

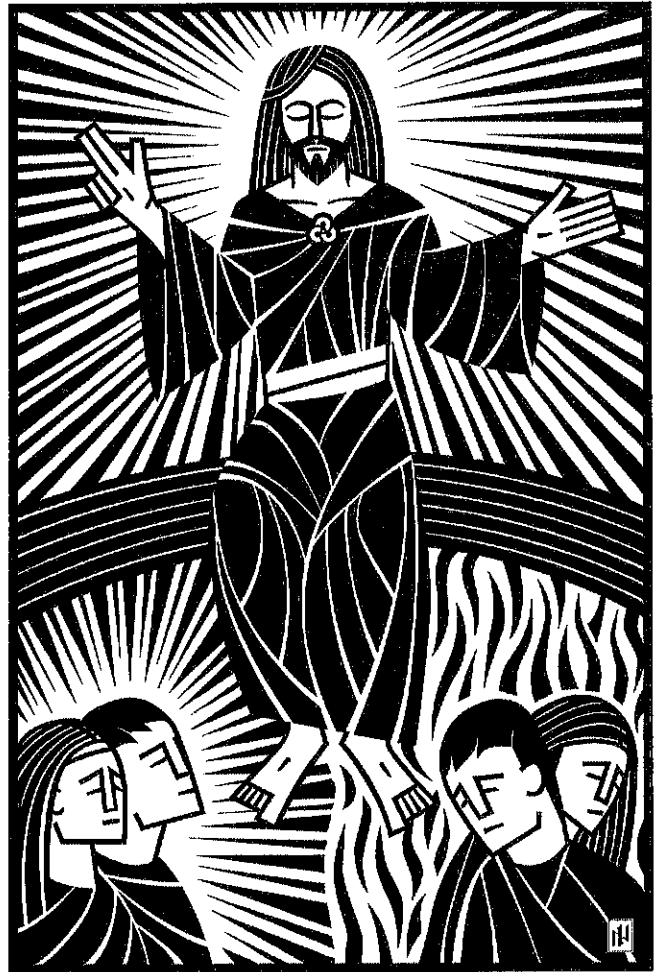
Jesus' Death Changes Your Death

- Heb 9: vs. 27. You don't think re that very much when young. Don't think re dying; figure: always a tomrrw. But if celebrate bday (like I this wk), or if go to funrl for fr-in-law (like I this yr), or if your day/day life comes contct w/dth in any way, then you're once again confrntd w/reality/mortlty. It's right in your face; very real! Some you here today, at age: right/true, but way in future. Others: I probly not alive in 5/10/20 yrs (wtvr your # may be). And then ppl like me, who smwhr in mid, & really realizing you're in mid; maybe closer end/life than begnng. Let's not just dismiss this as dark thght; let's really intrnlz fact: we going die; will hapn. **"70 yrs, or 80 if strngth" (Ps 90:10)** – maybe, or maybe not. I've condctd funrls for 90 yr olds, 40s, 20s, grade schlr, & infnts. You just don't know when it's your time. Only thing do know: unless J returns during your lifetime, you will die – that: reality/mortlty.
- **Vs. 27a**; and if weren't bad enough, **vs. 27b** – which is probly most sobering reality/mortlty: that once you die, you've got answr for what did when alive. You'll be judgd, by God, w/holy, objctv, unwavrng stndrd; and cannot sweet talk or weasel way out/it. That's what makes dth/jdgmnt scary! 2 Cor 5: **"We must all appear before jdgmnt seat/Xp, so that each/us may receive what is due us for the things done while in the bdy" (10)**. Ac 17: **"[God] has set a day when he will jdg the wrld w/justice by the man he has appntd. He has given proof of this to evone by raising him fr/dead" (31)**. Well, who was raised fr dead, who smday'll *"come again in glory to jdg livng/dead" (Nicene)*? That's J! J will be your judge. And that's actly good news. You know J pretty well. You know J: GS & Lamb/God; sinless & frnd/sinners; risen fr dead & his dth/cross was for you, save you, loves you. So means: one who'll jdg you is same one who died for you. That is what Heb 9 tchs us today. Yes, dth/jdgmnt: scary. But when you die, one who'll jdg you, same died for you. Or today, let's say it this way: J's dth changes your dth.
- Think re it like this: w/o J, your dth leads you straight into God's crtrm, where you defndnt, charges read vs you, you found guilty, sentncd hell. That's what your dth, w/o J, means for you. But Heb 9 tchs: **vs. 27-28a**. J's dth changes your dth/jdgmnt by dropping charges vs you. That's criminal justice lang – hear all time in crtrm shows & news: DA drops chrsgs. Doesn't mean no crime commtd. Just means not going prosct. Reason God/Fr drops chrsgs vs you, decides not prosct, is NOT that no crime was commtd. In God's crtrm, we're all crimnls. We've got: rap sheet mile long; fingerprnt evidnc of our sin all over place; survlnc ftage fr God's all-seeing eye proving our guilt. Nvrthlss, God drops chrsgs vs us, decides not to prosct, bec he proscts smone else in our place; chrsgs diff prsn w/our crimes. **Vs. 28a**. One/most imp truths/Xianity: J became our substt. J's dth/cross was not accdnt; God trnsfrd our guilt onto him. J died in our place, as our substt; bore our punshmnt; prosctd in place/us. Maybe you've hrd these famlr wrds fr prht Isa: **"Surely he took up our pain & bore our suffrng... He was pierced for our trnsgrssns, he was crushed for our iniqts; the punshmnt that bright us peace was on him... The Lord has laid on him the iniqty of us all"** – on cross, on GF. This: substttnry dth/J for all/us. J's dth chngs our dth, bec J's dth takes away our sin/guilt/pnshmnt, all chrsgs vs us. **Vs. 28a**.
- Now did you notice word "scrfd"? **"Xp: scrfd."** A scrfc: smthng OT priest'd make at tmpl on altar. He'd scrfc/kill anml, like lamb/bull, to show deadly seriousness/sin – this anml has to die as pnshmnt for sinner! Scrfc made morn/eve; & once/yr, on sacred day, Day/Atnmnt, HP'd make very spl scrfc cover sins whole ntn. Well, one main themes bk Heb: J, irnclly, is both HP who makes very spl scrfc cover sins whole wrld; but also, at same time, he's scrfc itself. He's both. And you can see that in this psg.
- Go to **vs. 24a**; J didn't litrly serve at litrl tmpl/Jrslm; **vs. 24b**. One main jobs of HP: serve as intrmdry btwn God/ppl; prayed to God for ppl. That's what J does for us as our great HP. Goes right before throne/God, says: now listen, Fr; don't forget; remem what we agreed on; my dth/cross's alrdy paid for their sins; we've dropped all chrsgs vs them; they're no longer guilty. And Fr happily replies: yes, Son, of course I remem; I'll nvr forget that! But that's why J, as our HP, **"appear[s] for us in God's presence."** And ev time we come ch, J appears before us, in our presence, in W&S, to remind us of very same thng: now listen, bels; don't forget; my dth/cross's alrdy paid sins; all chrsgs vs you dropped; no longer guilty. J's dth chngs our dth; completely cancels our guilt.

