

## APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Applying this message to everyday life

1. Name one or two aspects of your faith that best illustrate your full embrace of the authority of Christ in your life. How well do you practice these things?
2. How could you improve keeping the irreligious culture at a distance, to minimize its anti-God influence?
3. James 5:16 tells us to “confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.” Since sin is serious, do you have any sins you wish to confess to others in your group? (Note: if in mixed company, please refrain from confessing sexual sins – you may want to do that with just the men, or the women.)
4. Pray for each other according to James 5:16 and in other ways that this message can be applied.

*A Better Way*  
*#599 – Sin is Serious*  
*Hebrews 9:11-28*

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### **Sin is Serious**

In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.**

Hebrews 9:22

The Christian faith is rooted in a \_\_\_\_\_ context, with absolute truth for the present and hope for the future.

\_\_\_\_\_ is needed as it establishes standards, maintains order, resolves disputes, and protects liberties and rights.

The devout old covenant worshipper had a definite awareness that sin requires \_\_\_\_\_; a blood sacrifice.

Acts that lead to death refer to \_\_\_\_\_ religious rituals.

\_\_\_\_\_ is past, present and future. Jesus sacrificed himself once (v.26), Jesus intercedes for us in God’s presence (v.24), and Jesus will come again to bring final salvation (v.28).

Old covenant believers were saved through their obedient \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledging that \_\_\_\_\_ required death as they placed their souls under the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.

### **Conditions of a Waiting Soul**

1. You realize there is no middle \_\_\_\_\_ between absolute truth and cultural relativism.
2. You have made your \_\_\_\_\_ to place the eternal above the temporal.
3. You have \_\_\_\_\_ in the completed work of Jesus Christ for your salvation.

## GETTING-TO-KNOW-ME QUESTIONS

Sharing time to get your group started

A. Describe serious. What is something that you are serious about?

B. Have you ever had to procure a death certificate in the case of validating someone's will? Why was it necessary?

C. Fill in the blank, "If you knew me better you would know that \_\_\_\_\_."

2. Read Exodus 24 listing your observations that are pertinent to this sermon from Hebrews 9:11-28.

3. Compare Revelation 1:5-6 with Hebrews 9:14-15. What similarities do these verses share?

## LIFE GROUP HOMEWORK – DIGGING DEEPER

Jot down a brief answer to the following four questions

### Quick Review

1. Reflecting on this week's sermon, is there any principle or insight that stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?

4. Read 1 Peter 2:1-3. What does it mean to "grow up in your salvation?" What has been most helpful to you in the past year for your spiritual growth?