

CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT THEM

I. We can't live without the shedding of blood.

- A. Hebrews 9:22.
- B. We see the reason we can't live without is that there would be no remission of sins.
- C. This chapter talks a great deal about the sacrifices that were offered under the Mosaic Law and that blood went all of them.
 - 1. Notice Hebrews 9:7.
 - 2. Blood was offered so sin could be forgiven.
- D. However, notice Hebrews 10:4.
 - 1. The blood of animals was not powerful enough to take away sin.
 - 2. This tells us that the offering for our sins had to be more powerful than animal blood because it wasn't powerful enough to take away our sins.
- E. Hebrews 9:13-18.
 - 1. If the animal sacrifices purified the flesh, the blood of Christ can purify the conscience.
 - 2. Jesus had to die in order bring in the New Covenant.
- F. Sin can now be put away permanently because of the blood of Christ (Hebrews 9:26).
- G. Apart from the blood of Christ, there is no hope for anyone.
 - 1. Under the Mosaic Law, people were dedicated to God through the sprinkling of blood (Hebrews 9:18-19).
 - 2. You and I, in order to be dedicated to God, must come into contact with the blood of Christ.
 - 3. There is only one place in which that is possible, and that is baptism (Romans 6:3-4).
 - 4. To stay dedicated and pure, a Christian must continue in contact with that blood (1 John 1:7).
- H. If any of us want to live spiritually, it is only through the shed blood of Christ that will be possible.

II. We can't live without faith.

- A. Hebrews 11:6.
- B. We are told that it impossible to please God without faith.
 - 1. If we can't please God, we can't live spiritually with Him.
 - 2. Belief in God and His promises and allowing that belief to lead us to obedience is pleasing to God.
 - 3. In reality, that is faith: belief that moves one to obey.
- C. There is absolutely no hope of pleasing God if we have no faith.
 - 1. We can do a million good deeds but not have faith and there is no way we will be pleasing to God.
 - 2. When we fail to obey by faith, we fail to please God.
 - 3. We can do all that God asks us to do, but if it is not done out of

- faith, there is no way we will please God.
- D. There is only one source of faith (Romans 10:17).
 - 1. From the source of faith, God's word, you and I can learn how to please God.
 - 2. 1 Thessalonians 4:1.
 - a. At that time, the teaching of inspired men was the source of faith.
 - b. It was spoken and then confirmed by miracles.
 - 3. When God's word is preached or read and studied, faith is gained or increased.
 - 4. When it is gained or increased, we will do those things that are pleasing to God.
 - E. It should be our main goal to please God (2 Timothy 2:3-4).
 - F. We must use every opportunity we have to increase our faith.
 - 1. Satan attacks us in our weak areas.
 - 2. Faith is to be used to quench those temptations he sends (Ephesians 6:16).
 - G. If we don't believe in, and trust, those great promises of God, as those mentioned in Hebrews 11, we won't live spiritually.

III. We can't live without possessing peace and holiness.

- A. Hebrews 12:14.
- B. The inspired writer of Hebrews tells us that we are to follow peace and holiness with everyone or we will not see God.
 - 1. Peace carries the idea of harmony in living with others.
 - 2. Holiness carries the idea of separation and this word is also translated sanctification in other verses.
- C. You and I are to seek peace with others in all occasions, though knowing it will not always come about (Romans 12:18).
- D. You and I are to be peacemakers, according to Jesus (Matthew 5:9).
- E. While being peaceful, we must maintain a separation from the world.
 - 1. We must remain holy.
 - 2. We can't allow ourselves to become like the world.
 - 3. We don't treat those in the world as hostile, but we don't become like they are because we are striving to be holy.
- F. If we don't understand and maintain this type lifestyle as Christians, we are going to be in serious trouble.
 - 1. We can't go picking fights with those who treat us poorly for being Christians.
 - 2. We can't become like the world in order to maintain peace with people.
- G. It is up to us as Christians to be peaceable but separate from the world.

IV. We can't live without discipline.

- A. Hebrews 12:9.
- B. If we want to live with God, we must accept His discipline.

- C. No one likes discipline, but I hope we all understand its necessity.
 - 1. You look around our society and you can see what a lack of discipline has done to it.
 - 2. You have many selfish, rude, and maladjusted adults who are no better than children who haven't gotten their way.
 - 3. We pitch a fit when something doesn't go our way, even as adults, because of a lack of discipline when we were young.
- D. Why do children often act worse when they come home from grandma and granddad's house?
 - 1. They have been getting to do what they want.
 - 2. There is usually much less discipline at grandma and granddad's than at home.
 - 3. That is how the children would act all the time if they receive discipline at home.
- E. The same holds true for us as adults.
 - 1. We still need discipline.
 - 2. We still step out of line and need to be brought back in line.
- F. God disciplines us for our benefit (Hebrews 12:5-6).
 - 1. God wants us to be holy and sometimes we aren't.
 - 2. There are times when we realize we aren't by ourselves and we quickly repent and get back in step with God's will.
 - 3. There are times when we don't and God has to punish us.
- G. There are different means or methods of His punishment and we can't always say that something definitely was or was not from God.
- H. The fact is, we need discipline because it keeps us submissive to the will of God.

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