

“The Precious Blood Of Jesus”
Hebrews 9:1-28
3/15/26
Message 16

Introduction

- Title Of The Message: “The Precious Blood Of Jesus”

- **What Can Wash Away My Sins**

- What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
- O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
- For my pardon this I see
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing this my plea
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
- O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
- Nothing can for sin atone
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Not of good that I have done
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
- O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

- This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
- O precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow
No other fount I know
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

• **Today we are going to talk About BLOOD – The Blood of Jesus**

- **Now some might say should you talk about blood**
 - I know we live in a culture that does not want to talk about blood
 - We go to the store buy the chicken BUT never really see how we get the chicken
 - We live in culture that think HUNTER are barbaric
 - Sadly – Even the Church
 - Illustration
 - Passion Of The Christ
 - Some Believer thought is was too violent
 - The Reality – The real event at the Cross was much worse then shown in the Movie
- **SO YES**
 - We are going to talk about BLOOD
 - The LIFE-GIVING Blood of JESUS

• **Review – Running Start**

- **Importance Of Hebrews**

- **1. Connecting the Testaments**

- Paul Quotes the OT –
 - If you don't understand the OT you will not be able to understand Hebrews

- **2. Jesus is Superior**

- Jesus is BETTER Than
 - The Prophets - Ch 1
 - The Angels - Ch 1-2
 - Moses - Ch 3
 - Joshua – Ch 4
 - The High Priest – Ch 5-9
 - The Tabernacle Ch 9
 - The Law & Sacrifices Ch 10

- **3. Encouragement - Don't quit**

- The ultimate goal of the book
 - To encourage those who are struggling with difficult times and help them to endure.

- **Last Time - Hebrews 8 - “A Better Covenant”**

- Superior Priest vv. 1-2
 - Superior Place vv. 3-5
 - Superior Promise vv. 6-13

- A Superior Heart v. 10a
- A Superior Relationship v. 10b
- A Superior Knowledge v. 11
- A Superior Forgiveness vv. 12-13

• **This Morning 6 Main Points**

- Review Of The Tabernacle vv. 1-5
- Reminder Of Old Covenant's Limitations vv. 6-14
- Reason For Jesus Sacrifice vv. 15-17
- Requirement That Was Needed vv. 18-23
- Results Jesus Accomplished vv. 24-26
- Reality That We Will ALL Face vv. 27-28

Review Of The Tabernacle vv. 1-5

• **1. The earthly sanctuary (Tabernacle / Temple)**

Hebrews 9:1–5 (NKJV)

- 1** *Then indeed, even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service and the earthly sanctuary.*
- 2** *For a tabernacle was prepared: the first part, in which was the lampstand, the table, and the showbread, which is called the sanctuary;*
- 3** *and behind the second veil, the part of the tabernacle which is called the Holiest of All,*
- 4** *which had the golden censer and the ark of the covenant overlaid on all sides with gold, in which were the golden pot that had the manna, Aaron's rod that budded, and the tablets of the covenant;*
- 5** *and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.*

- **1. Review Tabernacle**

▪ **Show PICS**

- **A Few More Details**

- SIZE

- The tabernacle was a tent

- 45 feet long
 - 15 feet wide
 - 15 feet high

- Divided into two rooms.

- The larger room (the first part) was a
 - 15 feet by 30 feet “The Holy Place.”
 - The second veil was the smaller room
 - 15 feet by 15 feet,
 - Called the Holy of Holies

- **Review Each Item Again**

- NOTE verse 4

- Golden Censer

- This is best understood as being the golden altar of incense
 - In OT Always in FRONT (Exodus 30:1–10)
 - Now in the Holy of Holies
 - The High-Priest brought incense from that altar into the Most Holy Place (Lev. 16:12, 13)

- **2. ALL Pointed to Jesus**

- The Tabernacle items pointed to Jesus by symbolizing His person and sacrificial work.

- The Gate/Entrance

- Jesus is the only way to God (John 10:9)

John 10:9 (NKJV)

9 I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved, and will go in and out and find pasture.

- The Bronze Altar of Sacrifice

- Represents the cross where Jesus became the ultimate sacrifice for sin.

