

Hebrews #22
Hebrews 9:15-28
Power in the Blood
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- I. **Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Jn.6:68**
- A. Not, Where? But to whom... it must be a personal answer.
 - A.1. You need to talk to a person, not a philosophy or a theory or an idea.
 - B. And it is a Person... Jesus is the Ultimate.
- II. **Why Jesus has the words of eternal life. 9:11-28**
- A. **He is the Ultimate High Priest. 11-14**
 - A.1. Bringing His own blood instead of just animals' blood. 11-12
 - A.2. Cleansing our consciences instead of just our bodies. 13-14
 - A.3. We need a priest that can take away our guilt and shame.
 - B. **Who mediates the Ultimate Covenant. 15-22**
 - B.1. Ultimate because it provides an eternal redemption/inheritance.
 - B.1.a) Eternal means that it transcends time and dimensions.
 - B.1.b) Stretching back to the beginning of sin and infinitely into the future.
 - B.1.c) Spanning both the material and immaterial world.
 - B.2. Ultimate because it is ratified by death itself. (Blood).16-17. Lev.17:11.
 - B.2.a) Covenants and wills go into force with a death. Diatheke: covenant
 - (B.2.a.1) Wills, when the person dies.
 - (B.2.a.2) Covenants, on pain of death of the one who made it.
 - B.2.b) Moses's covenant was dipped in blood from the start. **Ex.24:1-11**
 - B.3. Why Blood (death)? Because sin causes death. 1:Cor.15:56
 - B.3.a) **Because** when we turn from God we forfeit the relationship,
 - (B.3.a.1) You cannot reject and ignore a person and retain a living relationship with them.
 - (B.3.a.2) But we are *contingent beings*—we can't live if God does not sustain us.
 - (B.3.a.3) We cannot turn from him and live—but we have turned from him!
 - B.3.b) **Because** once sin has been committed justice requires it to be paid back. (Redeemed)
 - (B.3.b.1) Like tapping the till. Relationship broken and debt incurred physically and emotionally.
 - (B.3.b.2) To restore the relationship justice must happen. Either the boss absorbs the debt and forgives, or the perp restores it.
 - B.3.c) **Because** the currency of eternity is life itself.
 - (B.3.c.1) God can't just "fine" us. We have stolen our lives from him and they must be paid back—unless we let him pay the debt...
 - C. **By entering the Ultimate Presence of God. 23-26**
 - C.1. The Real Heaven Holy of Holies.
 - C.1.a) The Source dimension for the kingdom of God—the ultimate reality. (Jn.18:36)
 - C.2. On our behalf. Taking our lives into God's Life.
 - C.2.a) He did this for us.
 - C.3. Once for all, it is finished. Jn.19:30
 - C.3.a) Nothing more needs to be done.
 - D. **And returning for the Ultimate Rescue. 27-28.**
 - D.1. This is not theoretical and it's not over yet. *The best is yet to come.* **Phil.3:20**

III. **God signs His covenants in blood. What does that tell us? *Everything we need to know.***

- A. God's Love is the reigning reality in the universe 1 Jn.4:10
 - A.1. Greater love has no man than giving his life for his friends. Jn.15:13.
 - A.1.a) The cross is the message of the greatest love in the universe. Rom.5:10.
 - A.2. People say they don't believe in judgment because they believe in a God of love. But this misunderstands the nature of evil. Love must be the opposite of evil/sin.
 - A.3. *Only the gospel, the God in the Bible, sacrifices himself as a human out of sheer love for people who hate him.*
- B. God's judgment is the only cure for evil in the universe. 29.
 - B.1. Rescued (soterian) from what? Final judgment on the world itself. 2 Thess.1:5-12
 - B.2. Because God's love is holy, he must destroy evil to join heaven and earth. Rev.21-22.
 - B.2.a) Fulfillment of the Lord's Prayer—your will done on earth and heaven.
 - B.3. *Look at our world and tell me how God can redeem it without blood.*
- C. God's Grace is the most expensive experience in the universe. *And God paid it all in Blood.*
 - C.1. This ultimate Grace covers all sin, past present and future. Because if even one were left out, there would be no salvation. 1 Jn.1:8-2:2.
- D. God's New Covenant is the most secure life in the universe.
 - D.1. *So—New Covenant life in eternity is as secure as death in this age. Unstoppable. Inevitable. Invincible Hope.*
 - D.1.a) Nothing can stop your eternal life, your resurrection, the resurrection of the World. John 11:25-26; 16:33.

IV. ***Now, That is good news. Do you really want to turn down this offer? Or go back to some other self-salvation?***