

Concord Community Church

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The Blood of Christ-A Comprehensive Sermon Based on Hebrews 9:11–14 and Hebrews 10:4–12

Theme: The blood of Christ is God's perfect, once-for-all sacrifice that cleanses the conscience, secures eternal redemption, and gives believers direct access to God.

Primary Scriptures: Hebrews 9:11–14 and Hebrews 10:4–12

Supporting Scriptures: Genesis 3:21; Exodus 12:1–13; Leviticus 17:11; Isaiah 53:4–12; Psalm 40:6–8; Matthew 26:28; John 1:29; John 19:30; Romans 3:21–26; Romans 5:8–11; Romans 8:1; 1 Corinthians 5:7; 2 Corinthians 5:21; Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:13–22; 1 Peter 1:18–19; 1 Peter 2:24; 1 John 1:7–9; Revelation 1:5; Revelation 5:9–10; Revelation 7:14; Revelation 12:11.

Introduction: Throughout history, blood has symbolized life. The Bible teaches: "For the life of the flesh is in the blood..." (Leviticus 17:11)

From Genesis to Revelation, the Bible tells one grand story of redemption through blood.

- God covered Adam and Eve with animal skins after the Fall (Genesis 3:21).
- Abel offered an acceptable sacrifice.
- Noah offered sacrifices after the flood.
- Abraham offered sacrifices in faith.
- Israel celebrated the Passover through the blood of a lamb.
- The Tabernacle and Temple worship centered around sacrificial blood.
- Every Day of Atonement the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies with blood.

Yet all these sacrifices pointed toward one greater sacrifice—**Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God**. John the Baptist declared: "Behold! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29). The writer of Hebrews explains why Jesus' blood is unlike any other blood ever shed.

Background of Hebrews: The recipients of Hebrews were Jewish Christians who were under pressure to return to Judaism. They missed:

- the Temple * the priests * sacrifices * ceremonies

The writer explains that everything under the Old Covenant was only a shadow.

Jesus is: 1. The better High Priest, 2. The better sacrifice 3. The better covenant, 4. The better sanctuary and 5. The better hope.

I. The Blood of Christ Accomplished What Animal Blood Never Could (Hebrews 9:11–12) --"Christ came as High Priest..."

Under the Old Covenant- Every year:

- animals died * blood was sprinkled * sins were temporarily covered but sin remained.

Hebrews 10:4 says: "It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins."

Animal blood could never: change the heart, remove guilt, satisfy God's justice forever

It only pointed toward Christ.

Jesus Entered the Heavenly Sanctuary

Unlike earthly priests, Jesus entered not the earthly tabernacle but heaven itself. He did not bring goat's blood or calf's blood

He entered **with His own blood**. This is why Hebrews says: "having obtained eternal redemption." Notice the word: **Eternal**.

Animal sacrifices had to be repeated. Jesus never repeats His sacrifice. One sacrifice, One Savior, One redemption... Forever.

Application: Many people still try to earn salvation by: good works, religion, ceremonies, traditions and morality. But salvation is only through Christ.

Ephesians 1:7 "In Him we have redemption through His blood."

II. The Blood of Christ Cleanses the Conscience (Hebrews 9:13–14)

The Old Testament sacrifices cleansed outward ceremonial uncleanness. Jesus cleanses something much deeper. He cleanses the conscience.

What is the conscience? It is the inner courtroom. Many people appear happy outwardly but inwardly carry shame, guilt, regret, condemnation and painful memories.

Religion cannot remove guilt. Psychology cannot erase sin.

Good works cannot silence the conscience. Only Christ can.

Jesus Offered Himself: Hebrews says: "...through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God." Notice three beautiful truths.

1. Voluntary sacrifice-- Jesus willingly laid down His life. (John 10:18) "No one takes it from Me."

2. Perfect sacrifice-- Without blemish-- No sin. No fault No stain. 2 Corinthians 5:21 says "He knew no sin."

3. Divine sacrifice-- Offered through the Eternal Spirit. The Trinity participated

- Father planned redemption
- Son accomplished redemption
- Spirit empowered the offering

Result: Our conscience is cleansed. Not merely forgiven but purified, so we may

"Serve the living God. "Christianity is not merely escaping hell. It is becoming useful servants of God.

III. Animal Sacrifices Were Temporary; Christ's Sacrifice Is Final (Hebrews 10:1–4)

The Law was "a shadow."- A shadow is not the reality. Imagine seeing someone's shadow approaching. You do not hug the shadow. You wait for the person. The sacrifices were shadows. Jesus is the reality.

If animal sacrifices truly removed sin, they would not have stopped. Instead, they continued

Year after year. Every sacrifice reminded Israel sin still remained.

