

## THE PRICE OF FORGIVENESS IS PAID

Hebrews 9:15-28, p. 972

- I. THEME: CHRIST'S DEATH COMPLETED GOD'S PLAN TO FREE US FROM GUILT (HEBREWS 9:15).
  - Christ died to give us the new covenant promise of eternal forgiveness AND pay off the sin debt of old covenant believers.
  
- II. FORGIVENESS OF SIN REQUIRES DEATH (HEBREWS 9:16-22).
  - A. To receive an inheritance requires proof of death (16-17).
  
  - B. The old covenant required blood of animals because God required sacrifice to temporarily grant forgiveness (18-21).
  
  - C. Forgiveness is impossible without shedding blood (22; Leviticus 17:11).
  
- III. THE DEATH OF CHRIST FULLY PAID FOR ALL SIN SO WE CAN KNOW WE ARE FORGIVEN (HEBREWS 9:23-28).
  - A. Jesus was the better sacrifice because he appeared before God in heaven, not just in the tabernacle copy (23-24).
  
  - B. Jesus was the better sacrifice since His own blood totally bore our penalty for sin, so we can know we are forgiven (25-26).
  
  - C. Just as certain as people die once and face judgment, Jesus died once to bear our sin and will give believers all their salvation benefits when He returns (27-28).
    1. Judgment: We die once and then face judgment (27).

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- You decide in this life where you will be forever.
2. Payment: Christ paid for all sin of all people ever (28a).
    - You must decide if you are trusting in Christ or something else as your sin payment.
  3. Eternal life: Jesus Christ will return and bring to heaven all who are waiting for him (28b; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18).
    - Are you a believer who anticipates His return?