- The Bronze Laver

- Symbolizes the cleansing from sin provided by Jesus

- Often associated with the "water of life".

- The Golden Lampstand

- Represents Jesus as the "Light of the World" (John 8:12)

- The Table of Showbread

- Points to Jesus as the "Bread of Life" (John 6:35)

- The Altar of Incense

- Represents Jesus as our High Priest and Intercessor, continually praying for believers.

- The Veil

- Symbolizes Jesus' human flesh

- Its tearing at the crucifixion signifies open access to God.
- The Ark of the Covenant/Mercy Seat
 - Represents the throne of God and Jesus as the covering for sins (propitiation).
- The entire Tabernacle served as a shadow of the things to come,
 - With the reality found in Christ (Colossians 2:17)

Reminder Of Old Covenant's Limitations vv. 6-15

• 1. Limited Access vv. 6-7

- 1. The priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle v. 6

Hebrews 9:6 (NKJV)

6 *Now when these things had been thus prepared, the priests always went into the first part of the tabernacle, performing the services.*

▪ The priests Busy all the time

- Went daily into the holy place to perform priestly functions such as tending the lampstand and replacing the showbread.
- 2. But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year v. 7a

Hebrews 9:7 (NKJV)

7 *But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself and for the people's sins committed in ignorance;*

▪ The Second part – Holy of Holies

- Was entered only once a year by the high priest alone, on the Day of Atonement.
- The atoning blood was first for his own sins and then for the sins of his people.

- **Show PIC – HP**

- Bells – Rope

- **3. The people's sins committed in ignorance v. 7b**

Hebrews 9:7 (NKJV)

*7 But into the second part the high priest went alone once a year, not without blood, which he offered for himself **and for the people's sins committed in ignorance;***

- **Sins of ignorance as well as all others**

- Even sins committed in ignorance needed to be covered

- **“Azazel” or “The Scapegoat” (Leviticus 16)**

- 1. A Sacrifice for himself
 - The high priest would first offer a sacrifice for his sins and those of his household
- 2. Then he would perform sacrifices for the nation.
- 3. The Sacrifice
 - To take two male goats for a sin offering and a ram for a burnt offering”
 - The priest brought the animals before the Lord and cast lots between the two goats –
 - One to be a sacrifice and the other to be the scapegoat.

- The first goat
 - Was slaughtered for the sins of the people and its blood used to cleanse the Most Holy Place, the tent of meeting and the altar
- After the cleansing, the live goat was brought to the high priest.
 - Laying his hands on the scapegoat, the high priest was to “confess over it all the wickedness and rebellion of the Israelites – all their sins – and put them on the goat’s head.
 - Send the goat away into the wilderness in the care of someone appointed for the task.
 - The goat will carry on itself all their sins to a remote place; and the man shall release it in the wilderness
 - Symbolically, the scapegoat took on the sins of the Israelites and removed them

• **2. Limited Effectiveness vv. 8-10**

○ **1. The Holy Spirit indicating v. 8**

Hebrews 9:8 (NKJV)

8 the Holy Spirit indicating this, that the way into the Holiest of All was not yet made manifest while the first tabernacle was still standing.

▪ **The Levitical system**

- Did not provide any direct access into God’s presence for His people.

○ Rather, it kept them away.

▪ **Nearness had to be provided by another way**

- The old had to pass away before God's new way could be revealed.

- **2. It was symbolic for the present time v. 9-10**

Hebrews 9:9–10 (NKJV)

9 It was symbolic for the present time in which both gifts and sacrifices are offered which cannot make him who performed the service perfect in regard to the conscience—

10 concerned only with foods and drinks, various washings, and fleshly ordinances imposed until the time of reformation.

- **Symbolic**

- The tabernacle itself and all that the Old Covenant represented

- Were suggestive / Shadows of deeper truths

- Parables of the New Covenant.

