



Announcements

February 4th, 2023

Welcome to Lighthouse!

Worship Registration Cards are located in the chair pockets in front of you. Please take time complete them and submit to a greeter or in the offering plate.

You can also go to our website at lbfchurch.org and complete a Connection Card online.



KFAX Radio AM 1100

ANOTHER UPDATE: PC was interviewed by Craig Roberts to record for the Church of the Week broadcast. Lighthouse Bible Fellowship will be the featured Church of the Week on KFAX, **February 12th-18th**. The full interview with Craig Roberts will air on Lifeline, at **6pm on Thursday, February 15th**. An edited version of one of PC's sermons will also air on **February 18th at 12pm**.



WHY — CREEDS & CONFESIONS —

Missional Communities

We meet every Wednesday at 6pm in the fellowship hall. Check out our website or download the app to find out more. We are currently going through a series on creeds, confessions and catechisms. **First recreation night will be February 14th.**

Monthly Prayer Meeting

**Last Monday of every month,
starting February 26th at 6pm**

Join us as we pray for our nation, state, city, community, church, and loved ones. Meet in the church office. No need to RSVP.





Sunday School

Every other week, starting February 11th

Join us from 9am to 10am every week for Sunday School. We will be going through the Heidelberg Catechism. This class is designed for adults. Youth may attend with a parent. Meet in the church office.



Covenant Partnership Class

March 2, 9am-3pm

We encourage anyone who has not taken this class to join. Learn about LBF's core value, statements of faith, vision and methodology. We will provide light snacks and lunch. **Sign up at the Welcome Center or online.**



Ladies Discipleship

5 week Study in the book of Ruth. Thursday evenings at **6pm, starting on March 7th.** Study guides are \$12 each (and they include a study in Esther, which we may do at another time). **Please sign up on the interest sheet at the welcome center or contact Lisa Greatman at 209.489.4511.**

ESTHER & RUTH

THE LORD DELIVERS AND REDEEMS

A 13-LESSON STUDY

REFORMED EXPOSITORY
BIBLE STUDY

JON NIELSON
and IAIN M. DUGUID

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended to heaven and
is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.

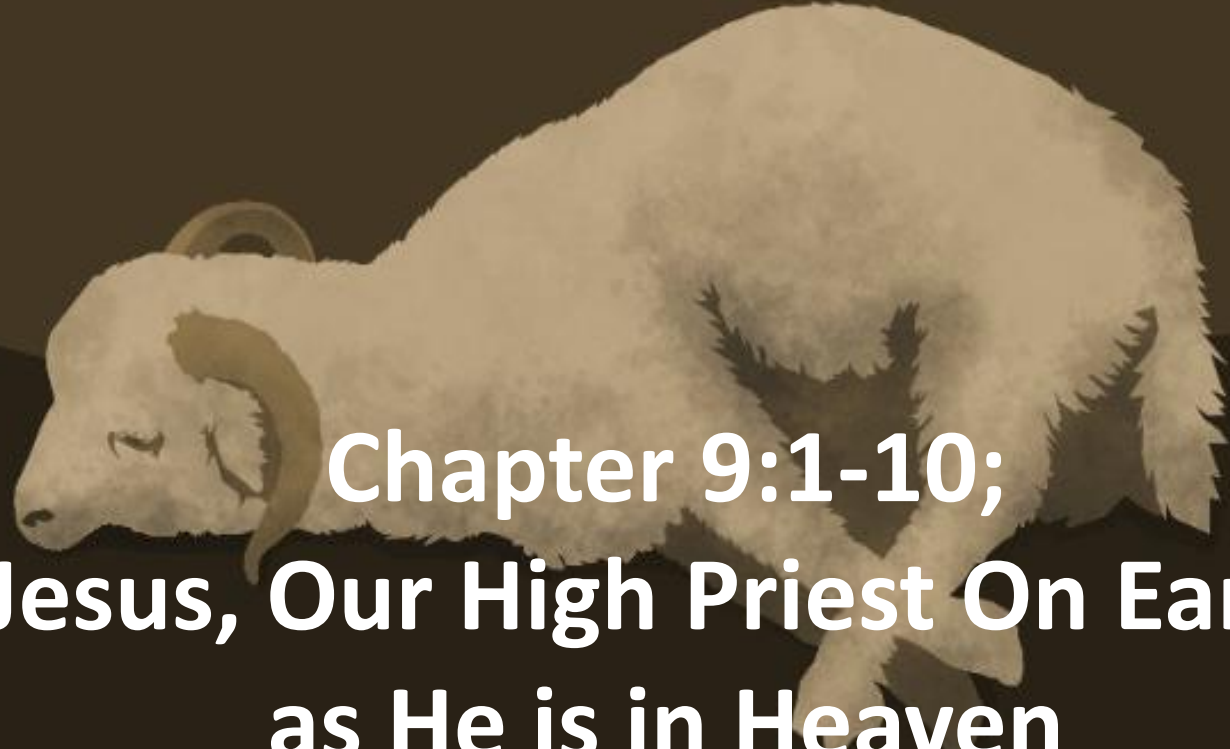
From there He will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy universal church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

