

August 19, 2007  
Shepherd's Community Church  
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Hebrews 9:11ff

*"Jesus Christ is Infinitely Better!"*  
**The Heavenly Tabernacle**

- I. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His PERSON (Chapters 1-7)
  - A. Better than the Prophets (1:1-3)
  - B. Better than the Angels (1:4-2:18)
  - C. Better than Moses (3:1-4:13)
  - D. Better than Aaron (4:14-7:28)
- II. Jesus Christ: Infinitely Better in His WORK (8:1-10:18)
  - A. Minister in a Better Sanctuary (8:1-5)
  - B. Mediator of a Better Covenant (8:6-13)
  - C. Priest of a Better Tabernacle (9:1-14)
    - 1. The Inferior Earthly Tabernacle (Old Covenant) – 9:1-10
      - a. The Old Sanctuary (v. 2-5)
      - b. The Old Services (v. 6-7)
      - c. The Old Significance (v. 8-10)

**2. The \_\_\_\_\_ Heavenly Tabernacle (\_\_\_\_\_ ) – 9:11-14**

**a. The New \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 11)**

**b. The New \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 12)**

**c. The New \_\_\_\_\_ (v. 13-14)**

## Discussion Questions

1. Read about the New Covenant in Jeremiah 31. Why is it better than the Old Covenant? List as many things as you can find.
2. What was wrong with the old sanctuary (tabernacle)? What did it symbolize about God and His relationship to man? Why couldn't the old sanctuary provide non-stop access to God?
3. Why is the new sanctuary infinitely better than the old one? Where is the new sanctuary where God dwells and where Jesus serves as our High Priest? (Acts 7:48-50; 17:24; Hebrews 8:1-2; 9:24)
4. Read Rev. 21-22. What is it like in heaven? Now read Rev. 1:9-20. What is Jesus like right now in heaven? Is He worthy to be your Prophet, Priest and King?
5. Why is the blood of Jesus so much more valuable than the blood of goats and calves (Heb. 9:12)? What does the blood of Jesus represent? (see Lev. 19:11; Mt. 23:30, 35; 27:6, 8, 24-25; Jn. 6:54-56; Acts 18:6; 20:26)
6. What are the implications of the statement "He entered the holy place ONCE FOR ALL, having obtained ETERNAL REDEMPTION"? Is there something more that we can add? Did He obtain eternal redemption for Himself or for us? If it is for us, can we lose it?
7. In v. 14, what does the "eternal Spirit" refer to? Is it the spirit of Jesus or the Holy Spirit? How did the Spirit play a part in Jesus offering Himself without blemish to God?
8. How does the blood of Christ cleanse our conscience? What are the dead works the author is referring to in v. 14?
9. According to v. 14, what does the blood of Christ empower and motivate us to do? (See Eph. 2:8-10; Titus 2:11-14)