

## Hebrews 9:11-15

**Introduction:** A clean conscience is a wonderful thing! But what is the most important kind of clear conscience?

### 1. The Good Things to Come

- a. The greater and more perfect tabernacle
- b. His own blood shed, once for all. His entrance made, once for all. Redemption obtained, once for all.
- c. Sprinkling of Christ's blood cleanses the conscience from dead works:
  - i. The blood of bulls and goats, Lev 16:7-16
  - ii. The ashes of a heifer, Num 19:2-9
  - iii. And yet, God observed and responded to those signs.
  - iv. Everything else that can never atone for us
  - v. Jesus's death is the only redemption in either covenant, v15

d. Freedom to serve (worship, cf. Rom 12:1-2) the living God

2. Baptism: a picture of the sprinkling of Christ's blood, for the assurance of those who are desperate for a remedy for sin.

a. The first Christian baptisms. Acts 2:36-39, cf. Matt 27:22-25

b. 1Peter 3:18-22

- i. Christ suffered once for sins... to bring us to God
- ii. "Christ" had preached, by His spirit, in the days of Noah; 8 souls were "saved" through water... how? (1) The water did lift up the ark; (2) The water announced the faithfulness of God to both His threats and promises!
- iii. Baptism now saves us. How? Not by the removal of the filth of the flesh, but the answer of a good conscience toward God through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is at the right hand of God.

c. A promise of eternal inheritance.

**Conclusion:** How is your conscience before God? Are you listening to what your baptism says about His faithfulness? Are you listening to what your baptism says about the way in which He saves you?