

"Atonement Made and Sins Put Away"

Hebrews 9:23-28

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I. Transition – Heb. 9:23

- A. Due to the peoples' sins, even the Old Covenant *copies* had to purified with blood.
- B. Christ's shed blood purifies the *heavenly* realities (meaning that *we* are purified by once-shed blood).

II. Summary Paragraph – Heb. 9:24-28

- A. Unlike the Old Covenant priests on the Day of Atonement, Christ has *truly* entered the divine presence, *for us*. (v. 24)
- B. Unlike the Old Covenant sacrifices on the Day of Atonement, Christ's one self-sacrifice has put away our sins away for good. (vs. 25-26)
- C. Like the Old Covenant Priests on the Day of Atonement, Christ will appear again. (vs. 27-28)
 - 1. Yet Christ's 2nd appearing will not have anything to do with cleansing the guilt of sin; that's accomplished.
 - 2. Christ's 2nd appearance will save His people.
 - 3. What appearance is being referred to in Heb. 9:28?
 - a. Christ's literal 2nd Coming at the end of history? Possibly.
 - b. It's also a possible referent to His *spiritual* appearing in the judgment of Jerusalem in AD 70 (Matt. 24; 2 Sam. 22:8-11).
 - i. This event physically saved Hebrew's first readers.
 - ii. Seeing it this way may better fit the context.
 - c. Either referent reminds believers that the Christ who atoned for our sins will also deliver us from all our remaining foes.