



SUNDAY MORNING

AT BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Title: Nothing But the Blood

Passage: Hebrews 9

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Introduction: There are certain subjects people tend to avoid, topics that make us uncomfortable, like blood. Yet in Scripture, blood is not peripheral; it is central to God's message of salvation. Hebrews 9:22 tells us plainly, "...without shedding of blood is no remission." This confronts us with two truths we often try to soften: God's holiness and the seriousness of our sin. The repeated sacrifices of the Old Covenant were not the solution, but a sign pointing forward to Jesus Christ. And now, Hebrews brings us to this reality: only His blood can truly cleanse and redeem.

I. The Old Way Could Clean the Outside, But it Could Not Cure the Inside (Verses 1-10)

Under the Old Covenant, the sacrifices could deal with outward uncleanness. But the sacrifice of an animal could never remove the weight of guilt from the heart.

Religion can help you look right on the outside, but it cannot cleanse the inside.

When Jesus shed His blood, He did not simply provide another ritual for people to perform. He provided the one sacrifice that can finally deal with sin at its deepest level.

II. Christ's Blood Does What Religion Never Could — It Cleanses the Conscience (Verse 11-14)



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The old sanctuary was only a shadow of the real throne room of heaven.

When Jesus finished His work on the cross and rose from the dead, He did not go back to an altar in Jerusalem. He went into the very presence of God Himself.

The blood of Christ does what religion never could: it reaches the conscience. It cleanses the deepest part of a person where guilt lives.

The conscience is the inner courtroom of the soul. It is the place where accusations are heard, where guilt lingers, and where shame whispers.

III. Christ's Blood Secures the Forgiveness No One Else Can Give (Verses 15-22)

Sin had separated us from God. Our guilt had placed a barrier between a holy God and sinful people. But Jesus stepped between us and God and made reconciliation possible.

Jesus came to die. His death was not a tragic accident of history; it was the necessary act that secured redemption for sinners.

There is no other sacrifice that can remove sin, and there is no other name by which we can be made right with God.

IV. Christ's Sacrifice is Final — It Never Has to Be Repeated (Verses 23-28)

Jesus does not need to die again. His sacrifice does not need to be repeated. When He gave His life on the cross, the work of redemption was completed. That is why, from the cross, Jesus cried out, "It is finished."

We do not have to wonder whether we have done enough. Salvation is not built on our performance—it is built on Christ's finished work.



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If a person rejects the sacrifice of Jesus, he must face God with his own guilt. But if a person trusts in Christ, then the judgment that should have fallen on him has already fallen on the Savior.

There is no other sacrifice. There is no other remedy. There is no other name by which we can be saved. Only the blood of Jesus.

Conclusion: All the sacrifices of the old system pointed to Jesus Christ, whose blood alone can truly cleanse sin and secure eternal redemption. When He died, He fully paid the price sin demanded. That leaves each person with a choice, either to bear their own sin before God or to trust in Christ and be forgiven. The message of the cross remains because it is the only place where sin is dealt with and grace is found. The question is simple and personal: have you trusted in His finished work and been made clean?

