

INSURGENCY

The God Who Bleeds - II

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Open in Prayer

Review Chapter 5 of the digital book, *Insurgency*, and read Matthew 6:9-12.

Pastor Derwin writes, "The God who bleeds reconciles us to Himself through the cross of Jesus. To be reconciled means that we were once God's enemies, but that He has made us friends through Christ's blood." Why was it necessary for God to shed blood in order to reconcile us?

The God Who Bleeds:

1. **Fulfilled His covenant with Abraham.**

Read **Ephesians 2:12-13**

- This passage is directed to Gentiles and emphasizes how they have been included in the Abrahamic covenant.
- What are the individual implications of this passage? What are the implications as a whole?

Read **Galatians 3:8**

- When do the Scriptures first talk of God justifying the Gentiles and blessing all nations? Was this always part of the plan? How does this shape your view of the Abrahamic covenant?

2. **Gives us peace with Himself and with each other cross-culturally, making us a new people.**

Read **Ephesians 2:14-15**

- We receive vertical peace (between us and God) first and foremost. We also receive horizontal peace between people across cultures. Jews and Gentiles are now one.
- Do you feel that you can have peace with people who are different from you? What gets in the way of that peace?
- Pastor Derwin mentioned Clement of Alexandria's writings on the third race. What do you think of this concept?

3. **Made us the reconciled, multiethnic Body of Christ.**

Read **Ephesians 2:16**

- The cross reconciles us to God, but also makes us a new body in fulfillment of God's covenant.
- How does it change you to know that you are part of a multiethnic family? How does your perspective shift?

Soul-tattoo:

1. **Sign up** to be baptized! [April 7]
2. **Sign up** for Transformation Track!