

THE TRUE MEANING OF HEBREWS 9:22

When we isolate a verse from its context and give it our desired interpretation, we often distort its actual meaning.

Hebrews 9:22 is often misquoted. It truly says that “without the shedding of blood there is no aphesis”. The contexts of the verse is the releasing of the Old Covenant and the Inauguration of the New Covenant. So aphesis is the releasing of the Old Covenant and establishing the New Covenant in Christ’s blood. Context matters.

To misquote Hebrews 9:22 and imply that God has to shed blood before He can forgive sin is a terrible distortion of the verse. God freely forgives. Jesus freely forgave sin without having to kill anyone.

We often hear, “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins”. This is not what the verse says by any means. Followers of penal substitution theory have added words to this verse and distorted its meaning to push their own agenda.