

Walking in Joy Bible Study

This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast... HEB. 6:19

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“Wow are we still in Hebrews chapter 9?” As some of our seemingly weary travelers ask, our writer candidly replies, “Yes.” He then proceeds to recap the reason for the length of time here. He recalled that a need for reformation or reshaping of the old system was necessary because the old system did not allow access man into God’s presence. He noted a new and better way had been provided.

Our writer affirmed that it was of the utmost importance that we, his listening audience, understood how the Tabernacle and all its furnishing were pointing to, “*the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through his own blood, entered in once for all into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:11).*” (CJB)

It is expressed like this in *Galatians 4:4*, “*But when the fullness of the time had come, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those who were under the law, that we might receive the adoption as sons.*”

Therefore, when our writer points to verse 11 of Hebrews 9, that the reshaping came through Jesus Christ, our writer proceeds in helping us to understand that it was the blood of Christ that cleans human conscience and sin, from dead work; this refers in the serving of the law. This vital fact testifies that Jesus is the Mediator of a new and better covenant through His death on the cross and for our redemption; that we may receive the eternal promise. Therefore, we can come to the Father confidently and talk to Him freely based not upon our righteousness, but solely on the perfection of the Lamb.

We picked up our backpacks, along with our tour guide, the writer, and Rabbi Rose, who disclosed while walking, a treasure we hadn’t seen in our previous studies of Hebrews. Last week the writer focused our attention on one verse, Hebrews 9:20, to which we considered the two “Blood Covenants.” As we gathered our belongings, we all arrived at a quaint little church in a town along the coast of the Mediterranean. To our amazement there were so many people for such a small church. However, it was the first Wednesday of the month and the Pastor stood before the listening audience for the purpose of communion. Everyone was engaged because it was at this time the Pastor took his audience through the Word of God to remember the death of Christ.



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Upon finishing communion, we gathered with our writer who brought us back to God's Words in Hebrews 9:20, again pointing to another Blood Covenant. We looked at verses from Exodus 24:3-8, [Leviticus 16:14-15](#), and [Hebrews 9:5-12](#). Here we see Moses speaking to Israel concerning their duty to uphold the Law, its ordinances, and divine services. But in the New Testament, Rabbi Rose conveys the second covenant in which Jesus declares that it is His blood that establishes the New Covenant. Our writer took us to Matthew 26:26; Mark.14:22; Luke.22:22 and 1 Corinthians 1:23 to show us that He was that perfect Lamb of God and His blood would be the only blood shed once and for all.

Warren Wiersbe comments that "The blood that purchased your eternal redemption came not from unwilling animals but from the Son of God who willingly laid down His life for you (John 10:14-18). The spotless Lamb of God had to die only once; the sacrifice need not be repeated. Have you trusted that blood to save you?" As we ponder this insightful thought, we will sojourn on journey.

This week we look to complete our final verses of Hebrew 9:23-28. Yay, with joyfulness and a grateful heart, we along with our writer convey the freedom we have because we are no longer obligated as believers to keep The Law. We remember that it was a copy of what was completed at Calvary. The writer will present three points concerning Christ's appearance:

- Appearing in the presence of God for us;
- Appearing to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself.
- Appearing a second time, apart from sin, for salvation.

Refresh yourselves for the final walk in Hebrews 9:23-28.

Background Verses:

Every day - Hebrews 9:23-28

DAY THREE:

Isaiah 53:12
Genesis 3:19
Matthew 16:27; 20:28
1 John 3:5-6

DAY FOUR:

1 Peter 2:24; 3:18
Hebrews 4:14-16; 7:25; 10:19-22
Romans 8:24
1 Corinthians 10:19
Revelation 5:9-10

