

**Lesson 19 - Hebrews 9:23-28****Main Idea**

Christ's sacrificial death was sufficient to end the need for continual offerings and to put away sin forever. Salvation in him will ultimately culminate in blessing when he returns. In our lesson today we focus his once and for all sacrifice and our own preparedness for his return in glory.

**Study Questions**

1. Why do you think the author uses the phrase "heavenly things" (vs. 23) to explain the sacrifice of Christ? What point is he trying to stress?
2. Why is Christ's death a singular event central to the Christian faith? How does this sacrifice differ from the old covenant sacrifices? What makes this one superior?
3. Why do you think the author keeps emphasizing that Christ's sacrifice was "once for all" (see 9:12,26,28)?
4. Why does the author draw a comparison between man's death and that of Christ? How is his death different from ours?
5. Why do you think the author looks ahead to Christ's return, bringing judgement and ultimate salvation? How is this relevant to the discussion at hand?
6. Consider your own death and judgment. How do they connect to the garden in Genesis? What does Adam's experience tell you about your own? How does the looming prospect of your death and judgement before God motivate you to persevere in the faith?
7. How does Christ's first coming help you endure in the faith? How does the promise of his second coming help you endure?

8. Since Christians are promised hope for the future how should the church prepare today for eternity?
9. What would you expect to see in the life of someone who is eagerly waiting for Christ's return?
10. Explain, in your own words, how your salvation is a past, present, and future salvation.

### **Gospel Glimpses<sup>1</sup>**

**Once For All.** In contrast the repeated sacrifices of the Levitical priests, the sacrifice Christ made for the sins of mankind was made once for all (Heb. 9:25-26; 10:1-18). After Jesus' resurrection and ascension, he enters the presence of God in the Most Holy Place once for all, to be enthroned there in perpetuity (9:1-12). The salvation offered by Christ is perfect in every way, and eternal in its effect. Christ's once-for-all sacrifice is more than sufficient to save. In fact, there is no other name under heaven by which we can be saved (Acts 4:12).

- How do you feel after discussions of death and judgement? What emotion grips you the most?
- What lessons learned here can be applied to your week ahead?
- Take time to pray specifically about your life now and the future and how it might be to the glory of our Saviour.

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<sup>1</sup> Capps pg 63