Sermon Questions for PCC Small Groups

**Title The One for the Many: The Cross as Sacrifice, Worship, and Peace**

**Text:** Hebrews 9

**Series:** Hebrews

**Date Preached:** April 2, 2017

**Introductory Comments:** Pray for the Spirit’s guidance and illumination (that he turns on the light). Read Hebrews 9. This is heavy stuff. Perhaps it would be advantageous to read through the questions first, then decide on which ones you’d like to tackle.

In preparation, what did you learn (or were reminded of) when we walked through what the High Priest did on the annual Day of Atonement? Did anything stand out? In what ways did it cast light on the priestly work of Christ. How did the description of the sacrifices make you feel?

**Questions:**

1. From verses 24-28, describe the three “appearings” of Jesus Christ in chronological order. Which appearing is first, second, and third?
2. How does the first appearing of Jesus compare with what the high priest did on the Day of Atonement? Compare and contrast.
3. Who was present for the second appearing of Jesus and why is this meeting significant?
4. What is the significance of the high priest bringing both blood and incense into the Holy of Holies? What particularly does the incense signify. How did Christ’s appearance before the Father signify incense?
5. How does the finished work of Jesus remedy the division caused by sin and the defilement caused by sin? Putting this another way, how does a person become free from a guilty conscience? (9:13-15)
6. If you so desire, read Zechariah 3:1-9. How does this vision hit you personally?
7. Read the last verse of Hebrews 9 and reflect on why we don’t find ourselves in a posture of “waiting” for the final appearing.