Amen.

HEBREWS

THE GREATER WORK OF CHRIST



**Chapter 9:1-10;
Jesus, Our High Priest On Earth
as He is in Heaven**

9 Now even the **first covenant** had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. ² For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the **Holy Place**. ³ Behind the second curtain was a second section called the **Most Holy Place**, ⁴ having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. ⁵ Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

⁶ These preparations having thus been made, the priests **go** regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, ⁷ but into the second only the high priest **goes**, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people. ⁸ By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is **not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing** ⁹(which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, ¹⁰ but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body **imposed until the time of reformation.**

Isaiah 66 Thus says the Lord:

“Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool;
what is the house that you would build for me,
and what is the place of my rest?

² All these things my hand has made,
and so all these things came to be, declares the Lord.
But this is the one to whom I will look:
he who is humble and contrite in spirit
and trembles at my word.

³ “He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man;
he who sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog’s
neck;

he who presents a grain offering, like one who offers pig's blood;

he who makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol.

These have chosen their own ways,
and their soul delights in their abominations;
4 I also will choose harsh treatment for them
and bring their fears upon them,
because when I called, no one answered,
when I spoke, they did not listen;
but they did what was evil in my eyes
and chose that in which I did not delight.”

5 Hear the word of the Lord,
you who tremble at his word:
“Your brothers who hate you
and cast you out for my name’s sake
have said, ‘Let the Lord be glorified,
that we may see your joy’;
but it is they who shall be put to shame.

6 “The sound of an uproar from the city!
A sound from the temple!
The sound of the Lord,
rendering recompense to his enemies!

The Time of Reformation

The comparing and contrasting of the verb tenses throughout this passage are critical for understanding its historical significance.

9 *Now even the **first covenant had** regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness.*

The Lord established the old covenant specific to the time, prescribed under the Mosaic Law, and with the intention of being obsolete in Christ.

Every aspect of the old covenant and the Mosaic Law must be understood in light of the person and work of Jesus, The Christ.

Old Covenant/Shadows

New Covenant

Earthly/Temporal Sanctuary	→	Eternal/Heavenly Sanctuary
The priestly service	→	Great High Priest, Christ
Appointed days & ceremonies	→	In Christ
Animal blood sacrifices	→	The Blood of Christ
Ceremonial washings	→	Atonement on The Cross
Dietary restrictions	→	Eternal Redemption
Miscellaneous ordinances	→	Perfected Forever

Colossians 2:¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a **shadow** of the things to come, but the **substance** belongs to Christ.

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We cannot, accurately or in detail, speak about that which we can neither see nor fully comprehend.

