



Life Group Group Discussion Guide

"The All-Sufficient Sacrifice of Our Savior" Hebrews 9:15-28

Summary of the Sermon

This sermon, based on **Hebrews 9:15-28**, highlights the supremacy of Jesus Christ as the ultimate high priest and the mediator of a **new covenant**. It emphasizes that His sacrificial death is **once for all**, completely fulfilling the requirements of the old covenant sacrifices. Unlike the Levitical system, which required repeated offerings, Christ's **one-time sacrifice** secured **eternal redemption** for believers.

The sermon also discusses the significance of Jesus' **shedding of blood**, explaining that it was necessary to satisfy God's justice and to cleanse humanity from sin. Christ's death **initiated the new covenant**, allowing believers to enjoy **forgiveness, transformation, and direct access to God**. The message concludes with the hope of Christ's **second coming**, encouraging believers to live in eager anticipation of His return, motivated by love and gratitude rather than fear.

Big Idea of Hebrews:

If you are a genuine believer, your endurance in the Christian faith will be directly connected to how clearly you see who Jesus is, what He has done for you, and what He is doing for you right now.

Big Idea of the Sermon:

Through His sacrificial death, Jesus **inaugurates a new covenant, secures eternal redemption, appears in heaven next to His Father on our behalf, and is coming back again.**

Intro Prayer

Heavenly Father, as we gather to discuss Your Word, open our hearts and minds to understand the profound significance of Jesus's sacrifice. Help us grasp how His blood has transformed our relationship with You and guide our discussion to draw us closer to You. In Jesus's name, amen.

Hebrews 9:15-28 ESV

“Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.^[a] ¹⁶ For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. ¹⁷ For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive. ¹⁸ Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. ¹⁹ For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, ²⁰ saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.” ²¹ And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. ²² Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.

²³ Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ²⁵ Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, ²⁶ for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷ And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so Christ, having been offered once to bear the

sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him."

Discussion Questions

Theological Discussion Questions

1. **Why was Christ's sacrifice necessary to establish the new covenant?**
 2. **How does Jesus' "once for all" sacrifice differ from the repeated sacrifices under the old covenant?**
 3. **Why does Hebrews emphasize the shedding of blood for forgiveness? What does this teach us about God's justice and grace?**
 4. **What is the significance of Jesus' ongoing ministry in heaven and His future return for believers?**
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Life Application Discussion Questions (with Gospel-Centered Responses)

1. **Do you live in the assurance that Jesus' sacrifice has fully secured your forgiveness, or do you still try to earn God's favor?**
 - *The Holy Spirit reminds us that salvation is by grace alone, freeing us from striving for acceptance and leading us into joyful obedience.*
2. **How is the Holy Spirit transforming your heart, not just your actions, as part of the new covenant?**
 - *Through the Spirit's work, our motivations shift from religious duty to love for Christ, as God writes His law on our hearts (Hebrews 8:10).*
3. **How does Jesus' ongoing intercession in heaven affect your confidence in approaching God?**
 - *The Spirit testifies that we are children of God, giving us boldness to come before Him in prayer, knowing Jesus mediates for us (Romans 8:26-27).*

4. **Are you eagerly awaiting Christ's return? How does this expectation shape your daily life?**

- *The Spirit stirs in us a longing for Jesus, producing holiness and a gospel-driven urgency to share His love with others (Titus 2:11-13).*

Each response highlights how **the Holy Spirit empowers believers** to live out the truth of Christ's finished work, ensuring that faith is not just intellectual but **transformational**.

Ending Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for Your perfect sacrifice that has secured our eternal redemption. Help us live in grateful response to Your love, allowing Your Spirit to transform us from the inside out. May we eagerly anticipate Your return while serving You faithfully. In Your precious name, amen.