

**Intro:** Angels want to look closely at this topic:

**1 Peter 1:10-12 (HCSB)** <sup>10</sup> Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that would come to you searched and carefully investigated.

<sup>11</sup> They inquired into what time or what circumstances the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating when He testified in advance to the messianic sufferings and the glories that would follow.

<sup>12</sup> It was revealed to them that they were not serving themselves but you concerning things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the gospel to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven. **Angels desire to look into these things.**

### **1. By His Shed Blood, Jesus became the only Expiator for you before God.**

An Expiator is “One who atones for another.” (“atonement” is used often in Exodus and Leviticus, “make atonement on his behalf for his sin and he will be forgiven”)

**Hebrews 9:13-14 (HCSB)** <sup>13</sup> For if the blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling those who are defiled, sanctify for the purification of the flesh,

<sup>14</sup> how much more will the blood of the Messiah, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse our consciences from dead works to serve the living God?

**Romans 5:8-11 (KJV)** <sup>8</sup> But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

<sup>9</sup> Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.

<sup>10</sup> For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life.

<sup>11</sup> And not only *so*, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we **have now received the atonement.**

**2. By His shed blood, Jesus became the only Mediator between you and God.** A Mediator is one who stands between two sides and represents each to the other.

**Hebrews 9:15 (HCSB)** <sup>15</sup> Therefore He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called might receive the promise of the eternal inheritance, because a death has taken place for redemption from the transgressions [committed] under the first covenant.

**1 Timothy 2:3-6 (HCSB)** <sup>3</sup> This is good, and it pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who wants everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. <sup>5</sup> For there is one God and **one mediator between God and man**, a man, Christ Jesus, <sup>6</sup> who gave Himself—a ransom for all, a testimony at the proper time.

**3. By His shed blood, Jesus became the only Testator for you from God.** A Testator is one who dies leaving a valid will or testament in force.

**Hebrews 9:16-22 (HCSB)** <sup>16</sup> Where a will exists, the death of the testator must be established.

<sup>17</sup> For a will is valid only when people die, since it is never in force while the testator is living.

<sup>18</sup> That is why even the first covenant was inaugurated with blood.

<sup>19</sup> For when every commandment had been proclaimed by Moses to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and goats, along with water, scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll itself and all the people,

<sup>20</sup> saying, This is the blood of the covenant that God has commanded for you. <sup>21</sup> In the same way, he sprinkled the tabernacle and all the vessels of worship with blood.

<sup>22</sup> According to the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness.

**2 Corinthians 1:20 (HCSB)** <sup>20</sup> For every one of God's promises is "Yes" in Him. Therefore the "Amen" is also through Him for God's glory through us.

#### **4. By His shed blood, Jesus became the Savior; “once for all.”**

**4a. Once for all Jesus offered Himself. Hebrews 7:27** <sup>27</sup> He doesn't need to offer sacrifices every day, as high priests do—first for their own sins, then for those of the people. He did this once for all when He offered Himself.

**4b. Once for all Jesus obtained eternal redemption. Hebrews 9:12**

<sup>12</sup> He entered the holy of holies once for all, not by the blood of goats and calves, but by His own blood, having obtained eternal redemption.

**Hebrews 9:23-26 (HCSB)** <sup>23</sup> Therefore it was necessary for the copies of the things in the heavens to be purified with these [sacrifices], but the heavenly things themselves [to be purified] with better sacrifices than these.

<sup>24</sup> For the Messiah did not enter a sanctuary made with hands (only a model of the true one) but into heaven itself, that He might now appear in the presence of God for us.

<sup>25</sup> He did not do this to offer Himself many times, as the high priest enters the sanctuary yearly with the blood of another.

<sup>26</sup> Otherwise, He would have had to suffer many times since the foundation of the world. But now He has appeared one time, at the end of the ages, for the removal of sin by the sacrifice of Himself.

**4c. Once for all Jesus offers sanctification. Hebrews 10:10-14 (HCSB)**

<sup>10</sup> By this will, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all.

<sup>11</sup> Now every priest stands day after day ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins.

<sup>12</sup> But this man, after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God. <sup>13</sup> He is now waiting until His enemies are made His footstool. <sup>14</sup> For by one offering He has perfected forever those who are sanctified.

**Invitation: Are you looking for a Judge or a Savior? Hebrews 9:27-28**

<sup>27</sup> And just as it is appointed for people to die once—and after this, judgment—

<sup>28</sup> so also the Messiah, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for Him.