

BY HIS OWN
BLOOD
HEBREWS 9:12

Big Idea: The presence of God comes only by the blood of Christ.

-- How can we regain a place in the presence of God, both today and forever?

- Sinful human beings cannot be in God's **PRESENCE** without first making atonement for our sin, and atonement for sin cannot be made without the shedding of blood (Heb. 9:22, Lev. 17:10).
- God put the life of each creature in its blood so that blood could make atonement for our sin.

-- One great limitation of the Mosaic Covenant is the fact that the blood of animals is an utterly **INSUFFICIENT** covering for human sin (Hebrews 10:4).

- The blood of bulls and goats was a temporary measure that was always pointing forward to the New Covenant that would be established upon the righteous blood of Christ.
- Jesus alone is **SAVIOR** because He alone possesses the uncompromised blood of flawless human life.

-- Because He could enter into God's presence by His own righteousness, Jesus was able to offer His lifeblood to cover the death that we deserve.

- By His blood, the temple veil has been torn in two, indicating the **ACCESS** to God's presence we have been given in Christ.
- Anyone in Christ is promised the presence of God—first by the Holy Spirit dwelling in us and ultimately in His forever kingdom.

The Lord's Supper

-- As we lift the cup of Christ together, we proclaim the one and only substance that can remove the barrier between us and God: the **BLOOD** of Christ.

-- This supper reminds us that, as Christ's bride, we gather at His table, where He sits at the head and bestows upon us the grace of his glorious presence.