
Week 23 Sermon, March 3, 2024
Hebrews 9:23-28 – *The Perfect Sacrifice*

Discussion Questions

1. There are several repeated themes throughout the book of Hebrews, one that we see again in our passage this week. Look back to chapter 8:2, 5; 9:11 and here in 9:24. What do we learn from these verses? Why must the heavenly things be purified with “better sacrifices”(v.23)? See also 9:13-14.
2. The message of our faith is the title of our sermon. The cross of Christ is not only the end of the old covenant; it is the unsurpassable sacrifice of our great High Priest. Read Romans 5:9-10. From what have we been delivered as His elect? John Owen said, “there is no death of sin without the death of Christ.” What is your relationship with sin as a child of God?
3. We all have a divine appointment with God upon our death. As a Christian, our death is not punitive but an entrance into eternity. What awaits those outside of the family of faith (see v.27)? In chapter 5:9 and 9:12, what does the author of Hebrews indicate is the end for those who belong to Christ?
4. Jesus Christ “will appear a second time”(v 28) for what purpose? Are you rejoicing in this truth or do you harbor some fear? Turn to Philippians 3:20. How intensely and passionately are you awaiting the return of our Savior? What evidence in your life points to expectant waiting for His return?
5. A.W. Pink wrote, “...the Great Sacrifice which Christ offered unto God was the substance of all the Old Testament shadows, it was efficacious, all-sufficient, final.” Why might it be hard for someone to believe in the “once for all” work of Jesus at the cross? How could you counsel a brother/sister in the Lord to “contend earnestly for the faith which was once for all delivered to the saints”(Jude 3)?
6. Our Hymn of the Month for March encourages us to reflect on the goodness of God in and through His Son Jesus. Look back at Psalm 65:4 and meditate on the truths there. Then read (or sing!) the lyrics to “The Goodness of Jesus”. How does knowing He is the perfect sacrifice help you “rest here in His wondrous peace”?

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The Goodness of Jesus

by City Alight; Fiona Aghajanian, Harrison Druery, Michael Farren, Jaywan Maxwell, Jonny Robinson & Rich Thompson

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Verse 1

Come you weary heart now to Jesus,
Come you anxious soul now and see;
There is perfect love and comfort in your tears;
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Chorus:

O the goodness, the goodness of Jesus!
Satisfied, He is all that I need.
May it be, come what may, that I rest all my days
In the goodness of Jesus.

Verse 2

Come find what this world cannot offer,
Come and find your joy here complete,
Taste the living water, never thirst again,
Rest here in His wondrous peace.

Verse 3

Come and find your hope now in Jesus—
He is all he said he would be.
Grace is overflowing from the Savior's heart,
Rest here in His wondrous peace.
