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WITHOUT REFERENCE TO SIN

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NOTE: Because of two key doctrines, I have divided Heb 9:27-28 into two separate studies. Our last lesson's title came from (Heb 9:27). "And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment."

In this lesson we will study (Heb.9:28) and four aspects of the doctrine of "Without Reference to Sin."

Two Advents of our Lord Jesus Christ:

- First Coming: "So (houstos) Christ also, having been offered (prosphero/ a.p.ptc.nsm) once (harpax) to bear (anaphero/ a.a. infin) the sins of many,
- Second Coming: "will appear (horao/ a.p.ind.3ps) a second time for salvation without reference to sin (choris hamartia/abl.s.f), to those who eagerly await Him." (Heb.9:28)

1. The entire focus of the first coming of Jesus Christ was IN "reference to sin."

The entire period of human history, from the First Adam to the Last Adam, was IN "reference to sin."

(1 Cor.15:45) "So also it is written, 'The **first man Adam**, became (ginomai/a,a,ind3ps) a living (zao/ p.a.ptc.asf) soul. The last Adam became a life giving (zoopoieo/p.a.ptc.asn) spirit."

First Adam

- o **Human life** (Gen.2:7) Then the LORD God formed man of dust from the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living being.
- Image of God (Gen.1:26-27) Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth." ²⁷ God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

Last Adam -

- O Spiritual life (2 Cor.3:6) "Who also made us adequate as servants of a new covenant, not of the letter, but of the Spirit; for the letter kills, but the Spirit gives life (zoopoieo/p.a.ind.3ps)."
- **Image of Christ** (Rom.8:29) For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son, so that He would be the firstborn among many brethren; (Col.1:13-15)

(John 6:63) "It is the **Spirit who gives life** (to zoopoieo/p.a.ptc.nsn); the flesh profits nothing; the words that I have spoken to you are spirit and are life." (Heb.4:12) [1 of 8 works of The Holy Spirit]

2. The cross of Jesus Christ became the symbol of grace redemption in the Church Age under the New Covenant.

(Luke 9:23) "And He was saying to them all, 'If (3cc) [choice / volitional] anyone wishes to come after Me, let him deny himself, and **take up his cross daily**, and follow me."

Jesus said this during His ministry <u>prior to the cross</u> (Luke 9:18-27) that "The Son of Man must <u>suffer many things</u>, and **be rejected** by the elders and chief priests and scribes, and **be killed** and **be raised up on the third day**." (Luke 9:22) (Acts 2:23-24)

(1 Cor.1:18) "For the **word of the cross** is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved **it is the power of God.**"

(Rom.1:16) "For I am not ashamed of the **gospel**, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek."

What is that Gospel?

(1 Cor.15:3-4) For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, <u>that Christ died for our sins</u> according to the Scriptures, and <u>that He was buried</u>, and <u>that He was raised on the third day</u> according to the Scriptures,

Paul's Stance:

(Gal.6:14) "But may it never be that I would boast, except in the **cross of our Lord Jesus Christ**, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world." (John 1:29; 1 John 2:2)

3. An example of salvation "without reference to sin," would be the Jewish believers trapped on Mt. Olives during the Tribulation. (Zech.14:1-13; Matt.24:3, 15-31; Rev.19:11-16).

(Zech.14:4) "<u>In that day His feet will stand on the Mount of Olives</u>, which is in front of Jerusalem on the east; and the Mount of Olives will be split in its middle from east to west by a very large valley, so that half of the mountain will move toward the north and the other half toward the south."

Fatalities of the Battle of Armageddon will be enormous. "Wherever the corpse is, there the <u>vultures will gather.</u>" (Matt.24:28)

(Rev.19:17) "Then I saw an angel standing in the sun, and he cried out with a loud voice, saying, 'Come, assemble for the great supper of God."

(Rev.14:20 "And the wine press was trodden outside the city, and **blood** came out from the wine press, up to the horses' bridles, for a distance of two hundred miles." (NASB) [about 200 miles and 4 1/2 feet deep]

This great battle will be over by the evening of the same day!

(Zech.14:4-8) "For it will be a unique day which is known to the Lord, neither day nor night, **but it will come about that at evening time** there will be light." (14:7)

4. The Second Coming of Jesus Christ will be a time of great divine wrath upon unbelievers (Joel 2:10-11; Isa.13:9; 2 Thess.1:8-10; 2:8-12; Rev.6-19) [Seals, Trumpets, and Bowls]

(Zech.14:12-13) "Now this will be **the plague** with which the Lord will strike all the people who have gone to war against Jerusalem; their **flesh will rot** while they stand on their feet, and their **eyes will rot** in their sockets, and their **tongue will rot** in their mouth. And it will come about in that day a <u>great panic from the Lord will fall on them</u>; and they will seize one another's hand, and <u>the hand of one will be lifted against the hand of another."</u>