

LIFE Group Sermon Questions

Triple Crown: Priest

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Hebrews 9:11-15



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“But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) 12 he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. 13 For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 14 how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.”

Sermon Outline

- I. The sacrifice Jesus offered
 - a. Personal (Hebrews 9:12)
 - b. Perfect (Hebrews 9:14)
 - c. Permanent (Hebrews 9:12)
- II. The redemption Jesus secured
 - a. Thorough (Hebrews 9:14)
 - b. Eternal (Hebrews 9:12)
 - c. Transformational (Hebrews 9:14)
 - d. Available (Hebrews 9:14)

Discussion Questions

1. What did you learn today from the Scripture passage(s) that you didn't know before? What is something that hit you in a fresh way?
2. The Bible emphasizes over and over again three things about Jesus: that he is a prophet, priest, and king. What are some other ways the Bible describes who Jesus is?
3. In your own words, why do we need a *mediator* between us and God? Why were sacrifices necessary?
4. From what you know of Biblical priests, how else did Jesus fulfill that role?
5. What's an example of a sacrifice that has or might cost *you* something? How does knowing Christ gave *himself* for you encourage you to be generous and sacrificial toward others?

6. Why does it matter that Jesus was “without blemish” (Hebrews 9:14)?

7. Why is it good to have a conscience that will alert you to your sins? In what ways does your conscience condemn you more severely than it should?

8. Hebrews 9:14 says that in Christ, God has purified our conscience “from dead works.” This is a description of the *things* we try to *do* to *lessen* our feelings of *guilt*. Why are those “works” not ultimately helpful? How *can* they be helpful? How is looking to the work of Jesus *more* helpful?

9. How has God changed you? What are some examples of how you can “serve” him (Hebrews 9:14) and offer yourself as a “living sacrifice” to him (Romans 12:1)?

10. Why do you think our impulse is to build our own “bridge” to God? Why won’t that work?

11. 1 Peter 2:9 describes individual Christians as priests. None of us have died for anyone’s sins, but in what ways can we be a bridge in helping others draw near to God?