THE PERFECT SACRIFICE

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**TEXT: Hebrews 9:11-28**

**INTRODUCTION**

Having just described the Earthly Tabernacle and its furniture …

The writer goes on to show that the Heavenly Tabernacle is a greater and more perfect tabernacle and superior in every way to the old

In this section he will return to his original thought and describe how the Sacrificial Blood of Christ would at last provide genuine and lasting cleansing for sin

The author’s statement in **vs. 11 & 12** are quite clear

Jesus’ death was no random tragedy or act of circumstance

It was an intentional and purposeful sacrifice

Although He died on a cross outside the walls of Jerusalem

His sacrifice is represented as having been offered directly to God in heaven

***“…He entered in once into the holy place”***

Since chapter 4 we have been looking at how Jesus is Better than Aaron and the Levitical Priesthood

I want to continue to preach on that thought

Tonight we want to begin to look at …

***“The Perfect Sacrifice”***

**~~~Prayer~~~**

**I. THE “POWER OF CHRIST’S BLOOD” – vs. 11-14**

The message of the Blood of Jesus Christ is vital to New Testament Christianity

Our Hymnals are full of songs about the Blood

We sing songs like, *Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed?, Are You Washed In The Blood?, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Nothing But The Blood, The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power, There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood, There Is Power In The Blood*

Why so much teaching and singing about the Blood?

Why is it so important?

Answer - Because when it comes to sin, the Bible is very clear that; as it says in **v.22**

***“... without shedding of blood is no remission”***

Here the Author Contrasts The Offerings of the Old Testament with The Sacrifice of Christ

There are Several Reasons given to show that Christ's Blood is Superior to the blood of animals

First it was …

**A. Presented in the Heavenly Sanctuary – v.11, 12a**

**v.11 – *“But Christ being come an high priest of good things to come, by a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this building;”***

This verse serves as a fitting transition between the last section

Which stressed the covenant and the tabernacle

And the upcoming discussion, which will highlight the Sacrifice itself in **vs. 9:12 -10:18**

The words ***“But Christ”*** make the abrupt contrast between the Saviour and the Jewish priests in the place of ministry and in the nature of the respective sacrifices

Christ became a high priest by divine oath

**Psalm 110 …**

His appointment anticipated ***“good things to come”***

The Eternal Realities of which the Earthly Rites were mere symbols

Jesus, as our High Priest, ministers in a greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands

The Tabernacle Christ ministers in is perfect and heavenly as opposed to imperfect and earthly

The Old Testament tabernacle was built by man

But the Eternal Tabernacle was constructed by God

It’s perfect and glorious in every way

It’s in the city Abraham looked for

**Hebrews 11:10 - *“... whose builder and maker is God”***

**v.12 – *“Neither by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own Blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us”***

The blood of Christ is in Heaven today!

Just as fresh and powerful as when it flowed from His wounds on Calvary

Jesus' entrance into Heaven with His own Blood perfectly fulfills the Old Testament typology of the High Priest's work

The High Priest, on the Day of Atonement would carry the blood of the sacrificed animal into the Holy of Holies to sprinkle it on the mercy seat

Many believe that the shed blood of Christ simply ran upon the ground at Calvary and that was the end of it

They tell us that Christ died for our sins and that His blood is merely a symbol of His death

That’s Heretical …Here’s why …

The Blood not only had to be Shed, …

… But also had to be Applied

**Exodus 12:13 – *“When I see the Blood I will pass over you”***

When God's people were in Egypt, He instructed His people to kill the Passover Lamb and to sprinkle its blood on the side and upper door posts of the house

God said specifically – ***“When I see the blood I will pass over you”***

The death of the Lamb wasn't enough

The Blood had to be Applied

They could have killed every lamb in Egypt that night

But without the Application of the Blood they would have faced certain judgment

Christ's Blood could not have simply spilled and decayed as ordinary blood

His was the Blood of God

**Acts 20:28** speaks of the Church ***“... which He hath purchased with His own Blood”***

Christ's Blood was of Divine origin

It was Pure Blood

Uncontaminated by Sin

Perfect in every way

**I Peter 1:18, 19 – *“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers;” “But with the precious Blood of Christ, as of a Lamb without blemish and without spot:”***

The Blood of Christ is not *“****corruptible”*** like silver and gold

The word ***“corruptible”*** means *perishable, mortal*

It carries the idea of being *subject to decay*

This means that Christ's Pure Blood is not susceptible to decay as is man's sinful blood

