

## Until the Time of Reformation

### Chapter 9 is concerned with *tense* and communicating to these Hebrews:

- What has passed away
- What is present and active
- What is yet to come

### Verse 9: Symbolic for the Present Age

Symbolic (*parabolē*): parable, figure, comparison

### Verse 14: How Much More Will the Blood of Christ... Purify Our Conscience?

Conscience (*syneidēsis*): co-knowing of self, that within us which distinguishes between what is morally good or bad, prompting to do the former and shun the latter, commending one, condemning the other

*Not all the blood of beasts  
On Jewish altars slain,  
Could give the guilty conscience peace,  
Or wash away the stain.*

*But Christ, the heav'nly Lamb,  
Takes all our sins away,  
A sacrifice of nobler name  
And richer blood than they.*

- Isaac Watts, 1709

### So Now, Should We Throw Out Our Old Testaments?

**Matthew 13:52** And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

**Acts 20:27** for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.

**Romans 15:4** For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction (*didaskalia*: doctrine or teaching), that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 3:15** and how from childhood you have been acquainted with the sacred writings, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus.

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### Verse 15: He... Redeems Them from the Transgressions Committed under the First Covenant

**Romans 3:25** whom[Christ Jesus] God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins.

### A Last Will and Testament Includes Three Things:

A Benefactor, The Beneficiary, and The Bequest

- The benefactor is the Lord Jesus Christ.
- The beneficiaries are those whom he has redeemed.
- The bequest is the inheritance of eternal redemption.

### But Why Was Blood Required?

**Leviticus 17:11** For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it for you on the altar to make atonement for your souls, for it is the blood that makes atonement by the life.

**Leviticus 17:14** For the life of every creature is its blood: its blood is its life. Therefore I have said to the people of Israel, You shall not eat the blood of any creature, for the life of every creature is its blood. Whoever eats it shall be cut off.

### Christ is the True and Better: Past, Present, and Future

1. Christ's is a better sacrifice because it's past and dealt with all sin - once for all.
2. Christ's is a better sacrifice because it's presently already in effect.
3. Christ's is a better sacrifice because the greatest reward is a future inheritance.