
Week 21 Sermon, February 18, 2024
Hebrews 9:1-14 – *The Blood of Christ*

Discussion Questions

1. Define the *Old Covenant*. Define the *New Covenant*. What are the contrasts between the Old and the New Covenants?
 2. Why did God give Moses a specific blueprint of how He wanted the tabernacle built and furnished (Exodus 25-30)? What was its purpose?
 3. How does the ultimate sacrifice of Jesus provide us with the access to God written in Romans 5:1-2? How does this differ from the access of the Levitical High Priest to God? Why is it different? What did God promise in Jeremiah 33:8?
 4. The nation of Israel was instituted on the night of the first Passover by putting the blood of lambs on the doorposts of their homes. The lambs were to be perfect, with no defects. How did this point to Jesus, the Lamb of God? Consider that at the very time Jesus was dying on the cross, the fulfillment of the Old Covenant was actively taking place on the day of Preparation (see John 19:31). How do we know that the blood of Christ secured the eternal redemption about which the author of Hebrews speaks in 9:12?
 5. The blood of Christ has redeemed us and we now walk in newness of life. We are now to serve the living God (v. 14). How do the works of our redeemed life in Christ differ from our dead works when we were in the world? How does knowing that we have been cleansed from all sin fuel our service for God?
 6. One of the things the blood of Christ is able to do—which the blood of animals could not do—is purify the conscience (see 9:8, 13-14). Christians often must fight against the feelings of guilt and shame from past sin. Knowing that the blood of Christ has purified our conscience (v. 14), how does this truth apply in our daily lives when we may “feel” otherwise?
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