

Jesus' Blood

Hebrews 9

12-14-14

1. This week's passage was a bit daunting. What were your impressions of the passage? Was Jim's analogy helpful, how so?
2. Verses 12 and 13 mention the sacrifice of goats and calves. How burdensome would it be to follow the sacrificial laws whenever you sinned? Read Leviticus 14:33-42. How mundane and exhausting do those requirements sound, particularly when you know that there are thousands more like it? Is there ever a part of living the Christian life that feels like this?
3. Verse 14 says that Christ's blood cleanses our consciences from "acts that lead to death". Does that description sound severe to you? Read Genesis 3:6, how bad does that sound to you? Read Matthew 5:29-30, does that sound extreme to you? How do these verses put into perspective the debt that Jesus' blood paid for us?
4. This passage uses the illustration of a will and an inheritance. What things come to your mind when you think of an inheritance? Do you have any presumptions about someone who has received a large inheritance? Read Luke 15:11-13. Does this description fit your presumption? If we are wealthy because of a large inheritance do we have reason to be proud of ourselves?
5. Jesus' blood has taken us from owing a debt to enjoying an all-expenses paid vacation. Do you ever find it hard to comprehend that? Do you ever feel as though you have to earn it? What is your natural response to such a gift?
6. Pray with your small group. Reflect on the goodness and perfect sacrifice of Jesus. Thank him that although you were dead in your sin, God made you alive with Christ-it is by grace you have been saved!