- Now go to vs. 25-26. You can hear how J: both scrfc & prst. But point here: J died for us once; one time was engh; GF covered it all; doesn't need be repeated, even if our sins are repeated. So if you hapn have some pet sin you fall into again/again, and you feel guilty re it, shame not being able conqr: well, don't ever stop: fghtng vs tmptn; repntng; but also belvng J paid for it. **"J has appeared once for all...to do away w/sin by scrfc/himself."** Same thing in Heb 7: **"[J] sacrfed for [our] sins once for all when he offered self"** (27). J's dth chngs your dth. You can rest 100% assured that bec of GF, bec of once & done dth of Xp/cross (here: **"culmntn of ages"** – single most imp event in all human history) – bec of J's dth, your dth is changed from being gateway to etrnal jdgmnt to being gateway to etrnal slvtn.
- Jump to very last vs/psg. **Vs. 28b...2nd time** (1st: birth, life, dth, res); **vs. 28b** (alrd taken care of sin prob). So here's that this means for you/me. J will come 2nd time: either end/wrld or end/life. And you don't know when end/life'll be; don't know when, where, or how you'll die. Scary thght. Also scary think: when we die, we face jdgmnt. But today Heb 9 helps us face reality/mortlty w/Xian confdnc. When J comes 2nd time, he'll come to **"bring slvtn to those who are waiting for him."** We wait for J by belvng in him; trusting in him; living Xian life L&G (2 wks ago): where live life for J, repent sin, trust in Xp by faith. That's how you wait for J.
- When you realize that J's dth chngs your dth; when bel that one who will jdg you is same one who died for you, then dth isn't scary at all; jdgmnt isn't smthng we fear. J: alrdy judgd/punshd in our place. So as Xians we don't have be afraid of dth; don't have be scared of bdays, funerals, cemeteries, or grave. J's dth chngs our dth and gives us hope. Bec of J, dth is now entrance to etrnal life. And that's smthng we all look forward to! So come quickly, LJ!

Hebrews 9:24-28

²⁴For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made with human hands that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence. ²⁵Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with blood that is not his own. ²⁶Otherwise Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But he has appeared once for all at the culmination of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. ²⁷Just as people are destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, ²⁸so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.



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