

THE need OF THE GOSPEL

LESSON 3: Understanding the Cross

ANCHOR STATEMENT: The blood of Christ purifies God's people of their sin. Through the blood of Christ, our High Priest, we can enter God's presence for all eternity.

MAIN PASSAGE: Hebrews 9:22-28

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 sanctuary made with human hands 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 Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

27 Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, 28 so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO KNOW: That when we identify ourselves with Christ, we are being raised to walk in a new life.

WHAT WE WANT STUDENTS TO DO WITH WHAT THEY'VE LEARNED:

Live in the freedom that comes from a new life in Christ and share this Good News with others.