

## Sovereign Grace Church

### *“Purification”* outline

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#### Hebrews 9: 23-28

*Many people reflect on the significant “turning points” of history. Some that come to mind might be the Battle of Midway in the battle for the Pacific during WW II.; the decision of Hitler to invade the Soviet Union in the battle for Europe during the same war; Lincoln's decision to re-supply Fort Sumter at the advent of the War Between the States; Pastor Robinson's decision not to accompany the segment of his people who were about to journey to the New World.*

*Personal histories also have their perceived “turning points”: perhaps the loss of a job for which you were never really suited; the acquisition of a spouse; the purchase of a home; the decision to go or not to go to a college or university.*

*However there is One “turning point” of history which gives real evidence of being on par with the decision of the Creator to Create! That “turning point” was when Jesus walked into the Heavenly Tabernacle and offered His blood for the purification of those who had rebelled against God. This one event turned the destinies of millions away from eternal darkness to unfathomable & eternal light and turned Satan's hope for victory to a necessary & ignoble defeat! It is to this great “turning point” that we turn this morning in our study of Hebrews.*

1. Purification Necessary vv. 23-24  
Rom. 6: 23

Q. Why was it necessary for the Heavenly Tabernacle to be purified? I Peter 1: 12

2. Purification Complete vv. 25-26

- OT Sacrifices were never Complete

- “once at the end of the ages”

- “He has appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself”

3. Purification Experienced vv. 27-28

- What happens at death? v. 27

- **What doesn't happen**
  
- **What does happen**
  
- **Rev. 20: 11-15**
  
- **Purified Salvation v.28**
  - **Sins are gone**
  
  - **“to those who eagerly wait for Him” Titus 2: 11-14**
  
  - **“a second time”**

**Other passages: Jn. 6: 38**

### **Questions for Conversation and Discussion**

- 1. What are some of the significant “turning points” in your own life? How do we know whether or not our decisions were humanly correct? What does it mean to be “humanly correct”?**
  
- 2. What was the significance of Jesus entering the presence of the Father at His Ascension? Why might it be called the central “turning point” of history? Why might it be considered more significant than His Incarnation or Resurrection? If so, why do Christians spend so much effort in celebrating His birth and resurrection but rarely any in celebrating His Ascension?**
  
- 3. What does it mean for you to die to your own plans, hopes, aspiration etc? Does it mean to not make plans, have hopes, or dream dreams? What does it mean then? What is the significance of turning your life over to Jesus? How would your life be different? How might even a good and godly desire be a barrier between you and God?**