

December 14, 2025

Digging deeper: Hebrews 9:23-28 (Blood makes us Clean)

Slide 1 (7 min)

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- How does the blood of Christ make a person clean?
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Slide 2 (8 min)

What do the following passages teach us about the last discussion?

- John 5:24
- Romans 4:7-8 and 8:1
- 2 Corinthians 5:21
- Colossians 2:13-14
- 1 Peter 2:22-24

Pastor – after the discussion, is it possible to *briefly* discuss the term imputation (both righteousness and guilt)?

Slide 3 (8 min)

If there is no condemnation (judgment of guilt) for believers, then why will we need to face judgment as mentioned in Hebrews 9:27?

- Romans 14:10-13
- 2 Corinthians 5:9-10
- 1 Corinthians 3:10-15
- Colossians 3:25

Pastor – If time, do you want to show the following 6-7 min video about the Bema Seat – Judgment Seat of Christ? I can't remember, but we might have shown it in the past.

<https://www.gotquestions.org/judgment-seat-Christ.html>

Cathy's Observations

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- What is humanity's guilt before God? (sin/unbelief)
- How does the blood of Christ make a person clean? (forgiveness – see Romans 4:7-8 below)
- Jesus took our place of punishment, but does this erase a believer's guilt? (yes. We *were* guilty, the sentence was given (of death), and Jesus stepped into our place and took what we were owed and paid the penalty of our guilt.)

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What do the following passages teach us about the last discussion?

- John 5:24 (believers have eternal life and will not be judged for sin)
- Romans 4:7-8 and 8:1 (Believer's record is cleared of sin – we are forgiven the debt; Now no condemnation "judgment of guilt" for those who are in Christ Jesus. Jesus paid the penalty by taking our guilt upon himself and therefore the punishment for that guilt.)
- 2 Corinthians 5:21 (**Imputation** – Christ's righteousness imputed to us; our sin imputed onto Christ)
- Colossians 2:13-14 (the guilty charge was canceled against us)
- 1 Peter 2:22-24 (He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross – God judges fairly)

Pastor – after the discussion, is it possible to briefly discuss the term imputation (righteousness and guilt)?

Slide 3 (8 min)

If there is no condemnation (judgment of guilt) for believers, then why will we need to face judgment as mentioned in Hebrews 9:27? (Not to determine salvation, but for *believers* to be rewarded or denied for what they did while in the flesh as believers.)

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