

Questions To Go Deeper

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Scripture passage: Hebrews 9:1-15

Context questions

- 1) What are some things you remember about the new covenant from our study of Hebrews?
- 2) Read Hebrews 8:6 and 8:13. What do we learn about the old covenant here?

Focus on passage

- 3) What was good about the old covenant system of worship?
 - a. What is better about the new covenant system? List all the ways it is superior.
 - b. What can the new covenant do that the old covenant could never do?
- 4) Why is it such a big deal that our consciences are purified (9:14)?
 - a. What does this free us to do?

Application

- 5) Imagine you are a Jew living within the first century after Jesus. What might be challenging about wrapping your mind around new covenant realities? (think beyond theology to things like tradition and practice)
 - a. How does the teaching in Hebrews help them see the importance of letting go of the old reality and embracing the new?
- 6) What are some parallels between this passage and the way Paul talks about putting off the old self and putting on the new self (Ephesians 4:20-24)?
 - a. Why might a Jew need to see the old covenant as part of the old self that needs to be put off and the new covenant a part of the new self that needs to be put on?
- 7) Why do people sometimes struggle to let go of things even when there is something better to take hold of?
 - a. How can we better recognize the difference between the things that are good and the things that are necessary?