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Christ's Blood

It's Dual Covenant Significance.

Hebrews 9:15

'Study to show thyself approved unto God...' – 2 Timothy 2:15

The importance of reading and learning God's word is a vital part of both growing and also experiencing the blessing of belonging to God the Father through His Son, Jesus Christ.

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INTRODUCTION

Today we will seek to better understand the peculiar significance that Jesus' actual, physical blood had for the OT saints.

HOW THEN ARE WE GOING TO CONSIDER THIS TEXT?**** 3 QUESTIONS will guide us.

- 1. How could Jesus who was not yet born, not yet sacrificed, have any effect upon those living under the Mosaic Covenant?
- 2. More specifically, what role does his blood play in connection with them "receiving the promise of eternal inheritance?"
- 3. If his actual blood was required for them to receive the promised eternal inheritance, what did the deceased believers of the OT receive while waiting upon the required sacrifice of Jesus' blood?

TRANSLATION: NASB 95 "For this reason He is the mediator of a new covenant, so that, since a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant, those who have been called **may receive** the promise of the eternal inheritance." (Emphasis added).

GREEK: "may receive" Strongs G2983 λ αμβάνω lambánō - **lam-ban'-o**: translated in English: receive (133x), take (106x), have (3x), catch (3x)

Meaning: "to take with the hand, lay hold of, any person or thing in order to use or possess it"

THE PLACE OF THE DEAD:

> Nature/Composition of Humans.

Humans have both a physical and spiritual nature. When a person dies those two natures separate. The body goes to the grave. We are addressing the question as to what happens to the departed spirit (specifically the spirit/soul of the OT elect).

Sheol (Hebrew) – 67 times in OT

https://www.blueletterbible.org/faq/don_stewart/don_stewart_113.cfm
The Hebrew word "Sheol" is often translated "hell" in the
English versions. However, this gives the wrong inference. It is never
used of the final destination of the wicked.

Sheol is used in Old Testament in basically five ways:

- 1. The unseen realm of the dead
- 2. The grave the actual place where bodies are buried
- 3. Specifically, the place of punishment for the wicked
- 4. Symbolically
- 5. The place from where the righteous are delivered.

> According to the Old Testament, all people who die go to the intermediate state called Sheol.

<u>Luke 16:22-23</u> "And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels into Abraham's bosom: the rich man also died, and was buried; 23And in hell (Hades- Greek for Sheol) he lift up his eyes, being in torments, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom."

HERE IS THE TWO MOST PLAUSABLE BIBLICAL ANSWERS:

ANSWER #01 – The Two Compartment Theory

ANSWER #02 – Sheol is Hell and Abraham Bosom is Heaven.

<u>Psalm 23:6</u> "Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever."

<u>Psalm 73:24,25</u> "You guide me with Your counsel, and afterward You will take me into glory. Whom have I in heaven but You? And earth has nothing I desire besides You"

<u>Ecclesiastes 12:7</u> "Then shall the dust return to the earth as it was: and the spirit shall return unto God who gave it."

Concluding Observation: THE CALLED ONES.

"...they which are called..."

JOHN OWEN "...no others are intended here but those that actually receive the promise, the called ones..."