His Blood is not ***“Corruptible”,*** but ***“Precious”***

**Quote:** M. R. DeHaan wrote in his book; The Chemistry of the Blood – *“The blood of the Lord Jesus is sinless blood, and since it is sinless, it is incorruptible, for sin brings corruption, and where no sin is there is no corruption... Every drop of blood which flowed in Jesus' body is still in existence, and is just as fresh as it was when it flowed from His wounded brow and hands and feet and side...”*

**Quote:** Consider the words of Charles Spurgeon from his message “The Sprinkling of Blood” preached on February 28, 1886, In it he said – *“When we climb into heaven itself... we shall not have gone beyond the influence of the Blood of sprinkling; nay, we shall see it there more truly present than any other place.  'What!' you say, 'the blood of Jesus in Heaven?' Yes!  Let those who talk lightly of the precious blood correct their view ere they be guilty of blasphemy... For there is nothing worth thinking of or preaching about but this grand theme. The Blood of Christ is the life of the gospel”* In another message preached March 17, 1889 Spurgeon says – *“If you or I had gone there without atonement of blood, heaven would have been defiled. But the Lord has gone there, and has sprinkled His blood on the mercy seat”*

**Quote:** R.A. Torrey in his book, What the Bible Teaches says -

*“We have not only a Saviour who died and so made atonement for sin, but also a Saviour who rose and carried the blood into the holy of holies—God's own presence and presents it there, and who ever lives and pleads our case”*

Our Heavenly Father still sees the Blood, and because of it, passes over us

The Blood is a constant reminder that Jesus paid it all

Sometime after His death on Calvary, our Great High Priest passed within the veil of the heavenly tabernacle and in perfect fulfillment of the Old Testament type, Jesus sprinkled His blood upon the mercy seat

The author refers to it in **12:24** as ***“the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel”***

The word ***“speaketh”*** in this verse is in the Present Tense – meaning; it is still speaking

The Blood is still there and remains efficacious today

Meaning - *it still has its Desired Effect*

The Blood has never, nor will ever, lose its Power

All of Christ's intercessions for us are based upon the divine and changeless power of His atoning Blood

There is Power in the Blood!

**The Blood was Presented in the Heavenly Sanctuary**

Next, Christ’s Blood …

**B. Has Purchased Our Eternal Salvation – v.12b**

**v.12b - *“... having obtained eternal redemption for us”***

The word ***“redemption”*** means *to release on receipt of a ransom*

It carries the idea of satisfactory price paid to release someone from bondage

It is a word that was used in Greek society for the buying of the freedom of a slave by making a satisfactory payment

That is what Christ did for the Believer

The sinner himself cannot make a satisfactory payment for his sin

- We were under the curse of the law

- We were under the bondage of sin

Paul described it like this in **Romans 7:15 *–***

***“For that which I do I allow not: for what I would, that do I not; but what I hate, that do I”***

**Galatians 3:10 – *“Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them”***

It is impossible for fallen man to perfectly obey the law of God

**Romans 3:23 – *“for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God”***

**Romans 6:23a –** ***“For the wages of sin is death;”***

The debt of sin must be paid and we, being sinners, cannot pay the price

Remember, the payment must be satisfactory

The best that we can do, God cannot accept

We ***“come short*”**

**Isaiah 64:6 – *“But we are all as an unclean thing, and all our righteousnesses are as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away”***

Therefore, Jesus Christ purchased redemption for man by paying the price demanded and satisfying the demands of the law

The law demanded the death penalty and Jesus Christ, God's sacrificial Lamb, took the sinner's place and paid that penalty in full

**Ephesians 1:7 - *“In whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace”***

I want you to notice that it is ***“eternal redemption”***

The Old Testament priest made sacrifice after sacrifice

Over and over he had to enter in to the holy of Holies

But Christ, by His own blood entered into the Heavenly Tabernacle once

His sacrifice was an ***“eternal”*** one

**10: 14 – *“For by one offering He hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified”***

**Romans 6:10 – *“For in that He died, He died unto sin once: but in that He liveth, He liveth unto God”***

What makes Christ’s Blood so Powerful?

