

Valley Bible Church
Sermon Notes for November 15, 2015

Christ's Atoning Death and Eternal Redemption
Hebrews 9:11-14

The decisive cleansing through the blood of Christ (Hebrews 9:11-28)

Christ's atoning death secured eternal redemption (Hebrews 9:11-14).

The author began by establishing the superiority of the new covenant tabernacle over the old covenant tabernacle (Hebrews 9:11).

The author then established the superiority of Christ's offering over and over against the yearly offerings of the former high priests (Hebrews 9:12).

The verbal form of the word "redemption" (LUTROSIS) means, "to release on receipt of ransom, to redeem or liberate by payment of a ransom."

Sinners are slaves of sin. Christ, through the shedding of His own blood, paid the necessary ransom to set us free from sin and thus from death forever (John 8:34; cf. Romans 6:23).

The author further highlighted how the blood of Christ, having secured our eternal redemption, impacts our conscience before God using a lesser to greater argument (Hebrews 9:13-14).

Cleansing our consciences from dead works means that our consciences are cleansed from all those practices and attitudes, which belong to the way of death, which pollute the soul and erect a barrier between it and God.

May we, knowing that Christ's blood has not only secured our eternal redemption but has also made it possible for our conscience to be completely cleansed, choose to live in light of this knowledge.