

Jesus Is Better
Hebrews 9:23-28
One and Done

Intro

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Transition

Sticky Statement: Christ's sacrifice is enough!

Passage

23 Therefore, it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves to be purified with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with hands (only a model of the true one) but into heaven itself, so that he might now appear in the presence of God for us. 25 He did not do this to offer himself many times, as the high priest enters the sanctuary yearly with the blood of another. 26 Otherwise, he would have had to suffer many times since the foundation of the world. But now he has appeared one time, at the end of the ages, for the removal of sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 9:23-26

We learn from the first word of verse 23 that everything that follows is based on the fact that Christ blood is the avenue that we receive forgiveness.

The "copies of the things in the heavens" is referring back to the beginning of the chapter where we are given a list of items that were in the earthly Tabernacle.

These items it seems were representations of items in heaven.

However these things had to be purified regularly by blood to cover the sins of the people.

The next part of verse 23 seems that the heavenly things themselves were not perfect and need to be purified. This is not exactly what is being communicated.

What the author is saying is that for the requirements of heaven to be truly met a less temporary sacrifice was to be offered.

Verse 24 continues the line of thought in the previous verse.

We see that the sacrifice of Christ was not just any sacrifice.

The daily work of the priest in the temple was to offer sacrifices.

We have talked about this a few times now.

These sacrifices only offered a temporary solution.

Christ stood before the Father and offered Himself on our behalf

25 and 26 we see that Jesus sacrifice was sufficient for eternity.

He does not have to continually sit there and die over and over again.

Each time we sin He does not have to go to the cross again.

His death was only required once to cover our sin.

Our sin is not greater than His blood and so it only needed to be spilled once.

Christ's sacrifice is enough!

Lets continue with verse 27:

27 And just as it is appointed for people to die once—and after this, judgment— 28 so also Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

Hebrews 9:27-28

Verse 27 is a real encourager.

Guess what guys we are all gonna die and then face judgment for our actions.

Really, gets you ready to face the day, this should be in a morning devotional sometime.

This verse forces us to deal with our mortality.

We are all going to die at some point. It has been appointed; this tells us that God has already set the time, place, and way we will go.

We however were not designed for it.

At the beginning of creation man was meant to live without fear of death.

However when Adam and Eve chose to eat from the forbidden tree, death became a reality for mankind.

Now because of the corruption of our sin we all face death.

Christ was perfect but still it was appointed from before time began that He would willingly die in our place.

After our death comes the judgment from God for our sin.

Even the judgment has been affected by the death of Christ.

God's perfect judgment has been given, guilty is the verdict.

For those that follow Christ, those that live for Him need not fear God's judgment.

Christ has taken our place!

There is hope even in death because of Christ's sacrifice.

Verse 28 turns to that hope.

The author first reminds us that **Christ's sacrifice is enough!**

Christ is going to return one day but not bear our sins because that is no longer necessary.

He will return one day and close out the work He started on the cross.

You see even if we have been rescued from our sin we are still broken while living in this day.

One day Christ will come and restore creation and His followers to what He created us to be.

One day the work of Salvation will be finished.

One day the earth will be perfect once more and all those that call Christ savior will be restored!

Application

Christ's sacrifice was enough!

His sacrifice was good enough for all time.

Past, present, and future sins all paid for when we call on His name.

It is not in our actions that we are made clean but in His Grace extended from the cross.

Challenge

Do you have hope that comes from Christ's sacrifice?