

Hebrews: The Complete Work of Christ
The Necessary Blood of Christ
Hebrews 9:11-22

Our modern worldview tends to make the presentation of the true gospel very difficult to communicate for several reasons. Concepts such as repentance and redemption are generally seen as primitive and somewhat archaic. Additionally, many people in our contemporary society question the existence of sin and the need for forgiveness (or at least the impact of each of them on this thing called an afterlife.)

1. The blood of Jesus empowers our kingdom service.
2. The blood of Jesus secures our inheritance.
3. The blood of Jesus makes possible our forgiveness.

The events on Calvary are the most vivid depiction of the reality of the seriousness of sin. Christ—the One who was truly God and truly man, who was tempted in every way as we are yet remained without sin—shed His own blood. In His willing and necessary sacrifice, He became the Mediator of His own inheritance. May we never trivialize our sin to the point that we trivialize the shed blood of Jesus. By that blood alone, all who are called and endure receive a redemption and inheritance that lasts forever.

For further consideration:

In what ways is Jesus' priesthood different from and superior to the priesthood of the Levites? Why is Jesus' sacrifice the perfect sacrifice for our sins? How does the finality and perfection of Jesus' sacrifice affect the security of our salvation? In what ways does Jesus' example of unconditional atonement defy our culture's understanding of forgiveness and love? What does it mean for your conscience to be cleansed, and how does the cleansing free you to genuinely worship God and joyfully serve Him? How should your motivation to share the gospel be strengthened by the knowledge that Jesus' death secures redemption for every person who is called? When you hear the gospel at Parkview, do you hear a truncated, reductionistic version of it, or do you hear a clear articulation of the full gospel?