

***“The Proof Of Pardon!”***  
***Hebrews 9:15-22***

**Introduction:**

1. **IE:** As A Nation, We Have Just Recently Mourned The Death Of One Of Our Former Presidents, Gerald Ford. Probably The Greatest Act That He Is Known For Is What Happened On September 8<sup>th</sup>, 1974. It Was On That Day That He Signed Presidential Proclamation 4311 Which Granted To Richard Nixon, “A Full, Free, And Absolute Pardon . . . For All Offenses Against The United States” That He May Have Committed Before He Resigned In Disgrace.
  - Even Though Richard Nixon Is No Longer Alive, The Power Of This Proclamation – And The Power Of This Presidential Pardon – Lives On! And We Continue To Have The Proof Of His Pardon To This Day! Richard Nixon Never Has & Never Will Be Legally Tried For Anything He Did As President! His Pardon Was Indeed “A Full, Free, And Absolute Pardon!”
2. This Morning, As We Return To The Wonderful Message Of The Book Of Hebrews, We See Too The “Full, Free, And Absolute Pardon” Offered Through Christ To All Those Who Put Their Trust In Him And Are Saved!
  - Lets Read Hebrews 9:15-22!
  - If You “Believe On The Lord Jesus Christ” It States In Acts 16:31 That “Thou Shalt Be Saved!”
    - This Salvation Means That You Have Been Granted A “Full, Free And Absolute” Pardon From All Of Your Sin And Guilt! There Is Nothing You Have To Do – In Fact, There Is Nothing You Can Do – To Receive This Pardon! It Is Simply A Gift – A Gift That You & I Must Receive Through Faith In Jesus Christ!
3. But After You Have Accepted Christ’s Pardon For Your Sin By Faith, What Is The Proof Of Your Pardon?
  - If Richard Nixon Ever Began To Doubt About His Pardon, He Could Look To The Official Presidential Proclamation 4311!
  - But, How Do You Know That You Have Been Pardoned By God Of Your Sin? What Do You Have To Look To For That Assurance? What Is The Proof Of Your Pardon?
    - The Proof Of Our Pardon From Sin Is Not A Feeling You Might Feel Or Even An Action That You Might Perform!
      - These Are Very Subjective!
      - **IE:** Someone Once Said: “If you’ve got to feel saved to know you are saved, then you won’t be saved most of the time.”
    - No, The Proof Of Our Pardon From Sin Is Not A Feeling, Its Not A Performance, Its Not A Piece Of Paper – It Is A Person!
      - 9:15 - “And For This Cause He [Referring To Christ In Verse 14] Is The Mediator Of The New Testament!”
  - The Proof Of Our Pardon Is Jesus Christ – The Mediator!
    - And The Work That He Has Done For His People!
    - A “Mediator” Is A “Go-Between”!
      - Just Like President Ford & His Pardon Was A “Go-Between” Between Richard Nixon & Any Potential Legal Action Against Him!
      - Jesus Christ Is The “Go-Between” Between Us, Unholy, Sinful People, And God, The Holy, Righteous & Just Judge!
4. It Is The “Mediator” Jesus Christ Who Is The Proof Of A Christian’s Pardon!
  - And If You Have Been Pardoned From Your Sin, It Is A “Full, Free, And Absolute Pardon” To You!
  - But What Is The Proof Of Your Pardon? Look At 3:

\* The First Proof Of Our Pardon:

1. ***The New Covenant Started By Christ!***
  - 9:15a - “And for this cause he is the mediator of the new testament, that by means of death, for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first testament!”
  - What Is This “New Testament” Or Covenant That Jesus Christ Is The Mediator Of? A Divine Arrangement Between God & His People!
    - It Is Not A New Method Of Salvation!
    - Some Believe That Old Testament Saints Were Saved By Keeping The Law &

- Performing Sacrifices – This Is Clearly Not The Case! Look At Hebrews 10:1! No, When Jesus Christ Said “I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me!” (John 14:6) – He Meant That For All People & For All Time!
- It Is A Fulfillment & Completion Of The Old Testament!
    - The Old Testament Is Called An “Example” & A “Shadow” & A “Figure” Of What Was To Come!
  - What Was The Reason For This “New Testament?”
    - Because Without It, There Would Be No “Redemption Of The Transgressions That Were Under The First Testament!”
    - The “First Testament” – Which Was The Law That God Gave Moses At Mt. Sinai In The Wilderness, The Basis Of Which Was The 10 Commandments – At First Excited The People Of Israel!
      - Exodus 24:3 - “And Moses came and told the people all the words of the LORD, and all the judgments: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which the LORD hath said will we do!”
    - But Instead Of Complying And Obeying This First Testament, What Happened?
      - They “Transgressed” The Law Of God!
      - “Transgressions” - A Disregarding Of & A Violation Of God’s Law! And It Didn’t Take Them Very Long To Do This – Set Up & Worshiped The Golden Calf! “They have turned aside *quickly* out of the way which I commanded them!” (Exodus 32:8)
      - And This Transgression Of The Law Required A Penalty – Of Death And Blood – A Penalty That They Could Not Pay! A Penalty That We Cannot Pay!
    - So, Jesus Christ Came Into This World To Establish A “New Testament”, To Fulfill What Was Required & To Provide What Is Needed!
  - What Is The Result Of This “New Testament”?
    - “Redemption Of The Transgressions!”
      - Redemption Means Freedom! The Penalty That Was Owed Has Been Paid! Nothing Else Is Necessary & Nothing Else Can Ever Be Required!
    - You Can Be Free Through The New Testament Of Jesus Christ!
  - The New Covenant Started By Christ Is The First Proof Of Your Pardon!
    - This Is All You Need To Look To! This Is Our Savior’s “Proclamation 4311!”