- **Cannot make perfect in regard to the conscience**

- They could not make a person perfect or righteous in regards to the conscience

- There was no Clearing of the Conscience

- Sins just Covered, NOT done away with

- **The Conscience is an incredible thing that the Lord gives**

- Romans 2 Paul said that we are without excuse

- Having a Conscience is being Aware & Awake to what is Right & Wrong

- God has built into every man a Conscience

- And we have a choice, we can listen to it or ignore it

- **3. Application – Deal with your Conscience**

- **A lot of people choose to ignore their conscience**

- If we ignore our Conscience the Bible tells us that 3 things can happen

- **1. We are told that our Conscience can become DEFILED**

Titus 1:15 (NKJV)

15 To the pure all things are pure, but to those who are defiled and unbelieving nothing is pure; but even their mind and conscience are defiled.

- The word Defiled
 - Illustration
 - Speaks of a window that doesn't get washed
 - Consequently, it gets dirtier & dirtier – film over it
 - Can't see out of it clearly any more
 - The sun's light doesn't penetrate thru it as brightly as it once did – the room – dimmer – slowly, don't realize it
 - That is what can happen to our conscience when we ignore it
 - It becomes defiled
 - A film develops over our hearts
 - So that we don't see things as clearly as we once did

- Things which at one time were black and white are suddenly gray

▪ 2. Seared

1 Timothy 4:2 (NKJV)

2 speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

- Seared speaks being PAST FEELING
 - When Your Conscience is seared
 - You don't even feel conviction about things that you once did
 - Things that 10 years ago you would have said no way to
 - Are things that you are doing now – that you don't even think about – no big deal

▪ 3. An EVIL conscience – Poisoned / perverted

Hebrews 10:22 (NKJV)

22 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

- Perverted Acts
 - Now doing things that are not just beyond what you would do – it is beyond what any normal person would do

• **3. Unlimited Access / Unlimited Effectiveness vv. 11-15**

- **1. The Superior Sanctuary v. 11**

Hebrews 9:11 (NKJV)

11 But Christ came as High Priest of the good things to come, with the greater and more perfect tabernacle not made with hands, that is, not of this creation.

- **Jesus, as our High Priest, ministers in a superior sanctuary**

- The very throne room of God.
- This is obviously a place greater than anything human hands could make.

- **2. The superior sacrifice of the New Covenant vv. 12-15**

- **The blood of goats and calves:**

Hebrews 9:12–13 (NKJV)

12 Not with the blood of goats and calves, but with His own blood He entered the Most Holy Place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

13 For if the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of a heifer, sprinkling the unclean, sanctifies for the purifying of the flesh,

- Animal sacrifice was sufficient for a temporary covering of sin
 - But only a perfect sacrifice could obtain eternal redemption.
- Jesus' sacrifice was superior in that it was Perfect, COMPLETE

- **3. How much more shall the blood of Christ v. 14**

Hebrews 9:14–15 (NKJV)

14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

- **The BLOOD OF JESUS**

- What can wash away our sins... Nothing but the Blood of Jesus

- **To serve the living God:**

- The believer is cleansed, conscience and all, not to live unto himself but to serve the living God.

Reason For Jesus Sacrifice vv. 15-17

• **1. He is the Mediator vv. 15-17**

- **1. He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death v. 15**

Hebrews 9:15 (NKJV)

15 And for this reason He is the Mediator of the new covenant, by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant, that those who are called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.

▪ **Jesus' work as a Mediator is fundamentally Accomplished at His death.**

- His heavenly work of mediation looks back to that perfect sacrifice.
- Jesus' payment on the cross accomplished redemption for those under the first covenant.
- Every sacrifice for sin made in faith under the Mosaic command
 - Was an IOU paid in full at the cross.

- **2. For where there is a testament v. 16-17**

Hebrews 9:16–17 (NKJV)

16 For where there is a testament, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator.

17 For a testament is in force after men are dead, since it has no power at all while the testator lives.

▪ **Where there is a testament**

- Testament –

- Greek: Diatheke
 - Means: Contract, will
 - We've talked about this word in the sense of a contract, a covenant, as in an agreement between man and God.
- The Old Testament
 - Was the contract established in the days of Moses.
- The New Testament
 - Is the contract established by Jesus.
- **The Death of the testator**
 - Greek: Testator –
 - Greek: Diatithemai –
 - Means: To arrange, dispose of, one's own affairs; of something that belongs to one; to dispose of by will, make a testament; to make a covenant, enter into a covenant, with one
 - A "Last Will and Testament"
 - Doesn't come into effect until the person who has made out the will dies.
- **Jesus wrote a WILL –**
 - We have been calling it the NC!
 - He initiated a NC by means of His death
 - His Death

