**Jesus Christ our High Priest – Heb. 9:15**

**Focal Truth: The death of Jesus Christ high priest – mediator provides eternal salvation for believers**

**Observation**

1. **Jesus Christ high priest – mediator by His blood entered heaven forever – 9:11 -12**

*But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come, he entered through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, and not through the blood of goats and calves, but through His own blood, He entered the holy place once for all, having obtained eternal redemption*

1. The priests of the law entered & exited the holy places – 9:6
2. The permanent way into the holy place was not revealed in the first tabernacle – 9:8
3. Christ **appeared as high priest in His earthly ministry** of the good things of the gospel 9:11

2:17 – *He had to be made like His brethren in all things so that He might become a merciful & faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people*

1. Christ ascended & entered heaven when He was raised from the dead – 9:11
2. Christ entered heaven forever as High Priest by His blood – 9:12
3. **Jesus Christ high priest – mediator by His blood secured eternal salvation – 9:12 -15**

*Having obtained eternal redemption…How much more will the blood of Christ…cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?*

1. The blood of Christ **secures eternal salvation** for all who will believe – 9:12

5:9 – *having been made perfect, He became to all those who obey Him the source of eternal salvation*

1. The blood of Christ **cleanses the saved from a guilty conscience** – 9:14

The worshipper under the law was never relieved of a guilty conscience in sacrifices

10:1 - 2 – *the law since it has only a shadow of the good things to come &not the very form of the things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they have not ceased to be offered because the worshippers having once been cleansed would no longer have had consciousness of sins*

 **The guilty sinner cries:**

* I am guilty of sin
* I am unworthy of forgiveness
* I am unholy
* I am restless & need forgiveness

 The believer in Christ is cleansed from a guilty conscience to serve God

 Eph. 5:26 – *having been cleansed from the washing of the water with the word*

**The saved sinner cries:**

* I am forgiven!
* I am accepted!
* I am free!
* I am a new person!

***The guilty sinner can only be cleansed from his guilty conscience by faith in Christ***

1 Cor. 1:18 – *for the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to*

 *us who are being saved it is the power of God*

1. **Jesus Christ high priest – mediator by His blood provides an eternal inheritance – 9:15**

*For this reason, He is the mediator of a new covenant, so 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*

1. Christ death on the cross provides the satisfaction for sins of sinners – *a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions under the first covenant = law*
2. Those who are the called = the saved receive the promised inheritance

*those who have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance*

3:1 – *wherefore holy brethren, partakers of the heavenly calling*

**We have heard the joyful sound Jesus saves – we heard the call come to Me now**

**we live as the called of God**

1. Jesus Christ is appointed the inheritor of all things – 1:2 – *He is the heir of all things*
2. Believers are inheritors of all things as children of God in Christ

Rom. 8:16 – 17 – *the Spirit Himself testifies with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, heirs also, heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ…*

**The security of an inheritor**

* **I have all I need!**
* **I have a future!**
* **I have confidence!**
* **I am loved!**

1 Pet. 1:4 – to obtain an inheritance which is imperishable, & undefiled & will not

 fade away, reserved in heaven for you…

**Things to be remembered & do**

1. The Lord Jesus our high priest – mediator if forever in heaven for you!
2. Security comes from obtaining eternal salvation in Jesus Christ
3. Whatever the Lord Jesus has inherited you have inherited too!
4. Hallelujah for the cross!

**To the praise of the glory of His grace. The Lord is near to the door! Come Lord Jesus!**