

Hebrews 9 – Jesus is the “Real Deal”!

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#2 It was but a **SHADOW** of things to come. (vv. 2–5)

#3 It was **INACCESSIBLE** to the people. (vv. 6–7)

#4 It was **TEMPORARY**. (v. 8)

#5 It was **INEFFECTIVE** for changing **HEARTS**. (vv. 9–10)

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(C) Jesus died so that our **inheritance** from Him could be given to us. What is our inheritance? A daily supply of **GRACE** and **MERCY** for an eternity!

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Ex. 25:8-9

Is. 59:2

Jn.10:9

1 Pet. 1:19

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Jn. 6:35

Jn. 8:12

Heb. 10:19-20

Rom. 3:24-25

Heb. 4:16

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Heb. 8:4b-6; 8:1-2

Exodus 25:40

2 Chron. 7:4-5

1 Tim. 2:5-6

Rom.3:24

1 Cor. 11:25

Gen. 3:8, 21

(A) “God the Father looks at me “_____ - _____ - _____” never sinned!”

(B) You and I are in a legal state or condition of spiritual _____ which God, by His grace, **declares** us to be in—as a result of our repentance and faith in the blood of Jesus!

(C) Jesus died so that our **inheritance** from Him could be given to us. What is our inheritance? A daily supply of _____ and _____ for today and eternity!

In both the Old and New Covenants, we are commanded to approach God with humility - recognizing our sin. In what way is our approach *different* under the New Covenant?

GET PRACTICAL

6) **Hebrews 9:27** says - "*And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,*" Therefore, nobody can receive salvation *after their death*. The only way to be saved is to trust in Jesus before your last breath. How does this truth influence your perspective on your life? How does this truth change the way you pray for or witness to the lost?

Hebrews 9:28 says - "*... To those who eagerly wait for Him He will appear a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.*" In what ways can you *eagerly wait for Jesus*?

Hebrews 9:14 says - "*how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*" God saved you so you could *serve Him*. What are some ways you are serving Him now? Is there a way you think God wants you to start serving Him?

PRAYER REQUESTS

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Life Group Homework For the week of January 28, 2024

MY STORY

1) Our study in Hebrews shows us that God is holy and we are not. Growing up, how did you think God viewed you? Mark all that apply:

- I felt sinful and guilty
- I thought God was ready to "zap" me at any moment
- I was self-righteous (confident in my good works)
- I felt like God was lucky to have me as a Christian
- I felt like God didn't want anything to do with me
- I longed for a relationship with God
- I never thought about God
- Other: _____

What are some key events in your life or verses in Scripture that helped you better understand God and His view of you?

QUICK REVIEW

- 2) Which verse was most meaningful or interesting to you in Hebrews 9, and why?

- 3) What stood out to you from this Sunday's message? (Favorite point, favorite verse, questions, etc)

DIGGING DEEPER

4) The author of Hebrews explains how much better Jesus is than the Old Testament priests. Unlike the Old

Covenant sacrifices which only “covered” sin - Jesus’ sacrifice paid for our sin in full - so that we are forgiven! Yet, even though we are forgiven, we still have earthly consequences when we sin. When David sinned by committing adultery with Bathsheba and murdering her husband, Nathan the prophet rebuked David in the following passage -

2 Samuel 12:10-14 - “[10] *Now therefore, the sword shall never depart from your house, because you have despised Me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife.*’ [11] *Thus says the LORD: ‘Behold, I will raise up adversity against you from your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this sun. [12] ‘For you did it secretly, but I will do this thing before all Israel, before the sun.’ ” [13] So David said to Nathan, “I have sinned against the LORD.” And Nathan said to David, “The LORD also has put away your sin; you shall not die. [14] “However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die.””*

What are some of the earthly consequences of David’s sin?

Do you think God was fair to give David these consequences? Why or why not?

What purpose(s) do you think God had in mind with these consequences?

What do you think it means (or looks like) to forgive a fellow Christian who sinned against you? Are there still consequences? Does forgiving somebody mean you trust them - or that you must spend time with them?

5) At the tabernacle, the priests would ceremonially wash at the bronze laver before they entered into the Holy Place. How does this idea give insight to the following passage? **James 4:7-10** - “[7] *Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. [8] Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded. [9] Lament and mourn and weep! Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. [10] Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up.*”

In what ways are we to “cleanse our hands” or “purify our hearts”?

Is this something *WE* do, or something God does?

Verse 9 is telling us the attitude we should have towards our sin - we should be sorrowful about our sin (like the tax collector in Luke 18:10-14). In what ways can you practically *humble yourself* in the sight of the Lord?