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1 Corinthians 15:³⁵ But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?”³⁶ You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies.³⁷ And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain.³⁸ But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.³⁹ For not all flesh is the same, but there is one kind for humans, another for animals, another for birds, and another for fish.⁴⁰ There are heavenly bodies and earthly bodies, but the glory of the heavenly is of one kind, and the glory of the earthly is of another..

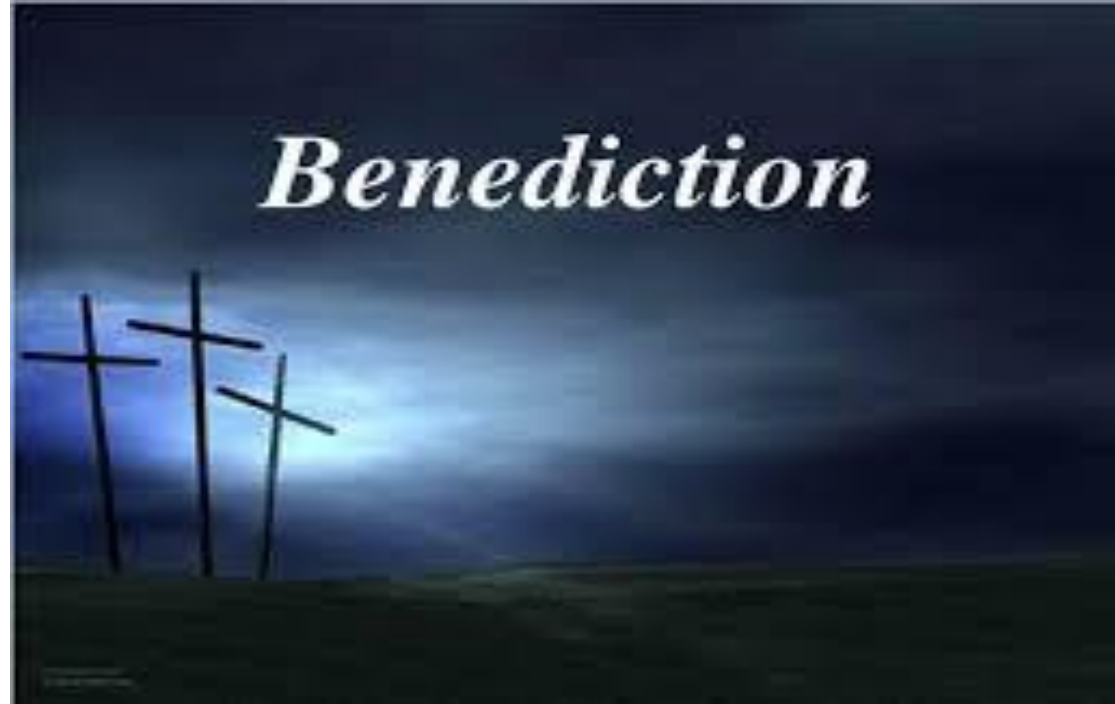
... ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶ But it is not the spiritual that is first but the natural, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷ The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸ As was the man of dust, so also are those who are of the dust, and as is the man of heaven, so also are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹ Just as **we have borne** the image of the man of dust, **we shall also bear** the image of the man of heaven.

Isaiah 65:²⁰ No more shall there be in it
an infant who lives but a few days,
or an old man who does not fill out his days,
for the young man shall die a hundred years old,
and the sinner a hundred years old shall be accursed.

Revelation 6:⁹ When he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of those who had been slain for the word of God and for the witness they had borne.¹⁰ They cried out with a loud voice, “O Sovereign Lord, holy and true, how long before you will judge and avenge our blood on those who dwell on the earth?”¹¹ Then they were each given a white robe and told to rest a little longer, until the number of their fellow servants and their brothers should be complete, who were to be killed as they themselves had been.

Confession & Communion





²⁰ Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, ²¹ equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.