

What You Can't Afford To Be Without

⇒ **Text:** Hebrews 9:22

⇒ **Introduction:**

- We live in a day where there are some things that many people just feel like they cannot be without and yet do not look at spiritual things in the same light.
- 1. Many feel they cannot do without riches.
 - It is no sin to have a great deal of material possessions, but sin comes in the picture when material possessions have hold of us.
 - Some folks get obsessed with the thoughts of getting rich.
 - Riches can lead to many things such as pride, forgetting God, denying God, forsaking God, rebelling against God, rejecting Christ (as the rich young ruler), self sufficiency, worry, violence, oppression, fraud and even sensual indulgence.
 - Jesus summarized it well when He said in Luke 12:15, "**Take heed, and beware of covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of the things which he possesseth.**"
 - Jesus says in those words, "Do not build your life around things."
 - We should build our lives around the person of the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Riches do not gain for us real prosperity, they certainly cannot redeem the soul, and they cannot deliver in the day of God's wrath.
 - That is why the song-writer said, "Take the whole world but give me Jesus."
- 2. Others feel like they cannot do without worldly fame.
 - Some of the dearest saints of God I ever have known, have been people that were not famous in this present world system.
 - Your name may not be on the billboards in this world, but when you got saved there was a new name written down in glory.
 - It does not matter how many people know you in this world, if the Lord does not know you and cannot identify you as one of His own.
 - Fame is one of those fleeting things.
 - It may be here today and gone tomorrow.
 - On the other hand, the things of God are invisible, but are eternal.
 - Live with eternal things in view!
- I have observed through the years some folks doing anything to be popular with the crowd around them.
 - We would be wise to seek the favor of God above the favor of man.
 - We need to build on things eternal and hold to God's unchanging hand.
- Let's look together for a few minutes this morning at some of the "**withouts**" of the Bible.

⇒ **I. WITHOUT THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD THERE IS NO REMISSION**

○ **See Hebrews 9:22**

- The greatest need of man is to have his sins "remitted."

- Our verse here in Heb. 9:22 tells us, without the shedding of blood there is no remission of our sin.
- The word "remission" also means "forgiveness".
- Man is born with a problem call sin and until it is dealt with through the blood and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, sin will stand in the way of man knowing God personally.
 - Having your sin forgiven is one thing you had better not fail to get taken care of in this life.
- **Note:**
 - We all know we will eventually die, so we have wills made up and living wills, to make preparation for that hour, whenever it may be.
 - It is good to do that and we should take time to see those things are taken care of while we can do so.
 - But, why don't we take time to make preparation as well for the time that we will leave this world and stand before a holy and a righteous God?
- The most piercing words we will ever hear will be when the words are given to some, "**Depart from me, ye that work iniquity.**"
 - I had much rather hear the words, "**Enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.**"
- **Note:**
 - In the Old Testament their sins were only covered for a year, when the priest went into the Holy of Holies of the Tabernacle and sprinkle the blood of an animal on the mercy seat for the sins of the people to be forgiven.
 - Here is our verse 22 of Hebrews 9 is what is being referenced.
 - However, every Old Testament lamb that was offered pointed ahead to the Lamb of God who would come to deal with sin once and for all.
 - The death of Jesus made possible a new and living way.
 - His sacrifice is once for all and requires no more sacrifices to be offered for the sins of mankind.
- **A. Remission or forgiveness is through the riches of His grace.**
 - **Eph 1:7**, "In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of **his grace**;"
- **B. Remission or forgiveness is through His blood**
 - **Col. 1:14**, "In whom we have redemption through **his blood**, even the forgiveness of sins:"
 - The Bible versions take out the word "blood".
 - The devil wants people to have a bloodless Bible because he knows that is only through the precious sinless blood of God's Son a person is saved!
- **C. Remission is through His name.**
 - **Acts 10:43**, "To him give all the prophets witness, that **through his name** whosoever believeth in him shall receive remission of sins."
- It is "**through his name**" that we receive remission of sins.

