

Unshakable Faith

Part 2-Unshakable Freedom

Hebrews 9:15-28

Consider the rivers and rivers of blood...

Two Important Roles of Jesus:

1. MEDIATOR.

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance—now that He has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant. Hebrews 9:15 NIV

2. EXECUTOR.

In the case of a will, it is necessary to prove the death of the one who made it, because a will is in force only when somebody has died; it never takes effect while the one who made it is living. Hebrews 9:16-17 NIV

The Old Covenant: Activated by BLOOD and DEATH.

This is why even the first covenant was not put into effect without blood. When Moses had proclaimed every command of the law to all the people, He took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people. He said, “This is the blood of the covenant, which God has commanded you to keep.” In the same way, He sprinkled with the blood both the tabernacle and everything used in its ceremonies. In fact, the law requires that nearly everything be cleansed with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness. Hebrews 9:18-22 NIV

Then he sent young Israelite men, and they offered burnt offerings and sacrificed young bulls as fellowship offerings to the LORD. Moses took half of the blood and put it in bowls, and the other half he splashed against the altar. Then he took the Book of the Covenant and read it to the people. They responded, “We will do everything the LORD has said; we will obey.” Moses then took the blood, sprinkled

it on the people and said, "This is the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words." Exodus 24:5-8 NIV

For the life of a creature is in the blood, and I have given it to you to make atonement for yourselves on the altar; it is the blood that makes atonement for one's life. Leviticus 17:11 NIV

The New Covenant: Activated by the BLOOD and DEATH of Christ.

The New Covenant is offers better...

1. Better PURITY.

It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. Hebrews 9:23 NIV

2. Better REPRESENTATION.

For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; He entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. Hebrews 9:24 NIV

3. Better SACRIFICE.

...nor did He enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But He has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of Himself. Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many... Hebrews 9:25-28a NIV

Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who

died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:33-34 NIV

4. Better HOPE.

“...and He will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him. Hebrews 9:28b NIV

Will you come to the altar?