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Frank Hall Wright (1860-1922) was an evangelist in the western United States.

Scope and Contents:  
The Frank Hall Wright Sermons are typed, bound sermons delivered by Wright at First Presbyterian Church of San Antonio in January 1916. These sermons were a component of special evangelistic services intended for both Christians and the general public.

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"Peace by the Blood."

There are a great many men who don't know that peace has been declared. I heard about a man after the Civil War who was living out in the brush. One day a man met him and asked him what he was doing out there. And he said he was hiding from the enemy. The man asked him if he did not know that peace had been declared and he said, "No I didn't know it." And there he was running around in the brush because he did not know that peace had been declared. I dare say that then he threw away his blanket and his musket and all his other things and got out on the road and pulled for home. Do you know that it is a remarkable thing that a great many men do not know that peace has been declared with God. Some times when people are converted you hear some one go to them and say, "Have you made peace with God." I think I have told you about who was about to die. And a man came to her and said, "Have you made peace with God?" And she said, "I have not. That was done more than eighteen hundred years ago." Christ made peace through his blood and since that there has been peace. Sometimes we get so confused about this thing. I want to turn to Exodus 12:13. -- "And the blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses where ye are:--
Life out of death. There had to be sacrifice first. It just as true in the civil field as in the religious field. We can never come to any clearer vision except through the strife and struggle of others. We would never have had any conception of the word of God until there was sacrifice. There could never be life until there was death. If you want to see Christ in his real character you have to look on the cross. You have to see Jesus as a Savior first and then as an example. If I felt unsaved I would not want to talk about Jesus. I would know it was useless. It would be awful to me. As I looked at his life it would discourage me. I would say, "I can't live it." A great many people don't want the Christian religion because they think it rests on them. They don't know that it rests on the finished work of God. "And the blood shall be to for a token." You all know what to what historical incident that refers to. He told them to kill a lamb and put the blood on their door posts. -- So that it shall be a token to you where ye are.-- I don't have any doubt that there were some very unworthy folks behind that blood. But that did not hinder at all. We have no right to stand before God except through the righteousness of Jesus Christ. Do you suppose I have a right? I once read a legend of a young girl during that time who was sick. She was the oldest of that family. And a great cry was going up from the Jewish homes, the homes where there was no blood. I can just imagine how that young girl felt. She said, "Father did you put the blood on the
door post?" He said, "Quiet my child the blood is there." But father are you sure the blood is there?" He said, "I told your brother to put it there." She rose the third time and asked, "Father are you sure the blood is there?" And to comfort her he went out to look and the blood was not there. He had intended to put it there, but it was not there. A great many people intend to get saved some time but they never get there. That young girl had to suffer the penalty. It makes no difference about you hopes and intentions. If the blood is not there you will not be saved. Peace has been made for you but you have not accepted it. I am glad to be a minister that preaches the peace that God speaks to the human soul. Some of you say you are afraid to go to God. Friends that is a matter of temperament. Some men have no fear and there are others that have fear. That is not to say that the fearful will not do their duty. One time there were two men sent out by a man to do a certain duty. When they got out a piece one man saw the other was pale and he said, "I believe you are afraid." The other man said, "If you were as afraid as I am you would die of fright." The first man went back to the officer and said, "Sir you have sent a coward with me." And he was told, "Back to your work or that coward will have done your duty." Fear is a matter of temperament. Some people have no fear of death. How many of those cowboys have any fear of death. A man once told me of two opposing bunches of cowboys bringing their cattle to the same
stream for water. And there were eight bodies to bury after that meeting. They cared no more about human life than for dog life. They did not know what fear meant. You say, "I am not afraid to die." But that does not change the matter. Are you prepared to die? Have you accepted Jesus? Have you accepted that peace? There is another thing. We can not understand why that blood saved them from death. There was an epidemic that was killing the first born. People might say that was no way to ward off death. The way was to purify the premises. That is what the unbelievers would say. If the blood was there they were saved. They had to rest on God's word. It made no difference how upset the people were about it, if they had done as God told them it was all right. A great many Christians feel they are not all right. When you rest upon God's word you rest on something that will never go back on you. If you don't get the blessing of salvation you are to blame. I say peace has been declared. It is for you if you will accept it. You can not make peace. The individual soldier could not make peace. I tell you God has to be satisfied before peace can be made. That peace had to be made before it could be preached. We know it has been made. — Whosoever believeth in the Lord Jesus Christ.— Just the sprinkling of the blood saved those men. Just so surely if you trust Jesus as God set forth in the Bible will you be saved.
Jesus paid the penalty. God declared that peace has been made. Surely if God is satisfied we ought to be satisfied. I tell you how we know He is satisfied with Jesus. By the rising of Jesus Christ from the dead. If Jesus had had a spot of sin in his soul the grave would have held him. But the bonds of death were broken and he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of the Father. And there he receded for us. If you trust Jesus God will talk peace to your troubled soul. That is the only way we can have peace. While you read the story before your mind comes the picture of Jesus on the cross. While you read it you get the promise of the Father. "When I see the blood I shall pass over you." So I am sure of my ground on this matter, it is the blood that brings the peace for this reason. That all through the Bible it speaks of the blood. Matt. 26:27-28--"And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins."

Eph. 1:7--"In whom we have redemption through his blood--" If you trust not Jesus if you reject Jesus you will have to answer with all the unbelievers for the blood of Christ. Heb. 10:4 "By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain." It seems to me that brings out the idea. Multitudes are against the blood of Jesus. Cain brought the best of his field. It must have been a
beautiful sacrifice. But God rejected it. There was no blood in it. Abel brought the bloody sacrifice and it was accepted. "The blood of Jesus Christ cleanses from all sin,"-- The Bible says. God has given us the blood of Jesus Christ to make atonement for the soul. I don't care how far gone in sin you are, God will speak peace to your soul if you accept Jesus. Peace has been made by the blood. All we have to do is accept it. Have you accepted it? There is no peace for the wicked. One time some missionaries saw a Hindu walking around a tree on his knees, he was praying. They went up and asked what he was doing. He said, "I am trying to take the burden of sin out of my soul. I went to the Hindu priests and asked them how to get the burden off and they told me I was a rich man to go and build temples for the idols. That did not help, then they told me to go bath in the sacred waters, I went and sirs the burden of sin is still on my heart." He had done all the priests had told him and still the burdian of sin was there. He said, "Do your books of religion tell you how the soul can have the sin taken off?" This old Bible is the book. We told him, "The blood of his son cleanses us from all sin." We said Jesus had satisfied the law of God. There two acts we could not do. We could not pay the penalty. He paid the debt, he kept the law for us. He absolutely satisfied God. That Hindu accepted Jesus Christ, peace came to him. He said, "Give me that book." The last we saw of that Hindu he was hugging it to his heart.
They never saw that old Hindy again but they expect to see him again before the throne of God. So will every one of us whose robes have been made white with the blood. Every one of us who accepts the blood. God has given you the promise. He says "when I see the blood I shall pass over you." Away with the doubts and fears if you trust Jesus. That is all. How many have gone into glory? How many are awaiting the summons today. Perfectly at rest, at peace with God, because they accepted the peace, because they have accepted God. We have the assurance of God.