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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

And they have defeated [Satan] by the blood of the Lamb and by their testimony. And they did not love their lives so much that they were afraid to die. - Revelation 12:11, NLT

A. Main Idea

1. The precious blood of Jesus is **EVERYTHING!**
2. If Satan had his way, no preacher would ever preach about the blood of Jesus.
3. If we go “bloodless” about our story, our testimony, our beliefs, our understanding of the gospel, our church, we are dead.
4. If we go “bloodless” in our understanding of Christianity, we will only have *Hot-tub Christianity*—we will feel good, but not be good.
5. The blood of Jesus Christ is our **ONLY** way to salvation.
6. If we were saved by our works, why did Christ have to die?
7. The scarlet thread of blood that flows through all the sacred scriptures is first seen by us in Genesis 3:21 and flows clear to the last chapter of Revelation.

For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers,¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

- 1 Pet. 1:18-19, NIV84

B. Today's Passage

“THE PRECIOUS BLOOD OF CHRIST”

1. The Preeminence of Christ's Blood.

Hebrews 9:11-12, NASB95 - ¹¹ But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, He entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation; ¹² and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood. He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption.

Hebrews 9:11-12, TLB - ¹¹ He came as High Priest of this better system that we now have. He went into that greater, perfect tabernacle in heaven, not made by men nor part of this world, ¹² and once for all took blood into that inner room, the Holy of Holies, and sprinkled it on the mercy seat; but it was not the blood of goats and calves. No, he took his own blood, and with it he, by himself, made sure of our eternal salvation.

2. The Power of Christ's Blood.

Hebrews 9:13-14a, NASB95 - ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God....

Hebrews 9:13-14a, TLB - ¹³ And if under the old system the blood of bulls and goats and the ashes of young cows could cleanse men's bodies from sin, ¹⁴ just think how much more surely the blood of Christ will transform our lives and hearts.

3. The Purpose of Christ's Blood.

Hebrews 9:14b, NASB95 - ¹⁴ ...cleanse your conscience [meaning, we have to get over something] from dead works [the works we do thinking they will save us; **only Christ's blood saves us**] to serve the living God?

Hebrews 9:14b, NASB95 - ¹⁴ Having won for us men eternal reconciliation with God...by offering himself to God as the perfect sacrifice....