- Opened up the door eternal life
- Abundant life here
- Sins forgiven
- Guilt / Shame Removed
- Peace with God

Requirement That Was Needed vv. 18-23

• 1. The Need For BLOOD vv. 18-21

- **1. Therefore not even the first covenant vv. 18-21**

Hebrews 9:18–21 (NKJV)

18 *Therefore not even the first covenant was dedicated without blood.*

19 *For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people,*

20 *saying, “This is the blood of the covenant which God has commanded you.”*

21 *Then likewise he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry.*

▪ Death was necessary to the Old Covenant.

- Virtually every part of the sacrificial system under the Law of Moses was touched by blood in some way or another.
- The Old Covenant was all about pictures and models.
- The Tabernacle was a picture of heaven.
- The sacrificial system was also about substitutes.
- The animals sacrificed took the place of the worshipper.

- Ultimately, the animals were a model or picture of the One Perfect Sacrifice – Jesus.
- Blood is also a picture.

Leviticus 17:11 (NKJV)

11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

- Blood is set up by God to be a picture of life.
 - When an animal sheds it's blood, it is giving up its life.
- Jesus Blood Speaks of LIFE

2. No HOPE with The Shedding Of Blood vv. 22-23

Hebrews 9:22–23 (NKJV)

22 And according to the law almost all things are purified with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no remission.

23 Therefore it was necessary that the copies of the things in the heavens should be purified with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

- **1. Without shedding of blood there is no remission**
 - This is a foundational principle of God's dealings with men.
 - Modern people think that sin is remitted (forgiven) by time, by our good works, by our decent lives, or by simply death.
 - But there is no forgiveness without the shedding of blood, and there is no perfect forgiveness without a perfect sacrifice.
 - Blood was the normal way that sin was atoned for, but the writer is just being honest with us that there was one exception.

- **2. WHY BLOOD?**

- 1. To Emphasize The Seriousness Of Sin!

- The wages of sin is death!
 - The sinner would bring his animal sacrifice to the tab/ temple...Lay his hand on the head – identify – my sin – my punishment
 - Then he would watch as the priest would slit the throat of the animal and the blood would run out
 - The idea is THAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN ME
 - The Bible takes sin seriously
 - Why is God so deadly serious about sin?
 - It's because He knows what sin does
 - Sin alienates man from God
 - Sin kills. It kills happiness, joy, health, and life
 - It kills kids, families, societies, and cultures

- 2. Blood was also used to MAGNIFY THE COST OF FORGIVENESS!

- There is no such thing as forgiveness lite!
 - Forgiveness comes only through Blood – His blood!
 - But the beauty and power of His sacrifice is that it only needed to be offered once!

Results Jesus Accomplished vv. 24-26

• 1. Finished vv. 24-26

- 1. For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands vv. 24-26

Hebrews 9:24–26 (NKJV)

24 *For Christ has not entered the holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us;*

25 *not that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood of another—*

26 *He then would have had to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now, once at the end of the ages, He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.*

- Jesus offered Himself – ONCE
 - He is not offered up again and again –
 - At communion as some teach - heresy
- It's good for each of us to realize and personalize...
 - For my sin
 - He left heaven
 - He became a baby in a womb
 - He became a man, subjecting Himself to human weakness
 - He was beaten beyond recognition
 - He went to the Cross
 - He was separated from Your Father

Reality That We Will ALL Face vv. 27-28

- **1. Are you Ready vv. 27-28**

- **1. And as it is appointed for men to die once vv. 27-28**

Hebrews 9:27–28 (NKJV)

*27 And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,
28 so Christ was offered once to bear the sins of many. To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*

- **1. The Reality the World seeks to avoid**

- Don't talk about death
 - Even today cremation over burial
 - No open caskets anymore
 - Not grave side services
- BUT we will all die and stand before a HOLY GOD
 - In Christ Everlasting LIFE
 - Outside of Christ
 - Hell

- **2. Our Mission**

- Let this lost world know this reality

Closing

- Thank You JESUS For the BLOOD