

Why Religious Works Don't Work **Study Questions**

Getting Started

1. What insight, principle, or observation from this week's message did you find to be most helpful, eye-opening or troubling? Explain.
2. Many would suggest that our culture is drowning in hopelessness. Share why you agree or disagree with this statement.
3. Read James 1:17. What are some of the "good things" (Hebrews 9:11) in your life?
4. What might be some of the differences between a relationship with God that is secure (Note Hebrews 9:12 "eternal redemption") and one that depends on our good works?
5. Pastor spent time talking about our "conscience." What there a particular insight that stood out to you?
6. Hebrews 9:15 reminds us that Jesus is the believers mediator before God the Father. What are some of the benefits mentioned in this verse?
7. Our church celebrates Communion each month. Once component is remember Jesus shed blood. What might be the significance of a Covenant secured by blood? (Hebrews 9:19-22)
8. The writer reminds us in Hebrews 9:23-24 that Jesus did not engage in the earthly practices of the High Priest but went directly into God's presence. How might this give hope to believers?
9. Take a moment to have someone read Revelation 20:11-15. What stands out to you from these verses?
10. Now compare the previous passage from Revelation by having individuals read 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; Romans 14:10-12 and 2 Corinthians 5:6-10. What stands out to you?

Digging Deeper

10. Take a moment each day to think about all that you have to look forward as a believer and all that you have to enjoy each day.

Why Religious Works Don't Work **Part (II)**

Series: Finishing Faith in an Ungodly Culture

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"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,"
1 Peter 1:3 ESV

I. Jesus _____ Everything for Me

"But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption."
Hebrews 9:11-12 ESV

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change."
James 1:17 ESV

"For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God."
Hebrews 9:13-14 ESV

“They show that the work of the law is written on their hearts, while their conscience also bears witness, and their conflicting thoughts accuse or even excuse them” Romans 2:15 ESV

Four Functions of My Conscience:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

II. Jesus is My _____ before God the Father

“Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.” Hebrews 9:15 ESV

“For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.” Hebrews 9:16–17 ESV

“Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood.” Hebrews 9:18 ESV

“For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, “This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you.”” Hebrews 9:19–20 ESV

“And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.” Hebrews 9:21–22 ESV

III. Jesus is _____ for Me

“Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.” Hebrews 9:23 ESV

“For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf.” Hebrews 9:24 ESV

“Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.” Hebrews 9:25–26 ESV

“And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.” Hebrews 9:27–28 ESV

“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.” 2 Corinthians 5:10 ESV