- To say it another way, we are accepted not in what we have done, but in what He has done, when He became our offering for sin at the cross.
 - We are not accepted before God because of who we are, but because of who He is.
 - **D. Remission means no more offering.**
 - **Hebrews 10:17-18**, “And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more. Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sin.”
 - When your sins are forgiven, there is no more need of bringing an offering to atone for sins, when the atonement has been made once and for all.
 - Aren't you glad we do not have to look through a flock of sheep to find one without flaw to offering to God in heaven?
 - Jesus made things so simple.
 - When we put our faith and trust in Him as Savior and take Him as our Lord, then our sin is removed and He promises that He will remember them no more.
 - He does not forget accidentally, but purposely.
 - Baptism does not save you.
 - Clean living will not save you.
 - Doing good will not save you.
 - Joining the church will not save you.
 - Trying to keep the ten commandments will not save you.
 - You must have the blood of Christ applied to your soul.
 - For “**without shedding of blood is no remission (or forgive-ness).**”
 - We can turn that statement around and see the other side of it---that being--- "With the shedding of blood there is remission of our sin."
- ⇒ **II. WITHOUT FAITH WE CANNOT PLEASE GOD**
- **See Hebrews 11:6**
 - Faith is believing what God said and acting upon what he said.
 - All of Hebrews 11 is a divine testimony of lives that pleased God because they possessed faith.
 - In other words they believed what God told them and acted upon it.
 - Why can no one please God without faith?
 - It is because no one will ever come to God, unless they first believe that He is and unless they are convinced that He rewards all of those who seek Him and try to find Him.
 - Why can we not please God except by faith?
 - **A. Faith pleases God because it brings access to Him.**
 - Since access to God is opened by faith, all who do not have it are objects of God's displeasure.
 - **Illustration:**
 - When the jail house at Philippi collapsed, the jailer went to Paul and Silas and cried out, "**Sirs, what must I do to be saved?**"

- They said to him, "**Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved.**"
 - They were telling the jailer how to get to God.
 - The Bible says of Abraham that he, "**Abraham believed God, and it was counted unto him for righteousness.**"(Romans 4:3).
 - When Abraham believed God, the Lord took away the unrighteousness that was one his account, and exchanged it with the righteousness of God.
 - You can do all kind of things but you will never please or satisfy God until you have saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Going in a garage doesn't make you a car.
 - Getting in the water doesn't make you a fish.
 - Flying through the air does not make you a bird.
 - Climbing a tree does not make you a monkey.
 - BUT, saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ will make you a Christian, a child of God.
 - It all happens through faith in the Lord Jesus.
 - The word "please" here means to "gratify completely."
 - God is completely gratified and satisfied when we trust His Son as Savior and take Him as Lord.
 - **B. Faith pleases God because it will result in the right kind of life.**
 - Jesus put it this way:
 - **Luke 6:43**, "For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."
 - Paul the Apostle put it this way:
 - **2 Cor. 5:17**, "Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new."
- ⇒ **III. WITHOUT HOLINESS NO MAN CAN SEE GOD**
- **See Hebrews 12:14**
 - There are basically two types of holiness:
 - 1) Positional & 2) Practical
 - **A. Positional Holiness** has to do with the time we are saved.
 - Paul said: **2 Cor. 5:21**- "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him."
 - To be made "holy" is to be made "pure, undefiled, set apart"
 - That is a Christian's standing never changes.
 - The devil, hell and all of the demons in the universe cannot change that status.
 - What I am telling you is that once you are genuinely made holy by faith in Jesus Christ, position-ally, you will never become unholy.
 - God not only saves you but keeps you.
 - Once you become His, He is big and powerful enough to get you all the way home to heaven to be with Him one day.
 - We are "**more than conquerors through Him that loved us.**" (Romans 8:37)

