LIFE Bible Study: Hebrews 9:15-28

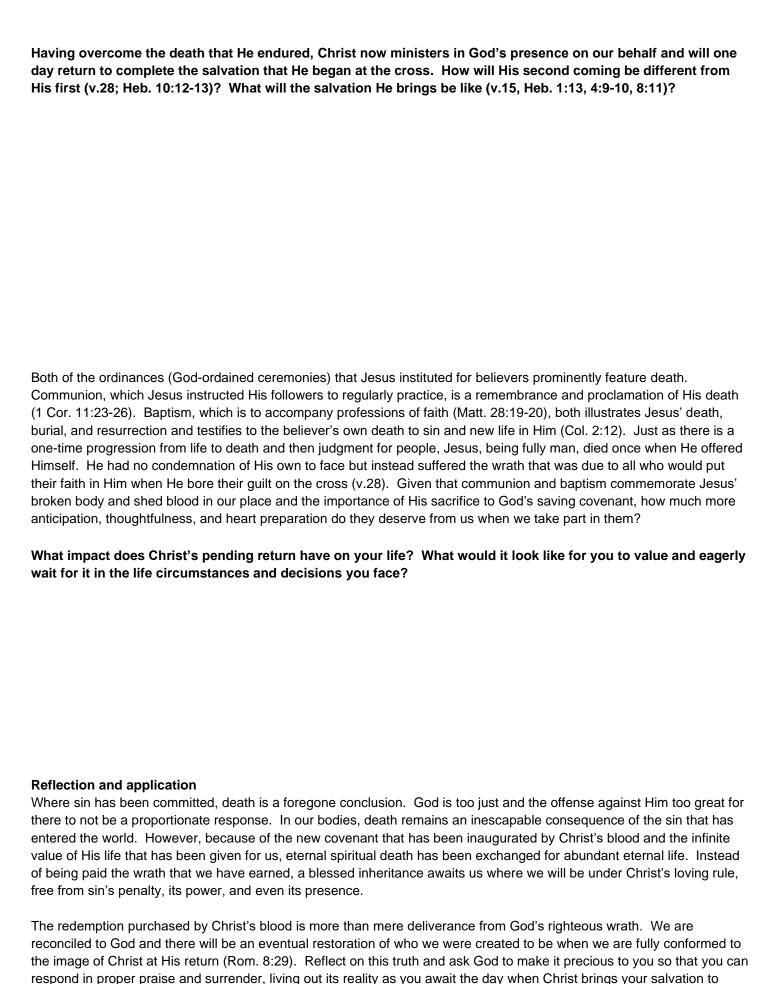
For Discussion: How do we determine the value of life (plant, animal, human)? What gives that life value?

Read Hebrews 9:11-28

For review: In Hebrews 9:1-14, the author listed many of the elements of worship under the old covenant. One prominent aspect of this was that though He was always near to His people, God was unapproachable for the worshipper. Multiple barriers and restrictions prevented people from entering His presence because of their sin. Despite the intricate rituals and numerous sacrifices that had to be performed, none of them could bring people closer to God. The author then began a comparison of the sacrifices of the former priests with Christ's sacrifice of Himself. While the blood of animals was only able to superficially cleanse people's bodies, the blood of Christ has the power to fully cleanse and even perfect people's consciences. In the following section the author continues his discussion of the blood of Christ, the need for the shedding of blood, and what that accomplishes.

The author likens the new covenant to a will in several areas (v.15-18). In what ways are these two things similar (Eph. 1:11-14; Rom. 9:9-13 & Eph. 1:3-6)?

Even though the new covenant has surpassed the old and made it obsolete, the author continues to reference the old covenant because it laid the groundwork for understanding important aspects of the new. What principles vital to the new covenant can be seen foreshadowed in the old (v.18 & 22; v.24 & Heb 2:9; v.7 & Heb. 7:25)? What is the role of blood in the new covenant?



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