

SUPERIORITY OF THE BLOOD OF CHRIST

What does the Scripture teach?

Our lesson text comes from three Greek sentences: (Heb.9:11-12); (Heb.9:13-14); and (Heb.9:15). This is important to our lesson because (Heb.9:13) opens with **FOR** (Greek word ‘gar’ was used to further explain the first Greek sentence (Heb.9:11-12) and the superiority of the New Covenant (NC) blood and eternal redemption of Jesus Christ over the Old Covenant (OC) sacrificial blood. (Heb.9:13-15)

The second Greek sentence (Heb.9:13-14) consists of a 1st Class Condition ‘if’ (and it’s True) with a rhetorical question to teach the superiority of New Covenant (NC) blood of Jesus Christ.

- (Heb.9:13) (protasis) (1st class ‘if’ condition = true)
 - Shadow Christology (Old Covenant blood cleanse flesh) (Heb.9:18, 22)
- (Heb.9:14) (apodosis) (if vs.13 is true, then this is true as well)
 - Historical Christology (New Covenant blood cleanse conscience) => “how much more”

The third Greek sentence (Heb.9:15) gives a title to Jesus Christ because of the finished work of salvation

- “and for this reason,” [mediator]

This lesson will study five aspects of the Superiority of the Blood of Christ.

1. He is the only mediator of the New Covenant because of the Superiority of the blood of Christ.

(Heb.9:15) “**For this reason** (Heb.9:11-15) He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”
(Heb.12:24; 1 Tim.2:5-6)

2. The Superiority of the New Covenant blood cleansing of Christ is the result of His offering His own blood for the sin of whole world.

(Acts 15:9) “And He made no distinction between us and them, **cleansing (katharizo) their hearts by faith.**”

(Heb.9:14) “How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit **offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse (katharizo) your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?**” Remember this is the apodosis of (Heb.9:13-14) [1st class ‘if’ condition = true, plus a rhetorical question]

(Titus 2:14) “**Who gave Himself for us to redeem us from every lawless deed, and to purify (katharizo) for Himself a people for His own possession, zealous for good deeds.**”

(1 John 1:7) “But if (3rd Class Condition ‘if’ = volitional) we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, (then) we have fellowship with one another (meta+ gen. of fellowship/ allelon gplm) (1 Jn.1:5-6), and **the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses (katharizo) us from all sin.**”

3. The Superiority of the New Covenant blood of Christ sanctifies every Church Age Believer (CAB) at moment of grace salvation for all time and eternity.

(Heb.10:9-12) “Then He said, ‘Behold, I have come to do your will (Ps.40:7),’ He takes away the first in order to establish the second. By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God.”

(Heb.10:14; “For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.” (Heb.13:12)

4. The Superiority of blood of Christ provides the package of 50 Things to every Church Age Believer, at the moment of Grace Salvation, which he / she can never lose in time or eternity.

(Eph.1:7) “In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, **according to the riches of His grace.”**

(Rom.3:24-25) “**Being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus;** whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith.” 1 John 2:2)

(Rom.5:9) “Much more then, having **now been justified by His blood**, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.”

5. The Superiority of blood of Christ brings every Church Age Believer into the position [relationship] of Peace with God through reconciliation. [Unity of the Church] (1 Cor.12:12:12-27; Rom.5:1-2; 12:4-8; Col.1:20-22).

(Acts 20:28) “Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.” (Eph.5:26-27)

(Eph.2:13-16) “But **now in Christ Jesus** you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and broke down the barrier of the dividing wall, by abolishing in His flesh the enmity, which is the Law of commandments contained in ordinances, so that **in Himself He might make the two into one new man, thus establishing peace,** and might reconcile them both in one body to God through the cross, by it having put to death the enmity.”

In partaking in the Eucharist: (The Lord’s Supper)

(1 Cor.10:16-17) “Is not the cup of blessing which we bless a sharing in the blood of Christ? Is not the bread which we break a sharing in the body of Christ? Since there is one bread, we who are many are one body; for we all partake in the body of Christ?