

The Necessity of “the Blood”

(Sermon 25 in the Hebrews Series)

Hebrews 9:11-28

I. Overview of the Passage

A. The More Perfect Tabernacle -- 9:11-14

1. Christ came as High Priest of the good things that have come. v. 11a
2. Christ entered the true tabernacle (*think heaven*) which is the true sanctuary (*think God's presence*) v. 11b & v. 24
3. He's a better High Priest and a better sacrifice. 12-14

B. Christ the Mediator of the New Covenant – 9:15a

Moses was the mediator of the old covenant.

In old covenant Israel there was a remnant of true believers from within the nation.

In the new covenant, there is still a remnant, but not from one nation, the remnant is from the world.

C. “The Called” Receive the Promise 9:15b

The death of Christ cancels the guilt of those who were truly called in both the Old Covenant and the New Covenant.

D. The Testament (*diatheke*) 9:16-17

E. The Necessity of Blood -- 9:18-22

In the OC, the only acceptable offerings for sin were blood sacrifices, with one exception.

He is the God of the rich and the poor.

F. Heaven – the True Tabernacle -- 9:23-28

v. 28 -- John Owen “He appeared in the flesh. Now he is in glory, he appears not. As many refused him when he appeared, because it was in outward weakness; so many refuse him now (that) he is in glory, because he appears not. Faith alone can...conquer these difficulties.”

II. Five Observations from the Text

1. There is such a thing as remission of sins, but it only comes through blood.
2. Not just any blood will do, it has to be the precious blood of the sinless one, Jesus Christ the Lord.
3. Death does not put away sin -- 9:27
4. Hell does not put away sin.
5. Only Christ can put away sin, and He does that for all of His people by the sacrifice of Himself. **9:26, 28**

III. The Blood of Christ or the Death of Christ?

What saves, Christ's blood or His death?
Both are absolutely vital.

We could not be saved without the shedding of the blood of Christ
v. 18-22 and especially – v. 22

v. 16-17 tell us that the death of Christ was absolutely necessary.