

Why Jesus is Superior

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Hebrews 9:11-28

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Intro:

- Theme of Hebrews: Jesus is Better! He brought a better covenant!
- We tend to place greater trust in things we can sense or feel
- Under the New Covenant worship is by faith, not the senses
- Our pastor unpacks more reasons why Jesus is Better!

Christ is Superior to the Old Sacrificial System 11-12

- Stop trying to work^{sacrifice} to cleanse your conscience, instead rest in God's provision: Jesus Christ – eternal Perfect Priest!
- Jesus provides us with an eternal redemption, quit looking to what you've done, but look at Christ's work

Christ is Superior to Ritual Cleansing 13-14

- Earthy priests had to be ritually cleansed by blood to serve
- Christ, already perfect, didn't need to be cleansed
- Therefore His blood can indeed purify our consciences!
- We can now serve God without FEAR or GUILT!

Christ is Superior as Mediator of the New Covenant 15

- "mediator" our definition is inadequate – one who gets two opposing sides to compromise
- BUT God's holiness can't be compromised...
- Christ as mediator steps in and becomes the sacrifice we need to make us acceptable to God!
- Your salvation sure because of Christ as Mediator!

Christ's Blood is Superior 16-22

- God's Word is true, not our experience and feelings...
- Covenant like a last will & testament – death of testator results in gifts to others
- 1st covenant - blood^{Exo24:4-8}; New covenant^{Jesus'Blood}
- Unlike animal blood, Jesus' blood purifies us!

The Better Sacrifice of Christ for Eternity 23-26

- Jesus' perfect blood purified us for access to God
- Look to Jesus' blood, not your works for cleansing!

Judgment and the Return of Christ 27-28

- Everyone will die (unless Christ returns) Garden curse^{Gen2:17}
- We all fell in Adam & face death & God's judgment
- Christ died ONCE and brought us life through faith
- Christ coming again, not to sacrifice, but complete salvation
- Are YOU ready? Do you eagerly await Christ?
- Do you fear His return^{Rev22:12?}
- Rest in Jesus^{Rom10:9-10}

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