

# ***At the Cross***

Jesus Died to Clean Us Up  
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## **Hebrews 9:11-14**

<sup>11</sup> But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup> he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. <sup>13</sup> For if the sprinkling of defiled persons with the blood of goats and bulls and with the ashes of a heifer sanctifies for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

## **Psalm 103:11-12**

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his love for those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

## **Isaiah 53:5**

But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was upon him, and by his wounds we are healed.

# **Discussion Questions**

Do you have any old pictures of yourself that you're embarrassed about?

Is there anything in your past that you look back on and just shake your head?

What do we usually do with those pictures and those thoughts?

How do we deal with guilt?

How do we look at past sin?

What do you think 'dead works' are?

The passage states that Jesus purifies our conscience. What does that mean to you?

How is this different that Him taking the punishment for our sin?

How do we get our consciences purified?

How does this affect our life and our faith?

Does it change how we see ourselves?...how we see others?