is both just and the justifier (Romans 3:21-26). God’s law demands justice for sin and Jesus paid its penalty for all who will accept it. He provided atonement, the Lamb of God (Romans 6:23-24).
4. **God’s Righteousness**
   1. God’s righteousness is found at the cross.
      1. Man’s purpose is simple – to glorify God. Sin is anything that does not glorify God. We all fail and sin (Romans 3:23) and need God’s righteousness (Romans 3:24) to be justified.
      2. Christianity is not man saving himself but salvation through Christ on the cross. It is grace through faith. Faith is trust in God! It changes us completely!
5. **God’s Grace**
   1. What does the blood of Christ say (Hebrews 12:18-24)?
      1. It speaks of the majestic and powerful love of God (1 John 4:7-11; Romans 5:6-8; John 3:16). It is the cry of the gospel that God loves us. What a savior!
         1. Grace?... is what happened for us.
         2. Faith?... is our response to that which happened for us.
         3. Works?... that which by faith happens through us.

Ephesians 2:8-10 says, “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; . . .”