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The New Covenant, Pt. 3

Hebrews 9:15-28

- 1) Jesus is the superior High Priest of the New Covenant (9:11-14)
- 2) Jesus' death inaugurated the New Covenant, rendering the old one obsolete (15-22)
 - a) Like a last will & testament, Jesus' death opened His last will & testament
 - b) His sacrifice brings the salvation of OT saints to completion (15)
 - c) Even the OT covenant was inaugurated w/ death-blood (cf. Ex. 24:8)
 - d) Without the shedding of blood, there can be no forgiveness of sins
- 3) The earthly system of sacrifice pointed to the superior heavenly system (23-26)
 - a) Christ did not enter an earthly tabernacle but heaven itself
 - b) Christ did not offer up repeated sacrifices; He offered *Himself* once for all
 - c) Christ's once-for-all sacrifice grants forgiveness for sins—past, present, & future
- 4) After death, there is no second chance for those who will not believe (27)
- 5) Christ will appear a second *time to those who eagerly await Him* (28)
- 6) Questions
 - a) Striving to please God through good works? Or, relying on Christ's finished work?
 - b) Will you escape God's judgment at death? Explain.
 - c) Are you eagerly awaiting Christ's return, or are you indifferent to it, living for the day?

