

Things we learned in Adult Sunday School on 7-5-09

Hebrews 9

Once again, we are looking within the agreements in which we have faith in today.

Old Covenant-

The chapter begins by looking at the interactions of the tabernacle of within the first covenant that God had put into place to allow man with sin to reach him. We looked into the procedure of man seeking acceptance of God through sacrificial blood to cleanse ourselves of our sins. We also discussed how the High Priest was the mediator of God within the community. The author goes on to describe the idea of sacrifices, and how they really never were a means to an end of sin within Man because it was just a way to cover their sins but not actually remove them from their conscience.

New Covenant-

Then Hebrews goes on to discussing that through Christ being our High Priest and sacrificed himself for the sake of us all. This action created a link that was never created within God and Man. Jesus took the place of being the mediator of God by acting out as our High Priest (seated on the right side of God; as learned in earlier chapters). Jesus also offered the perfect sacrifice because the blood in which he shed for us was an eternal covenant between God and Man through Christ. Jesus' blood replaced all sacrificial blood needed, and that blood worked in a completely within ourselves. Jesus' blood washed our conscience clean.

The author then goes on to say that Jesus' sacrifice being a onetime sacrifice. He wanted the world to know that no longer do we have to continue sacrifice to only cover our sinful natures, but that we can rely on the one sacrifice that cleanses all that accept it.