

Hold Fast



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.

Hebrews 9:13-28

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.

Hebrews 9:13-28

24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. 25 Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, 26 for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world.

Hebrews 9:13-28

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For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, 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. (v. 13-14)

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... without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins. (v. 22)

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“The nature of sin is not immorality and wrongdoing, but the nature of self-realization which leads us to say, “I am my own god.” This nature may exhibit itself in proper morality or in improper immorality, but it always has a common basis—my claim to my right to myself. ...

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When our Lord faced either people with all the forces of evil in them, or people who were clean-living, moral, and upright, He paid no attention to the moral degradation of one, nor any attention to the moral attainment of the other. He looked at something we do not see, namely, the nature of man.”
- Oswald Chambers, *My Utmost For His Highest*

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“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.”
- Matthew 23:25-26

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What can wash away my sins?
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus!

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“For whenever our heart condemns us, God is greater than our heart, and he knows everything.”
- 1 John 3:20

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“Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?
And who shall stand in his holy place?
He who has clean hands and a pure heart”
- Psalm 24:3-4.

2. Better Satisfaction

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Mediator

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Mediator & Testator

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διαθήκη - Covenant / will

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Ephesians 1:3-14

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O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water...
Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will
praise you. ...
My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food, and my
mouth will praise you with joyful lips,...
My soul clings to you; your right hand upholds me.
- Psalm 63

3. Better Hope

24 For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. ... 26 But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

THE BOOK OF HEBREWS

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