

# The Final Sacrifice

Hebrews 8 :1 – 10:18, part three

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## The Need for Sacrifice

- Sin is so serious that life must be forfeited
- God has always provided a gracious covering

## The Blood of a Substitute

- We need a substitute to be saved from sin's penalty

## Behind the Curtain

- Through His sacrifice, Jesus brings us into the presence of God

## Final and Full

- In contrast to the Old Covenant priests, Jesus offered one sacrifice for all time then sat down

## The Blood Tells Us...

- That sin is worse than we think
- That God is more gracious than we imagine
- That Christ's work is finished

# For Life Group Discussion

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1. If someone asked you, "What is the book of Hebrews all about?" what would you say??

2. Is it appropriate to characterize Christianity as a "bloody religion"? Why or why not? What scriptures, songs, or traditions influence your answer?

3. Read Gen 2:15-17, 3:6, and 3:21-24. What do these passages teach us about the impact of sin and our need for redemption? How is the sacrificial system previewed? How do things develop from there?

4. Read Heb 6:19-20 and 9:1-14. Why is the curtain significant? And what does it mean that Jesus has gone behind it on our behalf? How does that affect your prayer life and your understanding of salvation?

5. What would it have been like to live under the regulations of the Old Covenant? How different would it be to approach God only through a blood sacrifice, mediated by the Priests? Why is Hebrews 10:1-14 such good news?

6. Of the three points of application (see reverse), which one strikes you most powerfully? If we minimize the blood, how are those truths diminished?