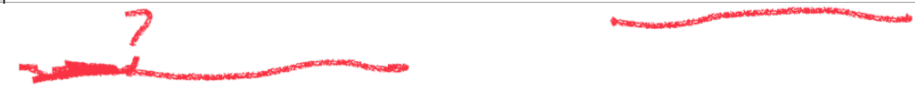


Put It Away

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RECAP:	<p>Last week we talked about the blood of Christ.</p> <p>—We saw that Christ’s blood cleanses and makes righteous those who come to Him.</p> <p>— —We also saw that He thought we were worthy of saving and He gave His life in the fight against our sin.</p> <p>— — —He thought it was appropriate to shed His blood in this fight.</p> <p>— — — —Then we looked at how we should also be shedding spiritual blood in our fight against our sin as well.</p> <p>— — — — —We need to let go of ourselves and live like Christ.... We need to be living sacrifices for God ... denying ourselves; taking up our cross daily and following Christ.</p>
INTRODUCTION:	<p>Today we will focus on the cleansing of earthly things for the service of God.</p> <p>—We will see that we are to do great things for God. Things that are greater than us.</p> <p>—We will see why the heavenly things needed a greater sacrifice than the earthly things.</p> <p>—We will see how we can appear before the presence of God.</p> <p>—We will see how Christ has put away sin and what that means for those that are His.</p> <p>—We will see that death comes to all men and judgment follows that death; but it can look different for those that put away self and live in Christ.</p>
Passage Begins	

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	<p>Don't get distracted, see what Jesus said, "he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also."</p> <p>—Doing works like Christ are much greater works than we are able to accomplish on our own.</p> <p>— —John Piper said this, "If you think 'greater works' means 'more miraculous' you will be hard put to exceed walking on water, feeding five thousand with five loaves and two fish, and raising the dead. I don't know of any Christ who has ever lived—inside or outside the New Testament—who has ever done all three of those miracles, let alone something more miraculous.....What does he mean?....You will receive the Holy Spirit of the crucified and risen Christ. Before the resurrection of Jesus, nobody in the history of the world had ever done that, not even Jesus."</p> <p>— — —In that indwelling of the Spirit and union with Christ the work that we will do will be different from Christ but will be greater than us.</p> <p>— — — —But how do we get to finish the work that Christ started here on this earth?</p> <p>— — — — —It is by being cleansed!!!</p> <p>— — — — —READ: Titus 2:11–14 (NASB95): 11 For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 12 instructing us to deny ungodliness and worldly desires and to live sensibly, righteously and godly in the present age, 13 looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus, 14 who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.</p>

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	<p>As William Hendriksen wrote, “It is the place where the people of God serve him by offering themselves as living sacrifices. Then why does the author write that the heavenly things had to be cleansed? Heaven became a sanctuary for God’s people only when the blood of Christ was shed for them. Christ’s blood, then, became the basis for their entrance into heaven.”</p> <p>—Have you ever watched a tv show or movie or maybe this has happened to you in real life, where the person says, “it’s not you, it’s me.”</p> <p>— — This is why the heavenly things needed a greater sacrifice and need the cleansing blood of Christ; not for it but for us.</p> <p>— — — George Guthrie put it this way, “The need for purification of the tabernacle had to do with its association with a sinful people. This holy space was made fit for continued interaction between God and his people by sacrifices that addressed the problem of sin. Correspondingly, the heavenly tabernacle, the author’s conception of the place of God’s presence, was made accessible to the new covenant people of God by Christ’s sacrificial death.”</p> <p>— — — — Christ’s sacrifice and His blood have paved the way for us to enter the presence of God: <u>READ:</u></p> <p><u>Hebrews 10:19–22 (NASB95):</u> 19 Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus, 20 by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through the veil, that is, His flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God, 22 let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.</p>

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	<p>Verses 25-26 point out the one event that is central to the Christian faith. — There is one word in that last sentence that is very important; ONE. — — Christ died once and He only needs to die once because that death is infinitely more valuable than any other death. — — — His sacrifice is once for all time, He does not need to be sacrificed over and over again. — — — — Christ’s life, death, burial, and resurrection is a moment in time that has no comparison. — — — — — Arthur W. Pink wrote, “What Christ effected by His dying once is forever. And what He did effect was this—He ‘put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.’”</p>

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	<p>Christ put away sin for those that are His for all time.</p> <p>—He put it away from the presence of God for those that are His.</p> <p>— —He continues to put this away in us as He sanctifies us (make us Holy).</p> <p>— — —Andrew Murray wrote this about sin, “Sin, in its deepest root, is a turning from God to self, rejecting God to please self.”</p> <p>— — — —This is what Satan attempted to deceive Christ with and He (Christ) rejected it. This is what Christ is removing in us.</p> <p>— — — — —<u>READ: Romans 8:1–2 (NASB95):</u></p> <p>1 Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.</p>
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	<p>So, what is our practical application? How do we apply this to our lives?</p> <p>— Christ has come to bear the sins of many; are you one of the many? If you have not put away self and are living in Christ you need to.</p> <p>— — If you are one who has given your life to Christ have you put away self? Have you turned away from self and turn to God? Have you rejected self to please God?</p> <p>— — — Are you purified doing the great work that God has for you?</p> <p>— — — — Or are you doing minimal work or no work? If you are one of these people you need to get self out of the way.</p> <p>— — — — — Christ will come back one day and salvation will be the focus ... not sin. So, we need to be doing away with sin like Christ is doing away with sin.</p>
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