

**Jesus is better!**  
**Hebrews 9:14-28**

**FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE**

*9:15* We are reminded that it is God's initiative to bless us as His people, not ours.

*9:15* Old Testament followers of God were saved on the same basis as believers today: the finished work of Christ. Through faith and obedience, they were credited with what Jesus would do in the future.

Three reasons Jesus had to die:

1) A will demands death (9:16-17)

*9:16-17* A will does not take effect until the one who made it dies. Until that time, the provisions are only a promise and a future hope.

2) Forgiveness demands blood (9:18-26)

*9:18* The great amount of blood in the Old Testament sacrificial system was a continual reminder of the price of sin.

*9:22* God's great love for you did not lead Him to overlook your sin. It led Him to provide the only possible payment for sin (John 3:16).

*9:23-24* God is immeasurably satisfied with Jesus. God is not satisfied with us (our works). Therefore no one comes to Him except through Jesus.

*9:24* When we, as believers, enter God's presence, He sees Jesus instead of us.

*9:26* Jesus' sacrifice is better because He needed to make it only once.

3) Judgment demands a substitute (9:27-28)

*9:27* God's judgment demands we pay for what our life entailed. Jesus took my judgment on Himself.

*9:28* Jesus' second coming is to bring deliverance to those who are eagerly waiting for Him.

**GREEK WORDS**

Apolytrōsis (ap-ol-oo'-tro-sis)—the act of paying ransom in full – [riddance] - (specifically) :- deliverance

Diathēkē (dee-ath-ay'-kay)—properly a disposition, a contract (especially a devisory Will) :- covenant, testament

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