**The Blood was Presented in the Heavenly Sanctuary**

And not the Earthly Tabernacle

**The Blood has Purchased Our Eternal Salvation**

There is no need to repeat it, over and over

Christ’s Blood …

**C. Purges the Conscience of the Sinner – vs. 13, 14**

**v.13 – *“For if the blood of bulls and of goats, and the ashes of an heifer sprinkling the unclean, sanctifieth to the purifying of the flesh: …?”***

The Old Testament sacrifice pertained only to the external; it did nothing for the internal

The Apostle has already pointed out that all the ceremony and ritual could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience back in

**v.9 - *“Which was a figure for the time then present, in which were offered both gifts and sacrifices, that could not make him that did the service perfect, as pertaining to the conscience;”***

**Quote:** Matthew Henry said: *“The efficacy of the blood of the legal sacrifices extended to the purifying of the flesh; it freed the outward man from ceremonial uncleanness and from temporal punishment, and entitled him to, and fitted him for, some external privileges”*

The end of **v. 13** says there was no inner cleansing …

Only the *“****purifying of the flesh”***

Sacrifices had to be repeated over and over and the guilt and shame remained

However...

**v.14 – *“How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?”***

The salvation that Christ purchased is not outward, but inward

The old system purified only the flesh, Christ purifies the conscience

Christ's work is an internal work

At the point of Salvation He moves into the believer and indwells him in the person of the Holy Spirit

This is called Regeneration

We are ***“Quicken”;*** made alive

**Romans 8:11 *– “But if the Spirit of Him that raised up Jesus from the dead dwell in you, He that raised up Christ from the dead shall also quicken your mortal bodies by His Spirit that dwelleth in you”***

The new believer actually becomes a new creature

**II Corinthians 5:17 – *“Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new”***

**THAT’S THE “POWER OF CHRIST’S BLOOD”!**

**The Blood was Presented in the Heavenly Sanctuary**

**The Blood has Purchased Our Eternal Salvation**

**The Blood Purges the Conscience of the Sinner**

**II. THE “PRICE OF CHRIST’S DEATH” – vs. 15-26**

The prepositional phrase ***“for this cause”*** in **v.15 …**

Joins this section to the preceding one and advances the discussion on the Price of Christ's Death

A Comparison between the 2 Covenants will again be given

In addition, there will be a Contrast in the Purification of the 2 Sanctuaries

The writer tells us that Christ’s Death …

**A. Established the New Covenant – vs. 15-17**

It was earlier declared that Christ was both the Surety and Mediator of a Better Covenant

**7:22 – *“By so much was Jesus made a Surety of a Better Testament”***

**8:6 – *“But now hath He obtained a more excellent ministry, by how much also He is the Mediator of a Better Covenant, which was established upon Better Promises”***

By human lineage Jesus could not function as a priest under the Old Covenant

But as the ***“Mediator of the New Testament”* …**

Christ established in Himself the fulfillment of the promise made to Abraham

**Genesis 12:3 – *“...in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed”***

The Cross is the Basis of the New Covenant

In it, is not only Israel blessed, but all People

In His payment, we find …

**1.** Our Inheritance **– v.15**

***“And for this cause He is the mediator of the New Testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under***

***the first testament, …***

***… they which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance”***

The first covenant could never remove shame & guilt or the penalty of sin

Yet people were saved in the ages before Christ came

God was free to justify repentant sinners because the Cross was Divinely viewed as a finished work in the Mind of God

**I Peter 1:20 – *“Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you,”***

**Revelation 13:8b – *“…the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”***

It was just Historically Realized at Calvary

Christ died ***“for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament”***

**Romans 3:25, 26 – *“Whom God hath set forth to be a propitiation through faith in His blood, to declare His righteousness for the remission of sins that are past, through the forbearance of God;” “To declare, I say, at this time His righteousness: that He might be just, and the justifier of him which believeth in Jesus”***

The word ***“remission”*** means *to pass over*

***“Forbearance”*** means *to bear with, re­straint*

In theology this is called *Pretermission* meaning -

*God; by forbearance withheld judgment and passed over sin*

Though sin had Not been paid for yet …

God in His mercy restrained His judgment …

Knowing that Jesus Christ would one day take away the sins of the world

People of Faith are Biblically described as ***“they which are called”***

God effectually calls sinners to Himself

**I Corinthians 1:2 – *“Unto the church of God which is at Corinth, to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours:”***

**I Corinthians 1:26-31 …**

*He graciously works on, and in, the human will, to gain the assent of that will without violating human responsibility*

The eternal call of God becomes real at the time of salvation

**Romans 8:30 – *“Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified”***

When folks are regenerated they ***“receive the promise of eternal inheritance”***

