

THE SUPERIORITY OF CHRIST: A Better Inheritance

Hebrews 9:15-28

Introduction

In Hebrews 9, the writer is weaving together two truths previously communicated by addressing the relationship between Christ's priesthood and the new covenant. This is an important issue.

The opening verse in this passage (v. 15), is like a hinge verse in the middle of chapter 9. In it, the writer is telling the recipients that he is ready to bring in the concepts of mediator and covenant. Having introduced it back in Hebrews 8:6, then explaining Christ's death and its effects in the first part of ch. 9, he is now developing the significance of this mediatorial role in relation to the covenant that God has made with his people. In this section, he points out three necessary items related to the relationship of Christ our mediator and the new covenant.

I. NECESSITY OF DEATH FOR THE COVENANT (vv. 15-17)

II. NECESSITY OF BLOOD FOR FORGIVENESS (vv. 18-22)

III. NECESSITY OF JESUS' DEATH (vv. 23-28)

Resources: *To The Hebrews*, George W. Buchanan; *Calvin's Commentaries XXII*, John Calvin; *Living & Loving Like Jesus*, Brandon Cook; *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, Elwell; Donald Hagner, *Encountering the Book of Hebrews*; Matthew Henry's *Commentary (Vol. 6)*; *Hebrews*, Simon Kistemaker; *Hebrews For You*, Michael Kruger