

## Forgiven by Blood 2021-02-21

### Hebrews 9:14-17

*How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.*

*15 Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.*

*16 For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established.*

*17 For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.*

*18 Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.*

Before electronic checkout, every item had price tag that clearly told cost.

- Sin, in holy God's eyes, carries clear price tag: punishment of death.

death *not* "natural" process but reality because man sinned and God ordained penalty for sin to be death.....Sin root of all physical death in world.

- moment Adam & Eve ate, they died spiritually and physical death set in. Genesis 2:17
  - Sin terrible offense so its costly to pay for damages....forgiveness.
- Penalty for sin is escapable because sin is forgivable.

While death consequence of sin, it's also the cure for sin. Genesis 3:21, Hebrews 9:18, 22

- God clothed Adam & Eve with skin of animal....1<sup>st</sup> substitute sacrifice for guilty.
  - 1 innocent life given so sinner life spared.

Shedding blood/death God's uniform method for forgiveness of sins so Old Covenant inaugurated with blood but Old Covenant weak..... Hebrews 8:6-7, 13, Romans 3:25b-26

- Old Covenant sacrifice postponed penalty for sins (on credit) until Jesus Paid In Full penalty on cross.
  - Old Testament saved saints: Sacrifices acts of obey showed faith in grace of God.
- Jesus' death paid penalty of all elect before/after cross Hebrews 9:26b, Revelation 13:8, 2 Timothy 1:9
  - 1 perfect sacrifice effective for all time....Value/POWER of Jesus Christ's blood!
- Jesus' death inaugurating New Covenant entirely consistent with God's way of deal with sin.
  - Jesus' atonement made Him mediator/executor of New Covenant.  
Hebrews:14-17, 1 Timothy 2:5

In New Covenant, Jesus died so Christians might receive eternal inheritance (salvation).

- Inheritance implies will in effect *after* death of one who made will.
  - New Covenant is essentially a will...."will" same Greek word as "covenant."

covenant = living agreement effective immediately. Will = not in effect until after death.

- Will not bargain between 2 but made by 1 person and other takes/leaves it.
  - Salvation sovereign expression of God's will, not negotiated agreement.
- God wrote will; put in force by Jesus' death; raised Jesus to be executor of promised inheritance (salvation/eternal life) received by FAITH.
  - Only receive inheritance if included in will. Gospel

Sin reason all spiritually dead and physically die...then judged. Hebrews 9:27-28, Palm. 139:16

- rules out reincarnation, annihilation, 2<sup>nd</sup> chance after death.

While death consequence of sin, it is also the cure for sin. Leviticus 17:11, John 5:24

- Judgment is escapable because sin is forgivable.
  - Wherever forgiveness, there is bloodshed. That's God's way.

Jesus gave his life to pay penalty so we might live. Jesus is source of life, not death.

- Christians not come into judgment but passed out of death into life. Romans 8:1
- 1<sup>st</sup> came die once to bear sins but coming again to judge/finalize salvation.

- *End of ages* similar to "last days".....Still living in until Jesus' return.

When Jesus comes again, bring inheritance for heirs or judgment for lost.

- Reason praying and trusting God to use LEFC to plant churches.
- USA revival: share Gospel with same passion share COVID/Politics Lewis quote

"There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilizations - these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat. But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit - immortal horrors or everlasting splendors." C.S. Lewis