

## The Blood of Christ - Hebrews 9:11-28

**Topics:** Atonement, Comparisons, Death, Forgiveness, Heaven, Holy Spirit, Inadequacy, Jesus Christ, Judgment, Limitations, Mediator, Messiah, New Covenant, Sacrifice

### Open It

1. What are some ways people typically try to deal with their own mortality?
- \* 2. What images come to mind when you hear the phrases “blood sacrifice” and “cleansed with blood”?
3. What do you imagine death being like?

### Explore It

4. How is the heavenly tabernacle in which Christ serves as high priest described? (9:11)
5. By what means did Christ enter the Most Holy Place? (9:12)
6. How many times did Christ enter the Most Holy Place? (9:12)
7. What ritual cleansing ceremony did a high priest typically complete before he entered the Most Holy Place? (9:13)
8. To what degree was a high priest considered clean? (9:13)
- \* 9. How was Christ’s sacrifice on our behalf different from the usual sacrifice for sin on the Day of Atonement? (9:14)
- \* 10. What benefits do believers in Christ derive from the sacrifice Christ made on their behalf? (9:14)
11. What is our promised eternal inheritance? (9:15)
- \* 12. What must happen in order for sins to be forgiven? (9:22)
13. As a high priest, why did Christ enter heaven instead of an earthly man-made sanctuary? (9:24)
14. How is Christ categorically different from every other high priest? (9:25-26)
15. What fate awaits every person? (9:27)
16. How will Christ’s Second Coming differ from His first advent? (9:28)

### Get It

17. In what ways was Christ an unblemished sacrifice?
18. What does it mean that Christ fully and completely satisfied God’s wrath over sin and can make us right with God?
19. Why couldn’t we receive our promised eternal inheritance apart from the death of Christ?
- \* 20. Why do you think the author kept emphasizing that Christ’s sacrifice was “once for all”?
21. How would it change the way we live if we kept in mind the fact that we all will be judged?
- \* 22. If Christ has done all these fantastic things for us, why are we so prone to stray from Him?
23. What might motivate you to be more consistent in your commitment to Christ?
24. How can the fact of our own mortality (that is, our lives on earth are temporary) motivate us to a holier life-style?

### Apply It

- \* 25. In what concrete way can you show gratitude for Christ’s sacrifice?
26. With whom do you want to share the good news this week of a Savior who offers forgiveness, freedom from sin, and eternal life? How?