

HEBREWS 9:15–28

FIRST DAY: Introduction

Do you still live under the condemnation of your sins? Do you continue to struggle with the assurance of your forgiveness? You shouldn't! Through the work of Jesus on your behalf, you have absolute assurance that your sins are forgiven and you have been given the promise of eternal life! This absolute assurance comes to all of us through the new covenant that Jesus mediated and established for us with God. This reality should invigorate our souls and inspire us to serve the living God.

Hebrews 9:15–28 outlines the divine reality of what Christ was doing for us when He died on the cross and His body rested in the grave. While the disciples waited despondently for the Sabbath to be over, Jesus was working in the greater reality of heaven, fulfilling all the terms of the new covenant and establishing this covenant with God for us. As you read this chapter, may the reality of what Jesus has done for you bring you the confident assurance of the forgiveness of your sins and the promise of eternal life.

Ask God to grant you greater confidence in the assurance of the forgiveness of your sins through Jesus Christ.

SECOND DAY: Read Hebrews 9:15–17

1. According to Hebrews 9:14, Jesus *offered Himself without spot to God* as a sacrifice to atone for our sins. *For this reason*, He was qualified to establish the *new covenant*. From Hebrews 9:15, note and comment on:
 - a. His role (verse 15a)

(1) Link this with 1 Timothy 2:5. What do you see?

b. His *means* (verse 15b)

c. His purpose (verse 15c)

(1) In the NLT this verse says, *For Christ died to set them free from the penalty of the sins they had committed under that first covenant.* How does this showcase the necessity for the new covenant in Christ?

d. His *promise* (verse 15d)

(1) Link this with Titus 1:2 and 1 Peter 1:4 to remark further on this promise.

2. In Hebrews 9:16, the author spoke of the ratification of a *testament* (will or covenant). What did he state as necessary to ratify a *testament*?
3. Still today, in order for a person's will to be enacted and the beneficiaries to receive their inheritance, the benefactor must die. Use Hebrews 9:16–17 to state how we have received the inheritance of Christ.

4. From your study today, share a brief thought on the following words:
 - a. Mediator
 - b. Covenant
 - c. Redemption
 - d. Promise
 - e. Inheritance
5. What does it mean to you that you are a benefactor of Christ's will and testament?

THIRD DAY: Read Hebrews 9:18–22

1. Having explained how a testament or covenant was put into effect through death, the author stated: *That is why even the first covenant was put into effect with the blood of an animal* (Hebrews 9:18 NLT). He then described how Moses used *the blood of an animal* to ratify this covenant. Use Hebrews 9:19–21 to answer the following questions about this:
 - a. Before enacting the covenant, what had Moses *spoken to all the people?* (verse 19a)
 - b. What did Moses take? (verse 19b)
 - c. What three elements did he use? (verse 19c)

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- d. What did he sprinkle? (verse 19d)

- e. What did he say? (verse 20)

- f. What else did he sprinkle *with blood*? (verse 21)

(1) Pastor Warren Wiersbe notes, *God could enter into communion with people because of the sprinkled blood.*¹¹ How does this explain the significance of Moses' actions?

(2) What was God foreshadowing through this process? See also Hebrews 8:5–6.

2. *According to the law*, the *blood* served two purposes in the covenant. Use Hebrews 9:22 to record these below:

a. First purpose (verse 22a)

(1) Link this with 1 John 1:7b and Revelation 1:5. What do you see?

b. Second purpose (verse 22b)

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<p>How <i>things</i> were purified (verse 23)</p>			
<p>Where Christ <i>entered</i> (verse 24)</p>			
<p>How offerings were made (verses 25–26)</p>			

a. How does this chart highlight to you the superiority of the new covenant in terms of:

(1) Jesus' priesthood

(2) Jesus' sacrifice

b. Use what you have studied today to comment on:

(1) Jesus' earthly work (See 1 Peter 2:24)

(2) Jesus' heavenly work

c. What does it mean to you that Jesus *entered heaven itself* to appear before God on your behalf?

2. Share a reason you are thankful for the new covenant through Jesus Christ.

- b. What hope do you derive because of Jesus' work? See also Romans 5:8–9.

4. Hebrews 9:28c (NLT) says, *He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for Him.* Connect this with the following Scriptures and share your thoughts:
 - a. John 14:2–3

 - b. Romans 8:23

 - c. 1 Thessalonians 4:16–17

 - d. 2 Timothy 4:8

 - e. Titus 2:13

5. From your study today, how has your eagerness for Jesus' return been enhanced?