We become Heirs of God and Joint Heirs with Christ

**Galatians 3:6-9, 29; 4:7…**

We receive the life of God and are guaranteed entrance into the kingdom of God

**John 3:3, 5 …**

**I Peter 1:4** calls it - ***“an*** ***inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you”***

Our Inheritance

The next thing we see in the Establishment of the New Covenant made by Christ’s Death is …

**2.** A Testament **– vs. 16, 17**

The essence of a ***“testament”,*** or what we would call a Will is …

That it anticipates the death of the person who makes it - ***“testator”***

**v.16 – *“For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator”***

As long as the testator is alive, the provisions of the Will can be changed

It has no power or guarantee during *the lifetime* of the testator

**v. 17b – *“…it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth”***

The Will, however, immediately takes on ***“force”*** at the death of the testator

**v.17a – *“For a testament is of force after men are dead”***

The Death of Christ, Confirmed the Will or Testament in His blood

Thus it made the Eternal **Inheritance** available to all believing sinners

Past, Presence and Future

Christ’s Death also …

**B. Provided Purification – vs. 18-26**

In these verses the writer begins to Contrast the Purification of the Old and New

**1.** Purification of the Old **– vs. 18-22**

The Old Testament Law & Tabernacle was given to Israel through Moses

It was ***“dedicated”*** with blood

**v. 18 - *“Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood”***

It did not become effective until blood was shed

The same verb is used of Christ who ***“consecrated”*** the new means of access into the presence of God

**10:20 – *“By a new and living way, which He hath consecrated for us, through the veil, that is to say, His flesh;”***

We find the writer describing Moses Dedicating the Law & the Tabernacle in **vs. 19-21**

This originally happened in **Exodus 24:1-8**

After Moses had declared the Law, he took the blood, scarlet wool, and hyssop and sprinkled both the book and the people

**v.19 -** ***“For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people,”***

The blood was the outward sign of the mutual pledge made with this conditional covenant

**v. 20 -** ***“Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you”***

**Exodus 24:8 – *“And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you concerning all these words”***

In addition, he also sprinkled the tabernacle and the vessels

**v.21 - *“Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry”***

The entire sacrificial system of worship was thereby sanctified by the application of blood

Set apart for use

The sprinkled *“****blood”*** bound both parties to keep the terms of the covenant

The people promised to obey, and the Lord promised to bless them if they did

**v.22a – *“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; …”***

***“Almost”*** everything under the law was purified with blood

But there were some exceptions

For instance, when a man was to be numbered in a census among the children of Israel,

He could bring a half-shekel of silver as ***“atonement money”*** instead of a blood offering

We find this described in **Exodus 30:11-16**

The coin was a token symbolizing atonement for the man's soul in order for him to be reckoned as one of God's people

Another exception is found in **Leviticus 5:11**

Here certain forms of ritual uncleanness could be dealt with by an offering of fine flour

Some spoils of war were cleansed by fire and others by water

**Numbers 31:22-24 …**

These exceptions dealt with *atonement*, or the *covering* of sin

The making of reparation for one’s sin

In all other instances a blood offering was required for atonement

But as far as *remission*, or the pardon from sin is concerned

**v.22b –** ***“…and without shedding of blood is no remission”***

There is no exception here, blood must be shed

The *forgiveness* or ***“remission”*** of sins required the shedding of blood

The word ***“remission”*** literally means *to send away from*

When God forgives a sinner, He sends away from that person all the aspects of our sin debt

As far as the East is from the West, depth of the sea

The ***“shedding of blood”*** implies the death of the sacrificial substitute

The phrase literally means *the pouring out of blood*

When Christ instituted the ordinance of the Lord's Supper in the Upper Room on the evening before His crucifixion, He announced –

**Matthew 26:28 - *“For this is My blood of the New Testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins”***

The words ***“blood,” “shedding,”*** and ***“remission”*** are the same words found in **Hebrews 9:22**

Purification of the Old

**2.** Purification of the New **– vs. 23 -26**

**vs. 23, 24 - *“It was therefore necessary that the patterns of things in the heavens should be purified with these; but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these” “For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us:”***

The writer now returns to the teaching he developed in the first 14 verses of this chapter

Jesus as our great High priest has entered the Heavenly Tabernacle

His sacrifice is a once for all atonement for sin

The principle of cleansing has just been declared in **v.22**

We saw that it was necessary for the tabernacle to be purified with the blood

Again it is stated that the Old Testament Tabernacle and sacrifices were types of heavenly things

