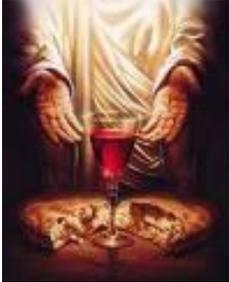


Mediator of a New Covenant

Hebrews 9:15



In the previous verses (9:11-14), we learned that the blood of Christ was the superior sacrifice offered to God which cleanses us from all sin and gives us access through Christ into the very throne room of God—the Holy of Holies in the heavenly realm. It is through the blood of Christ that we have obtained eternal redemption. We are no longer cut-off or separated from God, but now have full access into his presence through his son the Eternal High Priest and King. We have been set free to worship and to serve the Living God!

Verse 15

For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance--now that he has died as a ransom to set them free from the sins committed under the first covenant.

This verse describes Christ as a mediator. Generally, we think of a mediator as a go-between two warring parties. Actually this definition holds true; for before Christ, we were enemies of God—our mind was at war with him. Romans 8:7 says, “The sinful mind is hostile [at war] toward God.” Before Christ, our mind would fight against the things of God and seek to go its own way.

A mediator’s role is a conciliator between persons or sides. The goal of the mediator is to bring the warring parties together in peace and to reconcile their differences.

Jesus is described as the mediator of a new, superior covenant (cf. 8.6) on the bases of his sacrificial death and blood. He is the go-between God and man satisfying God’s requirements of God’s righteousness pertaining to the covenant. He himself satisfies the requirements of the law to bring man into peace with God, so that man can dwell in God’s presence. He has made it possible for those he has called to receive the promised eternal inheritance—an inheritance of an abundant eternal life with God.

Romans 8:14-30 states that we are now joint heirs with Christ. Everything that has been bestowed on Christ as the Son of God has now been given to us as sons and daughters of God. We are now designated partakers of a heavenly calling (cf. 3:1). We are now heaven bound, to join our God and King.



Jesus’ death on the cross became our redemption (ransom, payment) setting us free from the penalty of sin and death. The Word states, “Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law by becoming a curse for us” (Galatians 3:13). We have been “justified freely by his grace through the redemption that came by Christ Jesus” (Romans 3:24).



It is God “who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the kingdom of light. For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins” (Colossians 1:12-14).

There is no forgiveness of sin without the shedding of blood. Jesus paid the debt once and for all with his blood, releasing from the curse everyone who places their faith [trust] in (obeys, cf. 5:9) him. Jesus said, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many" (Mark 14:24).

“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say ‘**No**’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age while we wait for the blessed hope--the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good” (Titus 2:11-14).

“For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God” (1 Peter 1:18-21).



“Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father--to him be glory and power forever and ever! Amen” (Revelation 1:5-6).

What's Your Next Step?
