Heb 9:23-28
23 Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be cleansed with these, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. 24 For Christ did not enter a holy place made with hands, a mere copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us; 25 nor was it that He should offer Himself often, as the high priest enters the holy place year by year with blood not his own. 26 Otherwise, He would have needed to suffer often since the foundation of the world; but now once at the consummation of the ages He has been manifested to put away sin by the sacrifice of Himself. 27 And inasmuch as it is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment, 28 so Christ also, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time for salvation without reference to sin, to those who eagerly await Him.

Intro: The peoples of our text lived in a most intriguing time. The diming sun of the O.T. had set while the bright new sun of the __________had ____________. Shadows had given way to radiance, mystery to revelation, that which was temporal to that which is permanent as prophecies gave way to fulfillment. That which was weak and ineffective give way to that which is strong and _________________. The Christ had come and salvation is in His name and His name alone.

A. Bringing the Hebrews to this truth was no small task as they were deeply ________________ in the things of Old.

B. Here, having emphasized the sacrifice that is needed for the forgiveness of sin the author moves forward by emphasizing the finality, completeness and ________________ effectiveness of Jesus’ once for all time all-sufficient sacrifice whereby He has obtained eternal redemption.

I. The Old Covenant ____________ that the things of the Old Covenant be cleansed with blood sacrifices.

A. If it were necessary that the temporal earthly copies or ____________ of the heavenly things were cleansed by the typological blood of typological sacrifices, how much more necessary is it then that the true heavenly things themselves be cleansed __ the true blood of the __________ and eternal sacrifice?

B. As the _______ demanded blood to be shed for the cleansing of the earthly copies of the heavenly things, so did Jesus fulfill that ____________ of the Law by the shedding of His _______________ for the forgiveness of sin, for the cleansing of our conscience.

1. _____ who believe have become the heavenly things that have themselves been _______________ by the blood of Jesus. The penman speaks of this in Hebrews 10:10 saying, “... we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”

II. Because ____________ entered into the heavenly tabernacle (as opposed to the earthly tabernacle as did the priests of Old) so was it required that He make a better (____________!) sacrifice.

A. Our ________________ into the better tabernacle (heaven) has been ____________ through the better sacrifice of His blood!

B. His holy sacrifice has gained Him eternal audience with God the Father. ________, in the __________ present tense, Jesus appears in the presence of God interceding for us just as He has and always will.
C. Jesus offered the sacrifice of the blood that was His own and thereby truly and finally satisfied the requirements of God once for all time, never needing to offer Himself again, His sacrifice being ______.

D. If our High Priest Jesus were not _____________ to the high priests of Old, and if His own blood sacrifice were not superior over the blood sacrifices of animals, then He would have to suffer over and over, the implication being that His _____________ would be like the sacrifices of the priests never satisfying the wrath of God, never making the Old Covenant obsolete, never actually bringing us to God.

III. With ___________ the Christ came and fulfilled God’s redemptive plan whereby man is rescued from the wrath of God to the love of God!

A. Jesus, fulfilling the redemptive plan of God which all the ages past anticipated, has been manifested for this purpose: to put away ______. The phrase “putting away of sin” is in the strongest of terms. It speaks of decisiveness and finality. It is to cancel sin, sins hold upon us and its terrible debt. It is ________________!

B. Just as it is ______________ unto man once to die, so did the man Jesus die ______!

C. And as the one who dies comes before God for ________________ so did Jesus die and “appear in the presence of God for us,” and offering the true atoning sacrifice so has He ______ ___________ our sin forever.

D. Let your heart rejoice for we will see our Jesus! He will __________ the second time not to bear sin (for He bore our sin once for all time), but He will come the second time ______ together His people, you and me unto Himself!

1. “Those who _____________ await Him” are those whom Jesus saved. And those whom Jesus saved are those whom He will ___________ to His heavenly abode.

Closing: Dear one, when your conscience has been purified by the blood of Christ no longer do you fear His return hoping He will hold off but so do you cry out saying, “Come quickly, Lord Jesus. Come quickly!” Is that the cry of your heart?

A. Will you __________ His once for all time redeeming, sin forgiving, life giving, God accepted sacrifice of His blood as applied to you? By the sacrifice of Himself, Jesus offers freedom from sin and death. Will you ________ and obey the Lord Jesus Christ? Will you come to the cross in faith believing?

And if you have believed, then believe and rest. __________ in the Christ who will come a second time to receive us to Himself that where He is we may be also, is faith that preserves the soul unto the end. And they that endure unto the end will be saved! This ________, as John Owens wrote, “… is one of the most distinguishing characteristics of a sincere believer …”

Believer! When darkness veils His lovely face, rest on His unchanging grace! In every high and stormy gale, our anchor holds within the veil! Make this be your testimony: On Christ the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand.

By the one time sacrifice of Himself ________ paid the price in full! Will you look upon cross and seeing that Jesus is not longer there come to Him in _______ believing?

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