**v. 23 – “*patterns of things in the heavens”***

**v. 24 -***“****figures of the true”***

The word *“****pattern”*** means a *representation or model*

The Tabernacle was a *pattern* or *a model* of the Heavenly

The Tabernacle or *Type* was purified with animal blood,

But the blood of bulls and goats could never satisfy the demands of Heaven's True Tabernacle

**Hebrews 10:1, 4 – *“For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect” “For it is not possible that the blood of bulls and of goats should take away sins”***

The heavenly Sanctuary required a perfect sacrifice and only Christ could qualify

Jesus Christ was the perfect fulfillment of the Old Testament type

The writer declares that Christ is in Heaven

**v. 24 - *“... now to appear in the presence of God for us:”***

This describes Christ's present ministry as the believer's High Priest

**7: 25 – *“Wherefore He is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them”***

The word ***“intercession”*** means to *confer with; to entreat in favor of*

It refers to Christ High Priestly ministry of pleading our case before God the Father

**I John 2:1** say – *“****My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous:”***

The word *“****Advocate”*** is a judicial term

**Webster’s 1812** says - *Advocate in its primary sense, signifies, one who pleads the cause of another in a court of civil law... to plead in favor of; to defend by argument, to support or vindicate*

Christ is pleading our case before the Father

**vs. 25, 26 - *“Nor yet that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest entereth into the holy place every year with blood of others;”***

***“For then must He often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once in the end of the world hath He appeared to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself”***

Notice the words ***“often”,* *“once”*** and ***“hath”*** here

The work of the Old Testament high priest was continual …

He had to go into the Holy Place ***“often”****;* year after year after year

Over and over he would enter into the Holy of Holies on behalf of the people

But Jesus ***“hath”*** (past tense) made an atonement for sin and this He only had to do ***“once”***

**I John 3:5 – *“And ye know that He was manifested to take away our sins; and in Him is no sin”***

**I Peter 3:18 – *“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that He might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit:”***

The Roman Catholics sadly miss this point

They crucify Christ afresh every time they have the mass

However, His' sacrifice had only to be offered once and that was accomplished on Calvary

As He died on the cross, Jesus said (**John 19:30**)

*“...* ***It is finished: and He bowed His head, and gave up the ghost”***

Nothing needs to be added to this Perfect and Final Sacrifice of Christ

**THE “POWER OF CHRIST’S BLOOD”**

**THE “PRICE OF CHRIST’S DEATH”**

**III. THE “PRIORITY OF CHRIST’S MESSAGE” – vs. 27, 28**

With the Thought of Christ’s Return and Judgment …

The writer brings this chapter to a practical conclusion

**A. The ‘Appointment’**

**v.27a – *“And as it is appointed unto men once to die...”***

For many, the most dreaded experiences in life is death

Most people don't want to face it

We've seen at the graveside the mounds of dirt covered with artificial grass and the grave with flowers to try to hide the dreadful fact of death

Most people try to hide the terror of death with the embalmers' makeup, pretty flowers, music and comforting words and yet, the Dread, Fear and the Mystery abides still

It makes no difference who you are, or what you have accomplished, you are going to die!

**Job 34:15 says – *“All flesh shall perish together, and man shall turn again unto dust”***

Death enters every life

Death pays no attention to previous engagements or the excuses of men

Death is no respecter of persons

Rich or poor, famous or unknown

Men try to forget death, to push it aside, ignore it

They refuse to think about it, but death comes anyway

It is plainly declared that every man has a Divine appointment with death and it is an appointment that everyone will keep

The Question is – *“Are you ready?”*

**B. The ‘Accounting’**

**v.27b – *“…but after this the judgment”***

After death comes the Judgment of God;

Not reincarnation, no second chances, not purgatory, not even a glimmer of hope

**Hebrews 10:31 – *“It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God”***

There is Death and then Judgment

This is true for both the Saint and Sinner

God's people will be Judged at the Judgment Seat of Christ or Bema

The Lost will be Judged at the Great White Throne Judgment

**1.** The Judgment of the Saved **– II Corinthians 5:10, 11**

**II Corinthians 5:10 - *“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad”***

The Judgment seat of Christ is designed by God to determine the rewards of believers based upon their service to Jesus Christ from the time of their salvation until their death

At the Judgment Seat every Believer will stand before Christ and give an account of himself for his or her faithfulness in service

**Romans 14:12 – *“So then everyone of us shall give account of himself to God”***

The reality is that we will be Judged and receive the just reward for our work *“****whether it be good or bad”***

This idea that all we have to do is repeat a little prayer and go on as we are is foreign to Scripture

Genuine Salvation should results in a new creature and a new direction

No Repentance / No Salvation!

