

# By His Blood Alone

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[0:00] Hebrews 9 verse 12 it says, Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by his own blood, he answered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us.

Just some little thoughts around this time together. It's an ordinance. It's something ordained by God. A holy ordinance.

The Bible speaks about the Lord's table. It speaks about baptism. Two ordinances and one is this time. The holy ordinance of communion.

Holy communion. It speaks to us of redemption. Redemption. By his own blood. Redemption. Redeem. It means to buy back. You know, when you put something on hold cash converters and you've got to redeem it.

You've got to pay your money to get it back. And that's what God's done for us. He's paid an awesome price to buy us back. To purchase us. It speaks of the purchasing power of his own blood.

[1:10] It speaks of adoration. Adoration. We do not adore the symbols today. As some do. But the substance. Not the symbols, but the substance.

It's the spiritual element that we adore today. Our God. It speaks to us of love. This is God's love feast.

It's a loving one another. It's our love to God. A communion together and a communion with him. It speaks to us of salvation. It pictures that. It's a loving one another.

This new agreement. This new covenant. This new testament. It's pictured here. In these graphic symbols of blood and body. Bread and cup.

It speaks to us of fellowship with God. And with each other. A union. A communion. A common union. A union. Communion. A common union with God. And a common union as his body.

[2:07] As his people today. It speaks to us of thanksgiving. It starts with that. As our Lord starts in 1 Corinthians 11.24. It says. He gave thanks.

He starts with thanks. And it is our everlasting theme. Isn't it? As believers. As safe people today. Our everlasting theme is thanksgiving.

Thanksgiving. He starts with thanks. He took the bread and gave thanks. And when he had given thanks. He break it. Take it. This is my body. Which is broken for you.

This do in remembrance of me. It speaks of remembrance. This do in remembrance of me.

Remembrance. It speaks of a recollection. Of calling to mind. Now.

There are things that have happened in my life. And I have got to go back to the photo album. To just prompt the memory. And that is what this is in a way. It is like a picture isn't it? A photograph. A memorial.

[3:01] A reminder. You know. Sometimes my wife has got to remind me about the anniversary. But. She is a good reminder to me. And this is a reminder of that anniversary if you like.

That special moment in time. When everything changed. In time and space. And it is ever fresh. Ever sweet.

You know. We don't tire of praying or a Bible reading. And neither should we. Of communion. It should be ever fresh. Ever sweet. It is a simplicity here. There is a simplicity here. There is a simplicity.

There is a simplicity. These are simple things. We don't have any great decorations. Graven images. Stained glass windows. There is no cross. No crucifix. No graven image here.

No pop. No robes. No ritual. No ceremony. No smoke or Latin. This is simple scriptural truth. Bread and cup.

[3:59] Simple New Testament Christianity. There is praise here. There is praise here. We are giving praise this morning. There is blessing here. We receive his blessing. The cup of blessing which we bless.

There is an invitation here. Come to the table. Come. He invites you to come to the table. In the right spirit. In the right attitude.

In the humility of heart. There is a proclamation here. We announce. We declare. We shout it out for the whole world to know. To make it known. To publish the Lord's work.

His death is finished work. For as often as you eat this bread. And drink this cup. You do show. Or proclaim. Declare. Announce.

Publish. Show. The Lord's death. Till he come. We are showing people something today. As we corporately partake. And lastly there is a warning here.

[4:54] A warning here. A solemn warning. This is a sacred act. Not to be taken in a light way. But to be taken in a sacred fashion. Let us take a holy pause.

To consider our state our standing our heart before him.