

***“Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus,<sup>20</sup> by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body,<sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God,<sup>22</sup> let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water.”***

Three items to focus on in this reading as we prepare to share the cup, the fruit of the vine that represents Christ's blood – therefore three blessings we have as a result of Christ's blood, to remember as we partake of this cup;

- We have confidence to come into God's very presence. By the blood of Christ we are able to enter the Most Holy Place.
- We have cleansing from a guilty conscience. Our hearts have been “sprinkled” by the blood of Christ to cleanse us from a guilty conscience.
- Even our bodies are cleansed. By the blood of Christ, we are clean.

Prayer:

Father as we share this cup we know that it is only by the blood of Christ that we can live with confidence, knowing we are now acceptable to you. As we share this cup we renew our pledge and our devotion to you. Make us holy and clean, walk with us, and welcome us into your presence. We earnestly repent of any and all evil that we have done and if we are currently engaged in anything that is not fully pleasing to you, please make it obviously know to us so we can repent of it immediately. We want to belong to you and we want to treasure and respect the sacrifice Christ made for us and we want to live by the life that is in His blood. Thank You.