

His Blood Runs Warm

by Sheri Del Core

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ (Ephesians 2:13).

The blood of Jesus still runs warm. I first heard this phrase during a Bible study class. The impact of this expression, which is both shocking and mind blowing, actually helped me better grasp the truth of being covered in the blood of Jesus.

Thinking about real, living, warm blood is at first somewhat gruesome, but after meditating on it further, it occurred to me that when I was dead in my transgressions, I was spiritually “dead cold.” The life-giving warmth of the blood of Christ covered my frozen and failing heart—spiritual hypothermia—and breathed new life into my congealing spirit.

I’m not only presented to God as holy by this sacred covering that washes away my sins and makes me clean, but I’m also given life by its warmth and vitality. His blood is living, flowing and warm. Just think of it. It will not dry up or run out, and it has no limits. There is enough to cover every single person ever created.

With physical hypothermia the body gets so cold that breathing slows and the heart quivers instead of beats. A

person appears dead—cold, unresponsive, without breath or pulse, and their eyes won’t respond to light. Applied spiritually, does this sound familiar? This is an accurate description of the state of my soul before I accepted CPR from Jesus. Jesus being who he is went even further and gave me a blood transfusion. Now we’re related!

First aid instructions for hypothermia state that one should never assume a person is dead. They may look as good as dead, but a person giving first aid should always assume a person with hypothermia is alive. Trust that there is hope—that breath and life can be restored.

When we’re ready and willing to be rescued, Jesus moves us out of the cold, warms us by sharing his body heat, never leaves us alone and never gives up hope. He doesn’t just jumpstart us—he covers us with his blood and pours his Spirit into us, affecting every part of our being. □

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