

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

Salvation—Signed, Sealed and Delivered—in Blood!

What Do We Do with the Blood of Jesus?

An Overview of Hebrews 9

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IN SOME PLACES, GOD'S WORD IS UNDERLINED WITH DOTS WITH PASTOR JOE'S COMMENTARY IN THE BRACKETED, LIGHTER FACED TEXT.

A. Review of Hebrews 9

1. Hebrews 9 is a chapter in the Bible that seeks to reassure persecuted Jewish Christians that Christ, not the Old Testament Law, is God's ultimate plan for their salvation.
2. The chapter explains how the old covenant included various physical locations and physical rituals, which were always intended as symbols. The OT prophesied of the NT and beyond.
3. This chapter is rich with comparisons:

The Old Covenant

An imperfect Tabernacle
Made by man
The blood of animals
Ongoing sacrifices
The *covering* of sin
Salvation only for Israel
Holy of Holies (always closed)
Forgiveness was momentary
Man is guilty
Salvation by man's works

The New Covenant

The perfect Heaven
Created by God
The blood of Christ
A once-and-for-all sacrifice
The *cleansing* of sin
Salvation for everyone
Heaven (will close soon)
Forgiveness was forever
God deals with our guilt
Salvation by God's grace

Every other religion in the world is the religion of "DO," but Christianity alone is the religion of "DONE." - Dr. Mark Dever

B. What the Blood of Jesus Does For Us

THREE THINGS THE BLOOD OF JESUS DOES

1. It changes our guilt to innocence.

Hebrews 9:22, NASB95 - ²² And according to the Law...all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

Hebrews 9:28, NASB95 - ²⁸ so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

2. It moves us from dead works (thinking they will save us) to loving service to God (because we are saved).

Hebrews 9:13-14, NASB95 - ¹³ For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who have been defiled sanctify for the cleansing of the flesh, ¹⁴ how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?

3. It helps us not to dread God but to long for God.

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C. What we need to do with the blood of Jesus

1. Above all else, we must be saved by the blood!

2. We must serve in the power of the blood.

3. We must remember what that blood does for us.

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