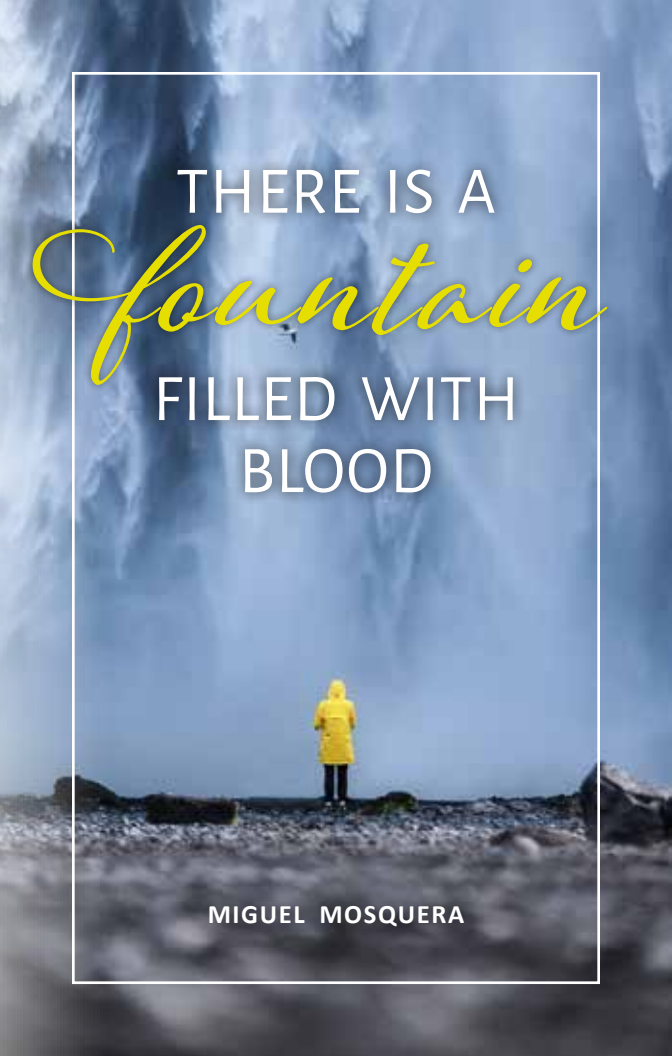

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William Cowper was a hymn writer who was born on November 26, 1731, in Berkhamsted, England. When he was barely 6 years old, his mother died, causing a wound so deep in his heart that it was impossible to heal for the rest of his life. Such was his love for his mother that almost 50 years after she died, he wrote, "not a week passes (perhaps I might with equal veracity say a day) in which I do not think of her: such was the impression her tenderness made upon me, though the opportunity she had for showing it was so short."

William's life was full of difficulties and sadness, but the Lord Jesus Christ, his Saviour, was also his strength in the hardest times. One of his hymns says:

There is a fountain filled with blood,
Drawn from Immanuel's veins,
And sinners plunged beneath that flood
Lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see
That fountain in his day;

And there have I,
though vile as he,
Washed all my sins away:

It is quite possible that William was thinking of 1 John 1:7 when he wrote this hymn: "**the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin**" (NKJV). We can learn two things from this verse. First, that of the SUFFERINGS of Christ. The blood leads us to think about his sufferings on the cross for our sins. Since the Bible teaches that "**without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins**" (HEBREWS 9:22 ESV), the sacrifice of Christ was absolutely necessary in order to obtain forgiveness. So, Christ had to die in order to offer forgiveness of sins. You cannot pay for this forgiveness since the price it cost is very high.



Can you match the price of the blood of Christ? Forgiveness can only be received as a gift.

Secondly, we learn of the POWER of Christ, as His blood **"cleanses us from all sin."** Notice that it does not say: "cleanses from some sins", nor does it say: "cleanses from many sins", but rather it says: **"cleanses from all sin."** This includes your past, present, and future sins, because God knows them all.

This allowed the thief who died alongside Jesus on the cross to be saved before dying, despite having led a life of much sin and being unable to do anything to earn salvation. He was forgiven simply by faith in Jesus who died for him. And you, have your sins already been cleansed by the blood of Christ?

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