

A BETTER SACRIFICE

Text: Heb. 9:11-28

- Six ways in which the precious blood of Christ is far _____ to the animal sacrifices of the Old Testament:
 - I. IT OFFERS A BETTER _____ (vs. 11-12).**
 - Far better than an _____ atonement for sins.
 - II. IT RESULTS IN A BETTER PURIFICATION (vs. 13-14).**
 - Not the purifying of the flesh ceremonially, but the purifying of the conscience and the whole person _____.
 - III. IT INAUGURATES A BETTER _____ (vs. 15-23).**
 - “_____” (vs. 15) = “in the middle”; a go-between, someone who works to bring two parties at odds together.
 - Christ has negotiated a new covenant for us with God by means of His own shed blood and sacrificial death on the cross.
 - “Testament” = covenant but also a person’s _____.
 - The New Covenant is like a person’s will in two ways:
 - God has written us as His _____ into His will without any involvement from us—Christ did it all.
 - For a will to go into effect, the person making the will has to _____. Only the blood of Christ could unlock the New Covenant benefits for us.
 - IV. IT OFFERS A BETTER _____ (vs. 15).**
 - In the Old Covenant, promises dealt primarily with Israel’s inheritance in _____; but under the New Testament, Christ has promised us an eternal inheritance in _____ (Rev. 3:12).
 - V. IT OPENS THE WAY INTO A BETTER _____ (vs. 24).**
 - Our Great High Priest went straight into the presence of God in heaven by His own blood and now has _____ that way to every one of His redeemed children.
 - One day we will stand there _____ in our glorified bodies (Job 19:26).
 - Right now we can go there boldly in _____ (Heb. 4:16).
 - Every believer is a _____ with full access to the holiest place in the universe (Rev. 1:5-6).
 - VI. IT PROVIDES A BETTER, ONCE-AND-FOR-ALL SOLUTION FOR SINS (vs. 25-28).**
 - In the Old Testament system, people had to offer sacrifices over and over; but Christ’s sacrifice had to be offered only _____.

CONCLUSION

- Application to unbelievers: Why would you not want to personally receive the cleansing power of the _____ of Christ?
 - Every person will stand before God one day.
 - There are only two ways to stand before God in judgment, either as _____ (Ps. 1:5) or _____.
- Application to believers: We should be looking for one thing—Jesus!
 - “Look for” (vs. 28) = to wait for someone with _____ expectation
 - We should be looking with longing for Christ because He is our “High Priest of good things to come” (vs. 11)!
 - “Without sin” (vs. 28)—complete perfection!
 - “To salvation” (vs. 28)—eternal _____ in God’s new creation!
 - “The judgment” (vs. 27)—no _____!
 - “Into heaven itself, to appear in the presence of God for us” (vs. 24)—the same place we will also one day enter by the blood of Jesus (Rev. 21:22-23, 22:4-5).