\* What Is The Second Proof Of Our Pardon?

## 2. ***The Death Suffered By Christ!***

- 9:15b-17 - “They which are called might receive the promise of eternal inheritance. 16 For where a testament is, there must also of necessity be the death of the testator. 17 For a testament is of force after men are dead: otherwise it is of no strength at all while the testator liveth!”
  - Verses 16-17, I Believe, Using A Play On Words, Now Speaks Of A Different Kind Of “Testament” – Like A Person’s “Last Will & Testament!” In Verse 15, Testament Is Used Religiously – In Verse 16-17, Testament Is Used Legally!
  - And We Understand That The Only Way A Will Is Valid & Acted Upon Is When The One Who Wrote The Will Dies!
    - Otherwise, That Person Is Still In Full Control Of Everything He Owns! The Inheritance Still Belongs To Him!
- This Was Part Of The Reason For His Death!
  - So That “They Which Are Called Might Receive The Promise Of Eternal Inheritance!”
  - When You Think Of What Christ Promised, We Could Never Have Received / Inherited These If He Had Not Died! Promise Of The Holy Spirit, Of His Return, Of His Presence!
    - But Now, Through His Death, We Inherit All That He Has Promised! And They Are Ours Forever!
  - Peter Puts It This Way: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you!” (1 Peter 1:3-5)
- What Is The Result Of His Death!

- A Receiving Of His Promises & A Receiving Of His Inheritance By “They Which Are Called!”
- Who Was This Eternal Inheritance Intended For?
  - Those Whom God Had Called From The Beginning
- Just Like Heirs Are Selected Before Death to Receive An Inheritance, So Are Those Who Receive Their Eternal Inheritance From Christ!
  - You Are An Heir Of God’s Promises Through The Death Of Jesus Christ!
- The Death Of Christ Is The Second Proof Of Your Pardon!
  - The Proof Of Your Pardon Is That God Has Called You To Be An Heir Of His Promises & Now That Christ Has Died, You Have Received Your Inheritance!
  - This Is What You Need To Look To!

\* What Is The Third Proof Of Our Pardon?

**3. *The Blood Shed By Christ!***

- 9:18-22 - “Whereupon neither the first testament was dedicated without blood. 19 For when Moses had spoken every precept to all the people according to the law, he took the blood of calves and of goats, with water, and scarlet wool, and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book, and all the people, 20 Saying, This is the blood of the testament which God hath enjoined unto you. 21 Moreover he sprinkled with blood both the tabernacle, and all the vessels of the ministry. 22 And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission!”
  - These Verses Explain Why The Blood Of Jesus Christ Had To Be Shed! Through Blood:
    - Both Testaments Were Initiated!
    - Both Testaments Were Very Serious & Solemn!
    - Both Testaments Revealed Their Value!
- What Was The Reason For Christ’s Blood Being Shed?
  - There Was A Need For Cleansing!
    - “**Almost All** Things Are By The Law Purged With Blood!”
    - “Purge” - Katharizo - Cleanse
    - “Almost All” Is Very Significant! Because Although The Blood Of The First Testament Could Cover & Cleanse The People’s Sin Temporarily & Outwardly, It Could Never Cleanse & Remove The People’s Guilt Permanently & Inwardly!
  - There Was A Need For Forgiveness!
    - “And Without Shedding Of Blood Is No Remission!”
    - “Remission” - Forgiveness! To Put Away!
    - Without It, We Could Never Be Forgiven!
- What Is The Result Of Christ’s Blood Being Shed?
  - Through The Blood Of Jesus Christ, You Are Both Cleansed & Forgiven – Both Of Which You & I Desperately Needed!
- The Blood Of Christ Is The Third Proof Of Your Pardon!
  - Through The Blood Of Christ, You Are Both Cleansed From & Forgiven Of All Your Guilt And Sin!
  - This Is All You Need To Look To!

**Conclusion:**

1. What Are You Looking To For Proof Of Your Pardon From Sin?
  - Are You Just Looking For Experiences Of Joy, Blessing & Peace?
    - These Can Be Subjective Feelings That Can Pass Just As Quickly As They Came!
  - No, You Need To Look To Something More Objective, More Substantial, More Powerful & More Convincing!
    - You Need To Look To The Person & Work Of The One You Have Placed Your Faith & Trust In!
2. The Only Proofs You And I Can Have For Our Pardon Are:
  - The New Testament Started By Christ!
  - The Death Suffered By Christ!
  - The Blood Shed By Christ!
  - Christ Is Our Only Proof! Christ Is Our Only Confidence! Is He Yours?

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