

## Oh, The Precious Blood of Christ

### Hebrews 9:11-26

This morning we focus our attention upon the subject of the blood of Christ. Even a brief scan of our hymnal will reveal the centrality and significance of the shed blood of Christ. This reality, the shed blood of Christ, for the redeemed people of God is a great source of joy and a great demonstration of love. Yet to the unsaved, it appears primitive, cruel, and barbaric. Such are the voices of many modern, so-called Christian leaders. These leaders say we need to “soften” our vocabulary so as not to become offensive to the world we are trying to reach.

**Question:** Without the blood and the cross, why are we trying to reach them? What do we have to offer without the atoning work of Christ?

- **Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ has changed everything. (10b & 11)** It is mind-blowing to consider the change that the world experienced with the coming of Christ! The long-awaited Messiah has arrived, and everything changed.
- **Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ sacrifice was offered in heaven and not in an earthly tabernacle. (11b, 23-24)** The author of Hebrews has repeatedly emphasized that the tabernacle was only a shadow of a heavenly reality. It is into that heavenly reality that Christ entered.
- **Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ is essential, necessary, and sufficient for our forgiveness. (13-22)** Those critics who propose a softening of the gospel to remove the bloodshed; simply do not understand that apart from the blood of Christ we have no gospel at all!

God alone has established the means whereby our sin can be atoned for, and it has always been the blood of an innocent sacrifice! (22) (Lev 17:11)

Christ offered His sacrifice “through the eternal Spirit”. Herein lies the efficacy of Christ’s sacrifice, He drank of the “cup”. (Matt. 26:39; John 18:11)

What is this cup that the Lord speaks of? Where in Scripture does this appear? (Isaiah 51:17 & 22 & Jeremiah 25:15; Revelation 14:9-10)

This offering through the eternal Spirit cleanses our conscience, enabling us to serve the living God.

- **Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ was necessary to validate the new covenant. (15-21)** The author of Hebrews uses the term “covenant” in verse 15 in a religious sense, while in verses 16 & 17, he uses the term in a legal sense.

In the religious sense, it refers to a covenant or an agreement detailing the terms of the relationship between two parties; the second usage is in a legal sense, where the same Greek word is translated as “will or testament”.

The death of Christ was necessary for the conditions of the will to be executed. The benefits of Christ’s death belong to the believer, we are included in the inheritance for we become sons and daughters on the basis of the new covenant.

#### **Application:**

**There is no Gospel apart from the cross and the blood of Christ.**

**Forgiveness is predicated upon the shedding of Christ’s blood.**

**The sacrifice of Christ is eternally sufficient for all who trust Him. The free gift of salvation brings us access to God, for we are now heirs and joint-heirs!**