

Sermon Title- **By the power of His blood**

Sermon- #18

Speaker- Pastor DJ Vick

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**Hebrews 9:11-28**

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. <sup>12</sup> He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. <sup>14</sup> How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

<sup>15</sup> For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

<sup>16</sup> In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, <sup>17</sup> because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. <sup>18</sup> This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood. <sup>19</sup> When Moses had proclaimed every command of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. <sup>20</sup> He said, “This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep.” <sup>21</sup> In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. <sup>22</sup> In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

<sup>23</sup> It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. <sup>24</sup> For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God’s presence. <sup>25</sup> Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. <sup>26</sup> Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. <sup>27</sup> Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Study Questions-

1. In verse 12 it refers to Christ “by His own blood ... obtained **eternal redemption.**” How would the original hearers of this letter (epistle/book) possibly think about when hearing the word **redemption**? A hint is think of the Exodus out of Egypt and how powerful that was. (The author hear is making this connection to what Jesus has done for us spiritually in regard to sin).
2. Pastor DJ mentioned in his sermon that shame is something many Christians struggle with because it involves their inability to forgive themselves even when knowing God forgives them. Do you wrestle with shame? How might this passage here give you hope? Many of us are too hard on ourselves. Do you think you need to be less hard on yourself?  
**Shame**- a painful feeling of humiliation or distress caused by the consciousness of wrong or foolish behavior
3. The author doesn't use the word “grace” in the above verses, but the concept of grace is ABSOLUTELY implied. How would you describe grace to someone? Also, how can you practically live more aware of God's grace for you and others?
4. When the author refers to Christ coming again (**second time**) to bring salvation to His people. The Bible calls this the “Blessed Hope!” (Titus 2:13) What do you think about the 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming of Christ? Do you look forward to it? Do you feel ready for that? If not, how can you be more prepared for it?