

HEBREWS 9:23-28: THE FINALITY & LASTING VALUE OF MESSIAH'S APPEARANCES

Messiah's priestly ministries are further discussed in Hebrews 9. Time restraints require that we only look at the last paragraph of that chapter where the finality of Messiah's appearances is emphasized.

Summary: Hebrews 9:23-28

Three "appearances of Messiah" are the focal emphases of this paragraph. They are somewhat of a synthesis of soteriology, the doctrine of salvation as it relates to Christ's past, present, and future deliverance of the believer from sin. Three different verbs, each translated "appear," are used.

9:24 He is appearing (present) in the presence of God in our behalf. Emphasized are His receptive-mediatorial-intercessory ministries on behalf of believers before God the Father. This is equivalent of Christ's grace provision for sanctification/maturation for the believer in time (Phase 2 Salvation).

9:26 He has appeared (perfect tense: a past appearance whose results abide into the present) to put away sin. The emphasis is on His redemptive work on earth, which is summarized in the phrase "*by the sacrifice of Himself.*" Phase 1 of the believer's salvation is the result.

9:28 He will appear (future tense) to finalize our redemption; that is, to glorify our bodies so that they are like His resurrected body. This includes the removal of the sin nature from every believer. Phase 3 Salvation is the emphasis, our replete or complete deliverance.

9:23-28 includes Christ's receptive work in heaven for us, His redemptive work on earth for us, and His replete work in us in the future.

WHAT A PROLIFIC DESCRIPTION OF SALVATION!

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FACT STATED	PURPOSE	MEANS	FINALITY
PRESENT FACT NOW: v.24 APPEARS IN HEAVEN	FOR US (INTERCESSOR)	HIS PERSONAL PRESENCE	7:25
PAST FACT: v.26 APPEARED ON PLANET EARTH	TO PUT AWAY SIN	BY HIS SELF SACRIFICE	ONCE NEVER TO BE REPEATED <i>(HAPAX; v. 26,28)</i>
FUTURE FACT: v.28 HE SHALL APPEAR	TO COMPLETE OUR SALVATION	BY PHASE 3 OF OUR SALVATION	