

Jesus is a BETTER MEDIATOR

Text: Hebrews 9:15 – 28

The PROCLAMATION of Jesus's MEDIATION: Hebrews 9:15a

- 1) **JESUS is our MEDIATOR** = He... ARBITRATES our broken relationship; AGREES with God's claims against us; OFFERS Himself as payment
- 2) **WE ALL will be JUDGED:** Hebrews 9:27
 - a) **For our ACTIONS:** Ecclesiastes 12:14
 - b) **For our WORDS:** Matthew 12:36
 - c) **For our HEARTS:** Hebrews 4:12–13 See also: Matt. 15:18-20
 - d) **ALL of US:** 2 Corinthians 5:10 See also: Matthew 25:31-32, John 5:28-29; Acts 10:42; Romans 14:10; 1 Peter 4:5
 - e) **The Holy Spirit CONVICTS us of this REALITY:** John 16:8
- 3) **Jesus APPEARS before God on OUR BEHALF:** Hebrews 9:24. See also: 7:25; 1 John 2:1-2
- 4) **He's the ONLY NECESSARY and SUFFICIENT mediator:** 1 Tim. 2:5-6

The PRICE of Jesus's MEDIATION: Hebrews 9:15ac

- 1) **DEATH:** Hebrews 9:16–17
 - a) **Moses OFFERED himself as a substitute:** Exodus 32:31–32.
 - b) **Paul WISHED he could be a substitute:** Romans 9:1, 3
 - c) **Jesus DIED ONCE for ALL:** Heb. 9:25–26 See: v. 28, 7:27, 10:10
 - d) **Jesus DIED IN PLACE of ALL:** 2 Corinthians 5:21
 - e) **Because of LOVE:** Romans 5:6, 8
- 2) **BLOOD:**
 - a) **Blood INITIATES the COVENANT:** Hebrews 9:18
 - b) **Blood SEALS the COVENANT:** Hebrews 9:19–21. See also: Exodus 24:6-8, Numbers 19:6, 17
 - c) **Blood PURIFIES the COVENANT PARTICIPANTS and PLACES:** Hebrews 9:22-23

The PURPOSE (BENEFITS) of Jesus's MEDIATION:

- 1) **He BRING US into a new RELATIONSHIP with God:** Hebrews 8:6. See also: 12:22-24
- 2) **He REDEEMS us from OUR SIN:** Hebrews 9:15cd. See also: Ephesians 1:7; Colossians 1:14
- 3) **He GUARANTEES our PROMISED INHERITANCE:** Hebrews 9:15ab. See also: Hebrews 7:22

The PARTICIPANTS in Jesus's MEDIATION:

- 1) **The CALLED:** Hebrews 9:15ab
 - a) **EXPERIENTIALLY:** 1 Peter 2:9b. See also: John 6:44; 1 Corinthians 1:9, 23-24, 26-31
 - b) **NECESSARILY and LEGALLY:** Romans 8:30. See also: Ephesians 4:4-6; 2 Thessalonians 2:14; 2 Timothy 1:9, 1 Peter 5:10
- 2) **The WAITING:** Hebrews 9:28 See also: 1 Cor. 1:7; Gal. 5:5; Phil. 3:20
 - a) **God's PEOPLE live HOLY and GODLY lives NOW in anticipation of being with Him FOREVER:** 2 Peter 3:11–12a
 - b) **WE are waiting for a CROWN [reward and declaration] of RIGHTEOUSNESS:** 2 Timothy 4:8
 - c) **WE are waiting for JESUS, our soul's SATISFACTION:** Titus 2:11–13

Gospel In Life Group Questions

- 1) **BELIEVE:** WHAT TRUTHS did God REVEAL to me through His Word today about HIM and/or MYSELF?
- 2) **ASSESS:** HOW do these truths ENCOURAGE and/or CHALLENGE (convict) ME?
- 3) **PROCESS:** WHY is this message GOOD NEWS (GOSPEL) to ME today? (CONNECT the GOSPEL story to MY present story)
- 4) **CHANGE:** WHERE will I APPLY (BELIEVE, REPENT, DO) this message in MY own life this week?
- 5) **PROCLAIM:** WHO does God want ME to share these truths with this week?