

A Spiritual Physical

Exam #7: Blood Test

Hebrews 9:11-15

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Introduction:

1. Final exam today is a blood test
2. Time to allow God to examine the spiritual blood that courses through our veins.
3. May have to allow God to hook us up to the heavenly dialysis machine.

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I. Infection (vv.11-13)

- A. Cause
 - a. Original sin (Adam & Eve)
 - b. Inherited since that time
- B. Condition
 - a. Separated from God (that's why they needed a High Priest in the first place)
 - b. Stymied by sin (human priest had to continually perform the sacrifices)
- C. Cleansing (purifying)
 - a. Blood of bulls and goats (Day of Atonement covered sins)
 - b. Ashes of a heifer (mixed with water cleansed someone who became ceremonially unclean by touching a corpse)
 - c. Cleansing was only skin deep

II. Infusion (v.14)

- A. To overcome the infection
 - a. Prior sacrifices only masked the real problem
 - b. The cleansing blood of Christ is needed to course through our veins
- B. To overcome blockages
 - a. Of dead works (in context = the mosaic law)
 - b. Of the plaque in our spiritual veins today (sins that we allow to build up)
- C. To overcome a stoppage
 - a. Of our heartbeat for God
 - b. Of our service for God

III. Intervention (v.15)

- A. To prevent death
 - a. From the infection that can kill us
 - b. Topical ointment will not save us
- B. To provide healing
 - a. From the devastating disease of sin
 - b. For our relationship with God
- C. To preserve life
 - a. Spiritual life
 - b. Eternal life