- **B. Practical Holiness** has to do with our lives after we are saved.
 - The word "holy" in the Bible is translated "sanctify and saints."
 - It has the idea of one who is pure and clean.
 - That is to be so after we are saved.
 - Jesus can make you holy position-ally, and can keep you living holy practically.
 - How do we live holy from day to day?
 - **1. The Word of God**
 - Jesus said in **John. 15:3**, "...ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you."
 - **2. The Spirit of God**
 - He is called the spirit of holiness.
 - He is the Holy Spirit (pure) Spirit.
 - Since that is true, the more the Holy Ghost controls you, the purer, and the holier your life will be.
 - The Holy Ghost will not make you "holier than thou," but I guarantee you that He will make you holy---pure in living.
 - What do people say about you on the job?
 - Do they say to others, "That is a holy person working over there behind that desk or behind that machine."
 - "**Seeing God**" in relationship to practically living has to do with our fellowship and communion with God.
- ⇒ **IV. WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE WE HASTEN ON INTO SIN**
- **See Proverbs 19:2**
 - What should we know about sin to keep us from hastening into it or falling into it?
 - Sin is the transgression of the law; it is of the devil;
 - All unrighteousness is sin; it is leaving off what we should do;
 - Whatever is not of faith is sin;
 - The thought of foolishness is sin; and
 - All the wicked imaginations of the heart are sin.
 - You had better know:
 - **A. Sin Leads To Shame**
 - **See Romans 6:21**
 - * Sin will lead you to do things that you will later be ashamed of and regret that you have ever done.
 - * God will forgive you of whatever you have done that is wrong, but it does not erase the past consequences of the sin committed.
 - * A person most of the time has to live with those consequences.
 - **B. Sin Leads To Disquiet**
 - * **Psalm 38:3**, "There is no soundness in my flesh because of thine anger; neither is there any rest in my bones because of **my sin.**"
 - Sooner or later, no one is troubled like a person who has let sin have its way in their life.

- Sin brings us more trouble in our lives than it is worth, no matter what shape or form it may take.
- It is good to be able to live for God, let Him control our lives and lie down at night with peace in our hearts toward Him.
- **C. Sin Leads To Disease**
 - * **See Psalm 38:7**, “For my loins are filled with a loathsome disease: and there is no soundness in my flesh.”
 - * The road to sinful and fleshly pleasure may look good at the time but it might lead to your physical death and will lead to eternal separation from God.
 - * So many have waited to late to take heed to God's warning.
 - * There are incurable diseases which are being transmitted today by sexual acts and kissing.

⇒ **V. WITHOUT CHASTISEMENT, PROOF LACKING OF YOUR SONSHIP**

○ **See Hebrews 12:8**

- **A. His Correction Comes Out of Love** – “For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth,” – **Heb. 12:6**
 - * It is not to vent frustrations or anger.
 - * Proverbs tells us that the person who really loves their child will correct them.
- **B. His Correction Comes To All of His**
 - * "scourgeth every son whom he receiveth." – **Heb. 12:6**
- **C. His Chastisement Is For Our Profit**
 - * **Heb. 12: 10** "For our profit"
- **D. His Correction Will Produces Positive Results if we Will Give the Proper Response**
 - * **Heb. 12:11** says, “Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby.”

⇒ **VI. WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST YOU CAN DO NOTHING**

○ **See John 15:5**

○ But with Him you can do anything.

- **Phil. 4:13**, “I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.”
- The word of God tells us “nothing is impossible with God.”
- The Apostle Paul realized that it was Christ that enabled him to be in the ministry.
 - * He told Timothy, “And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord, who hath enabled me, for that he counted me faithful, putting me into the ministry;” – **I Timothy 1:12.**
- Because of Christ, the Christian is all sufficient in all things.
 - * **See 2 Cor. 9:8.**

⇒ **VII. WITHOUT CHRIST AS THEIR FOUNDATION A PERSON IS HEADED FOR RUIN.**

○ **See Luke 6:49**

- A person's spiritual foundation must be built upon the solid rock, the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - If not then that person is headed for ruin.
 - * They will not be able to weather the trials and storms of life.
 - * Then when death comes to that individual, it will be too late because then will they realize that their spiritual house was built upon nothing but sinking sand.
 - * As they spend time and eternity in a lake of fire.
- The word of God tells us that Christ is the foundation that we are build upon in this life.
 - **See I Cor. 3:10-11.**
- My friend make sure that the foundation that you have laid for your spiritual house is the Lord Jesus Christ.
 - Because if it isn't then you are headed for ruin.

⇒ **Conclusion:**

- This morning we have looked some things that you **Cannot Be Without:**
 - You cannot be without –
 - * **THE SHEDDING OF BLOOD** – Because no remission of sin.
 - * **WITHOUT FAITH** – Can't Please God.
 - * **WITHOUT HOLINESS NO MAN CAN SEE GOD**
 - * **WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE WE HASTEN ON INTO SIN**
 - * **WITHOUT CHASTISEMENT** – Proof lacking of your son ship.
 - * **WITHOUT JESUS CHRIST YOU CAN DO NOTHING**
 - * **WITHOUT CHRIST AS THEIR FOUNDATION** – A person is headed for ruin.