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Sundays at 10:00 a.m.

Churchy Words 5: Blood

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KEY PASSAGES

Hebrews 9:6-22 (NIV)

When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance. The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still functioning. This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper. They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings - external regulations applying until the time of the new order. But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance - now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood. When Moses had proclaimed every command of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep." In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

FIVE KEY POINTS

1. **Blood means life.** In Hebrew, man (adam), earth (adamah) and blood (dam) all come from the root for red.
2. **Forgiveness does not bring the bike back.** Sin leaves a real loss, and someone has to pay to make it right.
3. **Sin is bigger than breaking a rule.** When Nathan confronted David, God said David had despised him.
4. **The animal sacrifices only held death back.** They covered sin for a day, since only life can stand against death.
5. **The cross was the plan from Genesis 3.** The sacrifices helped people understand the blood of God that was coming.

STORIES & ILLUSTRATIONS

A squirrel on the walk to school. He watched a squirrel hit by a bus in Nepean return to the earth over about six weeks.

Six thousand crosses on one road. After the Spartacus revolt, Rome crucified about 6,000 men along the road to Capua.

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