

# CHRIST THE MEDIATOR

*Hebrews 9:15-28*

## BIG IDEA

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Christ is our mediator and perfect sacrifice.

## SUMMARY

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Last week we learned that Jesus instituted a new and better covenant. This week, the passage is about how Jesus is the perfect mediator of that new covenant. Mediator, as used in this passage, doesn't mean that Christ negotiated a compromise between God and Man, it means he is our advocate before God. The Old Covenant exposed our need, showed God's glory, and pictured promises to come; it was not the full solution, only part of the equation. But Jesus had to die to make promises realities, like a will that cannot take effect until that person dies. So, Christ is both the mediator and the sacrifice, both priest and victim. His totally-sufficient, once-for-all sacrifice achieved a decisive removal of sin and won for his people unlimited access to God. But that's not the end of the story. This salvation we already have access to culminates in Christ's return. Until then, we are to wait hopefully and eagerly. For the Christian, Living *is* waiting with hope in Christ alone.

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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1. How does Christ's role as our mediator differ from our culture's understanding of a mediator? Why does it matter that we get this right?
2. How does Jesus' "once for all time" atonement affect the way that you view your relationship with him? How does this truth anchor our hope in the security of our salvation and help us endure until the end?
3. Is eagerness for the return of Christ merely a state of mind? How should our eagerness for Christ's return translate into action? What fears or sinful desires threaten to diminish your eagerness for His return?
4. What would you expect to see in the life of someone who is eagerly waiting for Christ's return?
  - a. Read and discuss Titus 2:11-14. What change do you need to make to live in light of these passages?

