

**Jesus Is Better**  
**God Sustains Your Hope Through His Son**  
**Hebrews 9:11-28**

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**I. We have hope because Jesus freed us from GUILT!**

**Heb 9:13,14** - <sup>13</sup>For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, <sup>14</sup>**how much more will the blood of Christ**, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, **purify our conscience** from dead works to serve the living God.

**4 Things God Does With Our Sin to  
Free Us From Guilt & Shame**

(a) **Out of sight** - He no longer sees them!

**Isa. 38:17** - <sup>17</sup>...for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

(b) **Out of mind** - He chooses not to remember them!

**Jer. 31:34** - <sup>34</sup>For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.

(c) **Out of reach** - He places them underfoot, underwater, & gone forever!

**Mic. 7:19** - <sup>19</sup>He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

(d) **Out of existence** - They're blotted out forever as if they never existed!

**Isa. 43:25** - <sup>25</sup>"I, I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins."

Jesus frees our consciences from **guilt**, something no Old Testament believer ever had. More than just wiping up the outside, He makes us clean on the inside by purifying our hearts. That's why we can draw near to God!

**Heb. 10:19-22** - <sup>19</sup> Therefore, brothers, since we have **confidence** to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, <sup>20</sup> by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, <sup>21</sup> and since we have a great priest over the house of God, <sup>22</sup> **let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance** of faith, with our hearts sprinkled **clean from an evil conscience** and our bodies washed with pure water.

## **II. We have hope because Jesus changed “the will” to “the WAY!”**

**Heb 9:16,17** - <sup>16</sup> For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. <sup>17</sup> For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.

Remember - Jesus was born to die. His death was the only way to inherit the forgiveness God has for us, changing what was a lifeless will to a living reality for all who believe.

**John 14:6** - <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, “**I am the way**, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

## **III. We have hope because Jesus is our SUFFICIENT SUBSTITUTE, dying once for sinners like us!**

**Heb 9:27,28** - <sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, <sup>28</sup> so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

**1 Peter 3:18** - <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit,

### **Questions for Community Group and/or Personal Application:**

- (1) When has guilt and shame had an overwhelming presence in your life?
- (2) Pastor Peter said guilt & shame stunts our growth and stagnates our serving. How have you seen this to be the case in your life?
- (3) Look back over the 4 things God does with our sin to free us from guilt and shame. Which 1-2 do you find the most encouraging?

- (4) Pastor Peter highlighted the fact that Christ died once for sins. Is this truth important to you? Why or why not?
- (5) Look over the 3 main points. Which one do you find worth refocusing on? Why?