



PRESSING ON

TO MATURITY

A Study of the Book of Hebrews

**WHERE THERE'S A WILL,
THERE'S A BODY!**

HEBREWS 9:15-28

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Introduction: Have you ever wondered why so many of our hymns focus on “the blood of Christ” rather than on the teachings of Christ? If Christianity offers us new life, why is there so much talk about Christ’s death? The writer of Hebrews answers those questions in today’s passage.

I. The Need For Christ’s Death Explained (Hebrews 9:15)

Hebrews 9:15 “And for this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance.”

II. The Need for Christ’s Death Illustrated (Hebrews 9:16-27)

A. By Example (Hebrews 9:16-17)

Hebrews 9:16-17 ¹⁶ “For where a covenant is, there must of necessity be the death of the one who made it. ¹⁷ For a covenant is valid only when men are dead, for it is never in force while the one who made it lives.”

B. By History (Hebrews 9:18-22)

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

Hebrews 9:22 “And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.”

C. **By Contrast** (Hebrews 9:23-27)

Hebrews 9:23-25 ²³ “Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. ²⁴ For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; ²⁵ nor was it that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood not his own.”

Hebrews 9:27 “And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.”

III. **Timeless Principles From This Passage** (Hebrews 9:28)

A. **Our Forgiveness is Costly**

B. **God’s Redemption is Complete**

C. **Our Salvation is Incomplete**

Hebrews 9:28 “So Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.”

Conclusion