

## Good Friday Talk (Revelation 1:5)

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### Selected Verses:

John 3:16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

Revelation 1:5-6. And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, 6And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

### Opening:

God so loved the world! Sometimes fathers put their little boy on the table and they say, "How much do you love your Papa?" and then they put up their paws. And my Lord Jesus Christ was nailed to the cross. And so, tonight, I thank God for the fact that God so loved me. But it doesn't mean much to me unless I accept that love. And tonight, we could search our own hearts and see how much of it we have received.

I have a text here, and I'm so thankful for the last book in the Bible. I'm so glad that throughout the Bible, there runs that red line: that testimony to the blood, that "without the shedding of blood, there is no remission."

The British navy had a way to save all the ropes that they used in their ships. They spun a red thread through that rope, and wherever you found a piece of rope with a red thread through it, that wasn't on one of those ships, why it was stolen, and you were in danger of being put in the jug. That red line showed where it belonged. And, praise God! "When I see the blood," God says, "I will pass over you."

And here is the verse in the last book of the Bible. And I'm so glad that there they make more of the blood than anywhere else in the whole Bible. And they say, "Unto Him that loved us and loosed us from our sins!"

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### Selected Quotes:

You cannot possibly know God until you know His love for you, personally. That's the truth. And here He tells us that all the saints and all the saved in heaven, they have one song, and that song glorifies no man on earth, no prophet, no preacher, and no cardinal, and no evangelist, and no organization, but they praise and they glorify just One: "Unto the Lamb in the midst of the throne be glory and dominion and power and might forever and forever." And they say, "Unto Him that loved us and loosed us from our sins!"

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Young men and women, you go to a high school, you go to schools of learning. Don't let those sons of monkeys fool you. Let the Son of God breathe into you the breath of life. Let Him fill you with the Holy Ghost. Let God Almighty "who commanded the light to shine out of darkness shine into your hearts," and I tell you, you'll have a wisdom, and you'll know a science that the others don't know.

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Why does Jesus Christ complain about Ephesus that they've left their first love? What did they leave? They left Him.

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Oh, that love of God is absolute, but that love of God is absolute toward me personally. What am I doing with it? Have I come to drink that blood and to eat the flesh of the Son of man? Have I answered that great call from the cross of Christ: "Be ye reconciled to God?" Or as the German Bible says, "Lasset euch versöhnen mit Gott?" "Be made sons of God." That's the only thing that will satisfy the heart of my Jesus that bled itself to death. You cannot satisfy Him by singing about Calvary and talking about it, but you can satisfy Him by becoming a living sacrifice, by saying "Jesus, had I a thousands hearts to



Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;  
They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,  
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned, a hymn by Samuel Stennett:

Since from His bounty I receive  
Such proofs of love divine,  
Had I a thousand hearts to give,  
Lord, they should all be Thine.