IV. Jesus Came to Do the Father's Will (Hebrews 10:5–10)

The writer quotes Psalm 40. "Sacrifice and offering You did not desire..."

God never delighted merely in rituals. He desired obedience. Jesus came saying:

"Behold, I have come to do Your will." Unlike Adam, Jesus obeyed perfectly.

Unlike Israel, Jesus obeyed completely. Unlike us, Jesus obeyed without failure.

Through His obedience God's will was perfectly accomplished.

Philippians 2:8 says "He became obedient to the point of death."

The Cross Was God's Eternal Plan--Jesus did not die accidentally.

He fulfilled God's eternal purpose. Read: Isaiah 53, Acts 2:23, Revelation 13:8

The cross was planned before creation.

V. Christ Offered Himself Once for All (Hebrews 10:11–12)

One of the greatest contrasts in Hebrews. Old Testament priest: stood daily.

Jesus: sat down. Why? Because His work was finished. John 19:30 "It is finished."

No priest ever sat in the Tabernacle. There were no chairs. Their work never ended.

Jesus sat because redemption was complete.

"Once for all" These changes everything: - No more sacrifices. No repeated atonement.

No additional payment. No human effort. Christ paid it all. Romans 8:1 says "There is therefore now no condemnation..."

VI. What the Blood of Christ Has Accomplished

1. Forgiveness: Matthew 26:28 "This is My blood...for the forgiveness of sins."

2. Redemption: Ephesians 1:7 Bought back from slavery.

3. Justification: Romans 5:9 Declared righteous.

4. Reconciliation: Colossians 1:20 Enemies become children.

5. Cleansing: 1 John 1:7 "The blood of Jesus cleanses..."

6. Peace with God: Romans 5:1 No longer enemies.

7. Victory over Satan: Revelation 12:11 "They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb."

8. Access to God: Hebrews 10:19 Boldness to enter God's presence.

9. Adoption: Galatians 4:4–7 Children of God.

10. Eternal Redemption: Hebrews 9:12 Never expires.

VII. Living in the Power of Christ's Blood—Because of His blood, believers should: **Live Holy** 1 Peter 1:15–19 says We were purchased with precious blood.

Worship Joyfully Revelation 5 says He is worthy.

Serve Faithfully Hebrews 9:14 says Serve the living God.

Walk in Victory: No condemnation. No fear. No guilt-- Christ has paid the debt.

Proclaim the Gospel: The world desperately needs to hear that there is forgiveness through Christ alone.

VIII. Common Misunderstandings About the Blood of Christ

1. The blood is not a magical formula: The power is not in repeating the phrase "the blood of Jesus" as a superstition. The power is in the finished work of Christ received by faith (Romans 3:25).

2. The blood does not give permission to continue in sin: Those redeemed by Christ are called to holiness (Romans 6:1–4).

3. The blood is sufficient for every repentant sinner: No sin is beyond God's forgiveness when a person turns to Christ in genuine repentance (1 John 1:9).

4. We do not repeat Christ's sacrifice: His sacrifice is complete and perfect. Our response is faith, gratitude, worship, and obedience (Hebrews 10:12–14).

Illustration

A man owed a debt so large he could never repay it. Every day he made small payments, yet the debt only reminded him of what he still owed. One day, a wealthy benefactor paid the entire amount and stamped the account: "**Paid in Full.**" From that day onward, the man no longer lived under the burden of debt but in grateful freedom.

That is what Jesus has done for us. The sacrifices under the old covenant were like making endless payments that never settled the account. At Calvary, Christ paid the debt completely. His declaration, "It is finished," means the price has been paid in full.

Conclusion: The message of Hebrews is clear: Animal blood could never save. Religious ceremonies could never save. Good works could never save.

Only Jesus could. He is

- the perfect High Priest, the spotless Lamb, the perfect sacrifice,
- the eternal Redeemer, and the risen Lord.

His blood accomplished what no other sacrifice could ever accomplish. Because of His blood:

- We are forgiven. * We are redeemed. * We are justified.
- We are reconciled. * We are cleansed. * We have peace with God.
- We have victory over sin and Satan. * We have bold access to the Father.
- We possess the hope of eternal life.

As the old hymn proclaims: **"What can wash away my sin? Nothing but the blood of Jesus. What can make me whole again? Nothing but the blood of Jesus."**

Invitation

If you have never trusted in Jesus Christ, come to Him today. His blood is sufficient to cleanse every sin, restore every broken life, and reconcile every repentant sinner to God.

If you are already a believer, do not live under guilt, fear, or condemnation. Live in the freedom, confidence, and holiness that Christ purchased with His precious blood. Worship Him with gratitude, serve Him faithfully, and proclaim to the world that salvation is found in Christ alone.

"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood... to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." — The Book of Revelation 1:5–6.