

Nothing but the Blood

Hebrews 9.11-28

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Introduction

The Sufficiency of Christ

Main Points: Why is the blood of Christ so important?

1. It **cleanses** a guilty conscience vs 11-14
 - a. Guilt vs. shame
 - b. Numbers 19.9
 - c. Sometimes we feel like we're not good enough to serve God; for various reasons
 - i. Sometimes we think we lack the **education**
 - ii. Sometimes we think we lack the **skill**
 - iii. Sometimes we think that we're not **worthy**
2. It sets us **free** from the bondage of sin - vs 15
 - a. We are no longer slaves to sin; we've been **ransomed**
 - b. Romans 6; Mark 10.45; 1Timothy 2.6
 - c. Be free
3. It makes forgiveness **possible** vs 16-22

¹ Barclay, W. (2002). *The Letter to the Hebrews* (pp. 128–129). Louisville, KY; London: Westminster John Knox Press.

- a. Without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sin
 - b. *Divine forgiveness* is costly. God is love—but he is also *holiness*. He, least of all, can break the great moral laws on which the universe is built. Sin must have its punishment, or the very structure of life disintegrates. And God alone can pay the terrible price that is necessary before we can be forgiven. Forgiveness is never a case of saying: 'It's all right; it doesn't matter.' It is the most costly thing in the world. Without the shedding of the heart's blood, there can be no forgiveness of sins.¹
 - c. Consider routinely, what it took to bring you here - be grateful
4. It **secures** salvation for those who believe - vs. 23-28
 - a. It shields us from the judgement and wrath to come
 - b. This is the great hope of the church, in fact all creation
 - i. 1Corinthians 1.7
 - ii. Philippians 3.20
 - iii. Romans 8. 19-25
 - iv. Revelation 22.20
 - c. Be ready

Conclusion

The blood of Christ is vital to our faith

It cleanses our conscience

It frees us from sin

It makes forgiveness possible

It secures our salvation

What else can do that? Nothing. Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Amen.

