

Sovereign Grace Church
“The Blood of Christ” outline
September 11, 2016

Hebrews 9: 15-22

As we return to our study of Hebrews we are contrasting the New Covenant implemented by Christ with the Old Covenant of Moses. In Hebrews 9 the writer is emphasizing the value of Christ's shed blood in behalf of those who are participants in the New Covenant. We see that, in spite of the blood of animals poured out during the administration of the Old Covenant, their blood did not really accomplish full atonement. All of this blood poured out day be day during the time of the Old Covenant really indicated its insufficiency to truly atone for human sin.

*In today's passage the writer presents a deeper understanding as to why the Messiah's blood was necessary and the completely gracious blessings that it brought forth. We see again that the difference between the Old Covenant of Moses and the New Covenant of Jesus was life and death!
Why would anyone want to return!*

1. **The Old Covenant saints not technically saved. v. 15**
Heb. 10: 4; Rom. 6: 23

2. **Old Covenant Blood represented a need for Another's Blood. vv. 18-21**
Ex. 24: 6-8

3. **God's apparent Covenantal Dilemma**
 - **The Failure of the Mosaic Covenant**
Ex.19: 7-8; Deut 27:26

 - **The Promise of the Abrahamic Covenant**
Gen. 17: 7; 15: 1-21

 - **God's Dilemma?**

 - **Why institute the Mosaic Covenant at all?**
Gal. 3: 22-24; Rom. 11: 32

4. Redemption under the New Covenant requires a Mediator. vv. 16-17, 22

- Review
- The Death of the Testator

5. The Effect of the New Covenant upon its participants

- Justification before a Perfect God
Rom. 3: 25-26
- Sins are gone.
I Cor. 15: 3
- New Life w/ God in Christ
Heb. 8: 10-11

Other Passages: Rom. 12: 1-2; I Cor. 9: 27

Questions for Discussion and Conversation

- 1. Can you explain the relationship between the Abrahamic Covenant, the Mosaic Covenant and the New Covenant? Why is the Mosaic covenant referred to as the Old covenant when the Abrahamic covenant is older? Why did God institute the New Covenant after the peoples failure to keep the Mosaic Covenant?**
- 2. Why was it necessary for the New Covenant Messiah to die for that covenant to be effective? What is the significance of Jesus dying only once?**
- 3. Do you think that the apparent covenantal dilemma for God was a real dilemma? Why or why not?**
- 4. Why do Christians seem to emphasize certain benefits of the New Covenant (*like forgiveness of sins and justification before God*) while often neglecting the promise of a new life in Christ now? Does eternal life start now or with our death? What difference does your answer make?**
- 5. How do you think the modern ascendancy of materialism has affected the way we read the Bible? Is the soul real? If it is, how is it known? How does the soul relate to the body and vice versa?**
- 6. What does it mean for the Christian to “follow Christ”? Isn't the Christian already guaranteed entrance into heaven? Why worry about spiritual transformation if we're already “in”?**