



Hebrews 8:13 (NIV)

“By calling this covenant ‘new,’ he has made the first one obsolete; and what is obsolete and aging will soon disappear.”

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Hebrews 9:11-14 (NIV)

“But when Christ came as high priest of the good things that are now already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not made with human hands, that is to say, is not a part of this creation. He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!”

I. The Obsolete Old Way of the Law

Verse 1, 9 – “Now the first covenant had regulations for worship and also an earthly sanctuary. This is an illustration for the present time, indicating that the gifts and sacrifices being offered were not able to clear the conscience of the worshipper.”

- **Rules that Cannot be Kept**

Matthew 23:25-28 (NIV)

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. First, clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean. You hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. On the outside you appear to people as righteous, but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness."

- **Rooms that Cannot be Entered**

Verse 2-7 – “A tabernacle was set up. In its first room were the lampstand and the table with its consecrated bread; this was called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a room called the Most Holy Place, which had the golden altar of incense and the gold-covered ark of the covenant. ...the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room.

I Corinthians 3:16-17 (NIV)

“Don’t you know that you yourselves are God’s temple and that God’s Spirit lives in you? ...for God’s temple is sacred, and you are that temple.”

- **Rituals That Cannot Bring Salvation**

Verse 6, 7 – “When everything had been arranged like this, the priests entered regularly into the outer room to carry on their ministry. But only the high priest entered the inner room, and that only once a year, and never without blood, which he offered for himself and for the sins the people had committed in ignorance.”

II. The Glorious New Way of the Gospel

Verse 11-15 – “When Christ came, ... He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God! 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.”

- **Inward Purity and Freedom from Guilt**

Verse 14 – “How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death...”

- **Loving Devotion in Doing God’s Will**

Verse 14 – “How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, ...cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!”

II Corinthians 5:14-15 (ESV)

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

- **Eager Longing to Be with Jesus**

Verse 27, 28 – Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.