

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS
ENCOUNTERING CHRIST

CHRIST'S SACRIFICE is Clearly Superior

Hebrews 9:14-28

DR. JOE K. TAYLOR, SENIOR PASTOR, SOUTH RENO BAPTIST CHURCH, RENO, NV • AUGUST 17, 2025

ALL SCRIPTURES ARE PRINTED VERBATIM WITH TRANSLATIONS NOTED • CHAIR BIBLE PAGE # 173 (NT SECTION)

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

A. Today's Passage

1. The New Covenant began with Christ's death.

Hebrews 9:14-17, NLT - ¹⁴ Just think how much more the blood of Christ will purify our consciences from sinful deeds so that we can worship the living God. For by the power of the eternal Spirit, Christ offered himself to God as a perfect sacrifice for our sins. ¹⁵ That is why he is the one who mediates a new covenant between God and people, so that all who are called can receive [Christ death accomplished] the eternal inheritance God has promised them. For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant. ¹⁶ Now when someone leaves a will, it is necessary to prove that the person who made it is dead. ¹⁷ The will goes into effect only after the person's death. While the person who made it is still alive, the will cannot be put into effect.

A. Christ's death accomplished our salvation.

V. 15c - For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.

B. Christ's death assures our "eternal salvation."

V. 15b - ...so that all who are called can receive the eternal inheritance God has promised them....

2. The Old Covenant began with the death of animals.

Hebrews 9:18-23, NLT - ¹⁸ That is why even the first covenant was put into effect with the blood of an animal. ¹⁹ For after Moses had read each of God's commandments to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, along with water, and sprinkled both the book of God's law and all the people, using hyssop branches and scarlet wool. ²⁰ Then he said, "This blood confirms the covenant God has made with you." ²¹ And in the same way, he sprinkled blood on the Tabernacle and on everything used for worship. ²² In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness. ²³ That is why the Tabernacle and everything in it, which were copies of things in heaven, had to be purified by the blood of animals. But the real things in heaven had to be purified with far better sacrifices than the blood of animals.

3. The new (vs. the old) is better for three reasons.

Hebrews 9:24-28, NLT - ²⁴ For Christ did not enter into a holy place made with human hands, which was only a copy of the true one in heaven. He entered into heaven itself to appear now before God on our behalf. ²⁵ And he did not enter heaven to offer himself again and again, like the high priest here on earth who enters the Most Holy Place year after year with the blood of an animal. ²⁶ If that had been necessary, Christ would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But now, once for all time, he has appeared at the end of the age to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice. ²⁷ And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment, ²⁸ so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.

- i. The OC got you into the temple; the NC gets you into Heaven.
- ii. The OC worked for a moment; the NC works forever.
- iii. The OC gave "ceremonial cleansing;" the NC gives eternal cleansing.

B. Dr. John MacArthur's "The Three Appearings"

1. **On the Cross** v. 26 - "...by His death on the cross"
2. **At the Throne** v. 24 - "He...appear[ed] now before God..."
3. **In the Clouds** v. 28 - "He will come again..."