

You Can't Live Without It!

I. You can't live without the blood of Jesus!

Hebrews 9:1-28

1. Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary.
2. A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand, the table and the consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place.
3. Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place,
4. which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. This ark contained the gold jar of manna, Aaron's staff that had budded, and the stone tablets of the covenant.
5. Above the ark were the cherubim of the Glory, overshadowing the atonement cover. But we cannot discuss these things in detail now.
6. When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry.
7. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.
8. The Holy Spirit was showing by this that the way into the Most Holy Place had not yet been disclosed as long as the first tabernacle was still standing.
9. This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshiper.
10. They are only a matter of food and drink and various ceremonial washings--external regulations applying until the time of the new order.
11. When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation.
12. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.
13. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.
14. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!
15. For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

16. In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it,
17. because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living.
18. This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood.
19. When Moses had proclaimed every commandment of the law to all the people, he took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people.
20. He said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep."
21. In the same way, he sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies.
22. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.
23. It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.
24. For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.
25. Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own.
26. Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.
27. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,
28. so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

II. You can't live without faith!

Without faith it is impossible to please God!

Hebrews 11:6—And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.

2 Cor. 5:7 - "We walk by faith and not by sight".

Heb. 11:1 KJV - It is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things unseen.

ASV - Now faith is assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.

NIV - Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.

III. You can't live without a working faith!

James 2:26 - As the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without deeds is dead.

Pr. 14:4 - Where there are no oxen, the manger is empty(KJV-clean), but from the strength of an ox comes an abundant harvest.

IV. You can't live without holiness!

Hebrews 12:1-17

1. Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

2. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

4. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

5. And you have forgotten that word of encouragement that addresses you as sons: "My son, do not make light of the Lord's discipline, and do not lose heart when he rebukes you,

6. because the Lord disciplines those he loves, and he punishes everyone he accepts as a son."

7. Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father?

8. If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons.

9. Moreover, we have all had human fathers who disciplined us and we respected them for it. How much more should we submit to the Father of our spirits and live!

10. Our fathers disciplined us for a little while as they thought best; but God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness.

11. No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

12. Therefore, strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees.

13. "Make level paths for your feet," so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed.

14. Make every effort to live in peace with all men and to be holy; without holiness no one will see the Lord.

15. See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.

16. See that no one is sexually immoral, or is godless like Esau, who for a single meal sold his inheritance rights as the oldest son.

17. Afterward, as you know, when he wanted to inherit this blessing, he was rejected. He could bring about no change of mind, though he sought the blessing with tears.

Heb. 2:11 - Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers.

V. You can't live without love!

I Corinthians 13:2 - If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing.

Jn. 15:9-13

9. "As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love.

10. If you obey my commands, you will remain in my love, just as I have obeyed my Father's commands and remain in his love.

11. I have told you this so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

12. My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.

13. Greater love has no one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.

VI. You can't live without Jesus Christ!

John 15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from (KJV-without) me you can do nothing.

I Corinthians 3:6-7

6. I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow.

7. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.

Gal. 6:3 - If anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself.

1 Tim. 6:7 - For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it.

1Cor 1:27-31

27. But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.

28. He chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things--and the things that are not--to nullify the things that are,

29. so that no one may boast before him. (KJV-That no flesh should glory in his presence)

30. It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God--that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption.

31. Therefore, as it is written: "Let him who boasts boast in the Lord."
No flesh will glory in his presence!

Heb. 12:20-21

20. May the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep,

21. equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.