**Matthew 3:8 *– “Bring forth therefore fruits meet for repentance:”***

**Matthew 7:20 –** ***“Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them”***

Not that I’m called to be a Fruit inspector

But there ought to be some evidence of a person’s salvation

We will answer to Christ for every detail of our lives

Lukewarm Laodicean Church members will have to explain to Jesus why the ball games, the beach, hunting, and other pleasures were more important to them than the house of God / Homes of the Lost

Some will have to explain to Jesus Christ why they got more enjoyment out of staying home on Sunday night than being in the house of God

They will have to tell Him that they just weren't interested in Wednesday night prayer meeting

Notice in **II Corinthians 5:11** that when Paul spoke about the Judgment Seat of Christ,

He did not mention the Grace of God, nor the Love of God, but rather *“****the Terror of the Lord”***

***“Knowing therefore the Terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God;***

***…and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences”***

God knows everything about us, every detail, every experience, every thought, every word, every work, every secret …

Every unconfessed sin will be revealed at the Judgment Seat

Are you prepared?

**2.** The Judgment of the Lost – **Revelation 20:11-15**

This is known in Scripture as the Great White Throne Judgment

**Revelation 20:11 – 13 - *“And I saw a great white throne, and Him that sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them”***

**vs. 12, 13 - *“And I saw the dead, small and great, stand before God...” “And the sea gave up the dead which were in it; and death and hell delivered up the dead which were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works”***

When God takes His throne millions upon millions of the unrighteous dead will be summoned from their graves to answer to Him

This Great White Throne Judgment is the final Divine appointment of the unsaved

These will be ***“... judged out of those things which were written in the books, according to their works”* - Revelation 20:12**

If you die lost, you will stand at this Great White Throne Judgment and the God who knows every sin you've committed will judge you according to those works

Not even one small detail will escape His scrutiny

**Ecclesiastes 11:9 – “*Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: BUT know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment”***

**Ecclesiastes 12:14 – *“For God shall bring every work into judgment, with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil”***

Then, the verdict is handed down

**Revelation 20:15 – *“And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire”***

**v. 14** says – ***“This is the second death”***

What an awful eternity

The Believer receives Eternal Life, but those who die without Christ exist for eternity in a state of Eternal Death

A Conscious eternity

There is no annihilation here, no eternal unconsciousness

The rich man of **Luke 16:24** cried – *“...* ***I am tormented in this flame”***

He cried for help, but there was no help

He died lost and his destiny was sealed for eternity

The saddest thing about a man losing his soul is that it is lost for eternity!

There is no escape from Hell

You can’t pray anyone out

When a sinner lands in Hell, he will continue there for all eternity

If a person was just losing his soul for a million years, he would have hope

Think about that, a million years!

After he had been in the torments of Hell for 500,000 years, then he could say –

*“It’s half over. I only have 500,000 more years to live in this awful torment”*

After he had been in Hell for 900,000 years then he could say –

*“I just have another 100,000 years and it will all be over”*

Oh, how he would look forward to those million years coming to an end

How terrible a million years in Hell would be

But Hell does not end in a million years, not even in ten million

Hell is an eternal place

Hell is a place where the lost go for eternity

When we think of being lost and going to this awful place of torment for eternity it is more than the human mind can comprehend

Once you draw your last breath and wake up in Hell God cannot help you

God extended His mercy on Calvary and, if you want God's mercy, you must meet Him there!

Please do not wait until it is too late

To miss the cross of Christ is to miss the mercy of God

Death finalizes your eternal condition

If you die lost, you will be lost for all eternity

**C. The ‘Appearance’**

**v. 28a – *“So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many...”***

Again, the writer stresses the fact that Christ with one offering made atonement for whosoever will....

**9:12 – *“…by His own blood He entered in once into the holy place, having obtained eternal redemption for us”***

**v. 28b - *“... and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation”***

On the Day of Atonement the High Priest would return from the Holy of Holies back into the presence of the people

In like manner, Jesus has paid the atoning price for sin and is coming again

For the unbeliever, this means judgment and eternal damnation,

But for the Believer, He is Not coming as a sin sacrifice

But as the Believer's Deliverer to finalize our eternal salvation

**CONCLUSION**

**THE “POWER OF CHRIST’S BLOOD”**

**THE “PRICE OF CHRIST’S DEATH”**

**THE “PRIORITY OF CHRIST’S MESSAGE”**