

The Blood of Christ
Hebrews 9:11-14

Review:

1. When we join the Church we confess that we are sinners in need of a Savior
2. The Old Testament sacrifices pointed to the same truth – that because everyone deserved the death penalty, blood had to be shed for anyone to be forgiven
3. Jesus offered His own blood on the altar to pay the death penalty our treason deserves.
4. When we take the Lord's Supper, we are claiming to be united to Christ by faith, thus sharing in His death to the power of sin, and His resurrection to newness of life.

Go further – Read I Corinthians 11:17-34

1. In verses 17-22, Paul criticizes the Christians in Corinth for the way they are celebrating the Lord's Supper. What does he say they are doing wrong in verses 18 and 19? Why would this problem make it hard for the people to celebrate the Lord's Supper correctly?
2. What problem does Paul describe in verses 21 and 22? What sort of attitude does this kind of behavior indicate?
3. How does this sort of selfishness indicate that the people are despising the Church of God?
4. How does Paul recommend that these behaviors be corrected in verses 33 and 34?
5. In verses 23-25, Paul tells what happened at the Last Supper. What does Jesus say about the bread?
6. Since He tells us to eat this bread, what is He saying about His relationship to those who trust in Him?
7. What does Jesus say about the cup of wine they drank after supper?
8. In the Old Testament, when a covenant was made between people, animals were killed and their blood was put on each party to the covenant, saying that if they broke their word, they should be killed in a similar way. Why is it important for us that Jesus says the blood of the new covenant is His blood?
9. What two things does verse 26 say we proclaim about Jesus when we take the Lord's Supper?
10. Verses 27-31 give us a warning about taking the Lord's Supper in an unworthy way. Why does verse 27 say this is so serious?
11. What does verse 29 say we must judge rightly before we take the Lord's Supper? Since "the body" can refer to Jesus or to the Church, what do you think Paul means we need to know?

Apply:

1. How can the Lord's Supper help us live into a deeper relationship with Christ?
2. How can the Lord's Supper help us understand our relationship with other Christians?