

Life Group Notes

Sunday 25th April 2021

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Title: The Blood of Jesus Changes Everything

Passage: Hebrews 9:23-28

Imagine a conversation between an early Christian and his neighbour – where is your temple? Who is your high priest, where do you offer your sacrifice, where do you come before God and give him your offering? We do not need a temple anymore because we are God's temple, we do not need a sacrifice because Jesus is the ultimate sacrifice, we do not need a high priest, because Jesus is our high priest, we do not need to come before God, because God lives in us.

Blood is critical to the old testament but is also central to us because we are brought into the presence of God by the blood of Christ.

1. As it is able to revive us and sustain us

The blood of Jesus is important because of its relationship to life, for blood signifies the supreme offering to God. God's holiness and justice demands that sin be punished.

The Bible regards blood as the symbol and source of life. (Lev. 17:14), states, "For the life of every creature is its blood." Remember that even knowing God's plan in His humanness he realised the suffering he would be bare, but still carried out the will of God to shed his life-giving blood for us

2. Encourages our Faith in its life-giving power

Jesus Blood does not only revive, sustain and protects us, but it also *Encourages our Faith through its life-giving power.*

3. Embraces and Unifies us as believers in God's kingdom.

John Piper's book "Bloodlines, Race, the Cross and Christians" talks about a change from "Bloodlines to Bloodline" as he explains it should be a longing and the prayer that God would take all of us from our various racial and ethnic bloodlines and lead us to the one bloodline of Jesus Christ, a bloodline born at the cross where he shed his blood to form one new people, one new bloodline, from every people and tongue and tribe and nation (Eph 2.12-13).

As a church it is our sincere desire that we seek the one bloodline of Jesus Christ, where the racial, ethnic, class, social standing, education, or lack thereof, suburb we live in, car that we drive, suspicions, dislikes, disrespect, and hostilities are overpowered by the unifying blood of Jesus.

Questions:

1. What spoke to you from this message, and what are you going to do about it?
2. Why don't Christians carry out sacrifices? What is important about the sacrifice of Jesus?
3. Does your faith need encouraging sometimes? What encourages you most?
4. How does Jesus' blood unify us?
5. Thank God together for the blood of Jesus Christ.