

Christ as High Priest Offers a Better Sacrifice

Hebrews 9:11-10:18

He made one final complete high-priestly atonement under the New Covenant 9:11-28

- ▶ **Christ's work as High Priest is superior vv.11-12**
 - ▶ **In place: a heavenly tabernacle v.11**
 - ▶ **In offering: his own blood v.12a**
 - ▶ **In efficacy: obtained eternal redemption v.12b**

- ▶ **Christ's shedding of blood is superior vv.13-22**
 - ▶ **His blood is better than animals as a cleansing power vv.13-14**
 - ▶ **His blood ratifies the New Covenant as animal blood did the Old Covenant vv.15-22**
 - ▶ **His death makes it valid vv.15-17**
 - ▶ **It provided atonement so that the called might receive the promise v.15**
 - ▶ **It seals (validates) the covenant vv.16-17**

- ▶ **His blood unites the covenanters to God
vv.18-22**
 - ▶ **The first covenant was inaugurated with blood; all things were sprinkled as part of the covenant vv.18-21**
 - ▶ **Forgiveness is only by the shedding of blood v.22**

**Christ's entrance into the presence of God is superior
vv.23-28**

- ▶ **As the earthly, so the heavenly sanctuary needs to be cleansed, but with better sacrifices v.23**
- ▶ **Christ entered the presence of God to cancel sins once and for all vv.24-26**
- ▶ **Christ shall return to announce the completion of His work to consummate salvation vv.27-28**

The Contrast between the New and the Old in Hebrews

New

Old

the good things already here (9:11, 23-24; 10:1)

shadows, copies (8:5; 9:23; 10:1)

the greater and more perfect tent (9:11, 24)

The earthly sanctuary made with hands (9:1,11,24)

Christ entered the Holy of Holies once for all (9:12, 25-28; 10:1-3, 10-14)

priests enter sanctuary every day; high priests once a year (7:27; 9:7; 10:1)

Christ's own blood (9:12; 10:4-10)

The blood of bulls and goats (9:12, 18-22)

eternal salvation obtained (9:12; 10:14)

Temporary cleansing that cannot perfect (9:9; 10:2,11)

Purifies the conscience (9:14-15)

takes away ritual uncleanness (9:13)

consummation of the ages (9:26)

until the time of the reformation (9:10)