



## **SERMON NOTES**

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Scripture: Hebrews 9:15-22 (NAS)

Topic: "The Blood of Christ Brings Forgiveness"

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- 15 For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.
- 16 For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it.
- 17 For a covenant is valid only when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.
- 18 Therefore even the first covenant was not inaugurated without blood.
- 19 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses to all the people according to the Law, he took the blood of the calves and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "THIS IS THE BLOOD OF THE COVENANT WHICH GOD COMMANDED YOU."
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- 21 And in the same way he sprinkled both the tabernacle and all the vessels of the ministry with the blood.
- 22 And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

### **I. THE STRUGGLE WITH A BLOOD SACRIFICE**

- A. Our Society Balks At The Idea
- B. Peter Questioned It As Well *Matthew 16:21-23*
- C. Paul Affirmed Its Necessity *I Corinthians 1:18, 23-25*
- D. God Established Its Necessity With The First Sin
- E. The Entire System Of Jewish Worship Was Based On Blood Sacrifice

### **II. THE COVENANT**

- A. Terms Clarified
- B. Verse 16 and 17 Refer To What We Normally Call A Will
- C. It Is Only In Effect After The Death Of Maker Of The Will

D. The Covenant Declares Us Guilty

E. We Need A Mediator To Reconcile Us To God *Isaiah 53:4-6, 11*

### **III. THE METHOD OF RECONCILIATION**

- A. Both Covenants Declare The Necessity Of Blood
- B. The Normal Function Of The Blood
- C. The Blood Is For Cleansing
- D. The Blood Of Christ Brings Forgiveness