

The ministers of wrath divine  
Hurt not the happy hearts that shine  
With those red drops of His !

Ah ! there is joy amid the saints,  
And Hell's despairing courage faints  
When this sweet song we raise ;  
Oh louder then, and louder still,  
Earth with one mighty chorus fill,  
The Precious Blood to praise !

*Faber.*

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THE PRECIOUS BLOOD IN THE LIGHT OF FAITH

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III.

THE BLOOD OF JESUS REMITS OUR SINS AND PURIFIES  
OUR SOULS.

**S**AINTE PAUL teaches that truth twice, in the very same words : to the Ephesians, I, 7, and to the Colossians : " We have redemption through his blood, *the remission of sins*, according to the riches of his *grace*. "—Writing to the Hebrews, he adds : " How much more (than the blood of goats and oxen) shall the blood of Christ, who by the Holy Ghost offered himself unspotted unto God, *cleanse* our conscience from dead works, to serve the living God " (Heb. 9, 14) !—" The *blood of Jesus Christ cleanseth* us from all sin," says *Saint John* (I, 1, 7).

In the opening of the Apocalypse, he depicts an imposing tableau of the magnificence with which the Saviour Jesus cleanses us from our sins in his Blood :

" Grace be unto you and peace from him that is, and that was, and that is to come, and from the seven spirits which are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth, who hath loved us *and washed us from our sins in his own blood*, and hath