

## Jesus is our Satisfactory Priest – Hebrews 9v15-28

### Prepared for Death

Are you ready and prepared to meet God – to confidently stand in his presence and enjoy Him?

Verse 27 tells us we can be guaranteed of two things – what are they?

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Chapter 4v13 tells us that:

*'N \_\_\_\_\_ in all creation is hidden from God's sight. E \_\_\_\_\_ is laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.'*

How do you feel about this?

What have we been promised (9v15): E \_\_\_\_\_ I \_\_\_\_\_

### Death of Christ

We can be confident at our death because of the death of Christ. What does the death of Christ achieve for us?

v15: F \_\_\_\_\_ us from sin

26b: Do a \_\_\_\_\_ with sin

28a: T \_\_\_\_\_ away the sins of many.

Christ's death is a 'Penal Substitution'.

'Penal' has to do with p \_\_\_\_\_; 'Substitution' is in p \_\_\_\_\_ of another.

*'God gave himself in the person of his Son to suffer instead of us the death, punishment and curse due to fallen humanity as the penalty of sin.'* (Pierced for our Transgressions: Jeffery; Ovey; Sach)

**Remember:** *Through the death of Christ, we can have confidence on the day of our death.*

## **1. Christs death sets us free**

God's covenant with his people was based on promises and commitments to each other.

Deuteronomy chapters 26-28 show us this:

This is what God says:

*'And the Lord has declared this day that you are his people, his treasured possession as he promised, and that you are to keep his commands.'* 26v18

In response Moses divides the people of Israel into two groups:

Six of the tribes climb up mount Gerizim and pronounce all the **b**\_\_\_\_\_.

The other six tribes climb up Mount Ebal and pronounce all the **c**\_\_\_\_\_.

Because of the peoples continued failure God provided a 'Mediator' (v15)

As mediator Christ stands in and represents the two parties, **G**\_\_\_\_\_ and **M**\_\_\_\_\_, because Christ is Fully God and Fully Man.

He takes the disobedience of the people and is cursed in their place.

He lives obediently in their place so that the people receive the blessing.

That's what happened when Christ climbed another mount, the mount of crucifixion.

God pronounces the curse of death on Christ so that he might pronounce the blessings to us.

What does the illustration of a 'will' (v16-17) teach us?

Because of Christs substitutionary death, a death in place of me, my inheritance from the Father has become a reality.

I can enjoy God's presence now and am guaranteed the inheritance to come.

## **2. Christs death forgives us fully**

Blood means death. To get blood something must die.

What happened when a covenant was made? An animal was **c**\_\_\_\_\_ in two.

The pieces of the animal were then set opposite each other forming a walk way.

The people or a representative would walk through the dead animal.

The symbolism was clear: *'May this happen to me if I do not keep the covenant.'*

What was God teaching through this? The **s**\_\_\_\_\_ of **s**\_\_\_\_\_.

God can't just overlook sin and pretend it does not matter.

The penalty for sin is always death.

Read Jeremiah 34v18-20a

What happened because the people failed to keep the covenant?

What was the visual reminder of the animal sacrifice? v22

In Matthew Gospel account, Jesus: 'Took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.' Matthew 26v26-28

What did Jesus mean when he says: This is my blood of the covenant?

My blood will be shed, I will die and suffer the p\_\_\_\_\_ of your sin so that you might r\_\_\_\_\_ the full forgiveness of your sin.

### **3. Christs death satisfies forever**

The high priest had a unique role of representing the people. Once a year the Priest would enter the most holy place. But first he had to purify or cleanse everything with blood. If you were to meet a pure God everything must be clean. It was a symbolic way of showing that the people need to be clean to meet with God.

What did this teach the people?

A sacrifice was needed that cleansed i\_\_\_\_\_ and e\_\_\_\_\_ to prepare us for being in God's presence.

What are some of the things we do, to try and clean ourselves up for God?

One of the things about the old covenant and the sacrificial system was its repetitiveness. A never ending cycle of daily, weekly and annual sacrifices. The constant rituals a reminder that you are unholy and not able to meet God.

What was the difference between the sacrifice of the priests and Christ's sacrifice of himself? v25-26

The priests:

Christs sacrifice:

How does this help us when we sin intentionally or unintentionally?

### **Secured Inheritance**

If we are Christians what is the tension, we live with?

Knowing our sin is f\_\_\_\_\_ but yet still s\_\_\_\_\_.

Knowing we are a\_\_\_\_\_ but yet still f\_\_\_\_\_.

What are we promised if our trust is in Jesus? v28

**Remember:** Because of Christs death, our death is the door to the full experience of salvation. Our promised eternal inheritance is absolutely guaranteed.