

GOD'S REQUIREMENT TO HEAVEN

Our lesson title comes from **Heb.9:11-12** (one Greek sentence).

“But Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things to come,

- **He entered through** (dia+gen. of description/ 3x) the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of the creation (Heb.10:19-20);
- **and not through** the blood of goats and calves,
- **but through** His own blood, **He entered** (eiserchomai/ a.a.in.3ps) **the holy place once for all** (Heb.9:24; 10:12/ **Heaven**), having obtained eternal redemption.”

What requirement was necessary for Jesus to “enter the holy place (Heaven)?”

- Even Jesus had to go through the cross to go to heaven, not for His salvation, but for ours.

This lesson will study four aspects of God's Requirement to go to Heaven.

1. **Our lesson text declares that the blood of Jesus Christ opened the door of Heaven to all who believe the gospel of grace salvation (1 Cor.15:3-4; Rom.1:16; Eph.2:8-9).**

It is only through the **“blood of Christ”** that a member of the human race can enter the same holy place (Heaven).

(Heb.10:19) “Therefore, brethren, since we have confidence to **enter the holy place by the blood of Jesus**, by a new and living way which He inaugurated for us through His veil, that is, His flesh.” (Heaven)

(Heb.12:23-24) **“To the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood, which speaks better than the blood of Abel.”** (5 times - to)

2. **The sacrificial offering of the body and blood of Jesus Christ removed the sin barrier ([13 judicial charges of Adam's Original Sin](#)) opening the door of grace redemption to all mankind.**

(Eph.2:14) “For He Himself is our peace, who made both groups into one and **broke down the barrier of the dividing wall.**” (Rom.5:1-2; Gal.3:28)

(Eph.1:7) “In Him, we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, **according to the riches of His grace.**” (Eph.2:8-9) [[50 Things FREE](#)]

(1 Pet.2:24) “And He Himself bore our sins on **His body** on the cross.”

(Rom.5:9) “Much more then, having now been justified by His blood, we shall be saved from the wrath of God through Him.” [Judicial words]

Eucharist: (The Lord's Supper) “‘This is **My body**, which is for you; do this in remembrance of Me.’ In the same way He took the cup after supper, saying, ‘This cup is the new covenant in **My blood**; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.’” (1 Cor.11:24-25)

3. There is only ONE mediator between God (heaven) and mankind (earth). Therefore no one goes to Heaven apart from accepting (believing) the gospel of grace salvation in Christ Jesus.

(John 14:6 "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.")
(John 10:9)

(1 Tim.2:5-6) "For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Jesus Christ, **who gave Himself as a ransom** (antilutron/ Matt.20:28) **for all**, the testimony borne at the proper time."
[The price of Redemption]

(Heb.9:15) "And for this reason, He is the mediator of the New Covenant, in order that since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions..."

(Gal.3:22) "But the Scripture has shut up everyone under sin, **so that the promise by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to those who believe.**"

4. No one goes to Heaven without believing that his sins have been cleansed by the blood of Christ and that his death has been conquered by the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (grace gospel).

(Heb.2:9) "But we do see Him who was made a little while lower than the angels, namely, Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned (stephanoo/ perf.p.ptc.asm) with glory and honor, **so that by the grace of God He might taste death for everyone.**" (Matt.28:28) [The crown of thorns]

(Titus 2:11) "For the grace of God has appeared bringing salvation to all men." (2 Pet.3:9)

(Heb.10:12) "But He, **having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time**, sat down at the right hand of God." (2 Cor.5:6-8)

(Heb.10:14) "For by **one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.**"

(Heb.10:10; "By this will **we have been sanctified** through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all." (Heb.13:12; 1 Cor.1:2)