

Hebrews 9: Jesus Christ Mediates a Better Covenant

The old covenant is *inferior* to the new and *insufficient* to deal with sin, because:

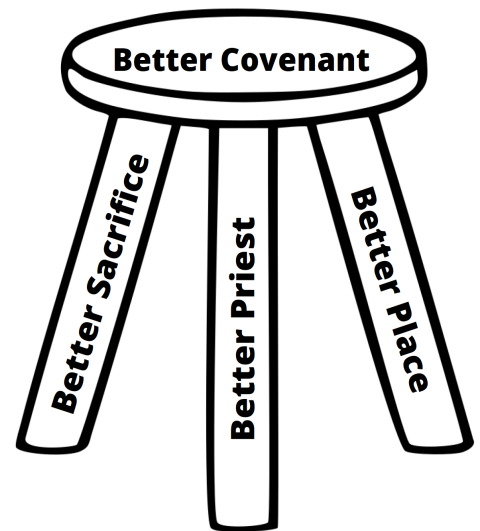
1. The **sacrifices** couldn't purify the conscience (only the body).
2. The **priests** were sinful.
3. The tabernacle's most holy **place** was man-made & on earth.

The new covenant that Christ mediates is *superior* to the old and *sufficient* to deal with sin, because:

1. Christ offers a better **sacrifice**.
2. Christ is a better **priest**.
3. Christ ministers in a better **place**.

What *specifically* makes the new covenant superior to the old & sufficient to deal with sin?

1. Christ's shed blood purifies the conscience (**sacrifice**).
2. Christ is sinless (**priest**).
3. Christ ministers in the "heavenly tabernacle," made and inhabited by God (**place**).



Polarities in this passage:

Body vs. conscience (external vs. internal)	Recurring vs. once-for-all
Earth vs. heaven	Animal vs. human
Man-made vs. God-made	Sinful vs. sinless
Copy vs. true thing (shadow vs. substance)	Judgment vs. salvation