

"THE EFFICACY OF CHRIST'S BLOOD"

HEBREWS 9:13-14

I. THERE WAS A DEGREE OF EFFICACY IN THE BLOOD OF BULLS & GOATS UNDER THE OLD SYSTEM (9:13)

A. The Allusion Is More Specifically To The Observance Of Yom Kippur (Day Of Atonement)

B. The Ashes Of The Red Heifer Was Temporarily Efficacious For Ceremonial Cleansing

II. A COMPARISON OF THE EFFICACY OF THE BLOOD OF THE MESSIAH IN THE NEW SYSTEM TO THAT OF BULLS AND GOATS (9:14)

A. The Blood Of Christ Is Unique In Two Senses

1. By Virtue Of His Sinless Humanity: "*Without Spot*"

- a. It Took Four Centuries For Christendom To Work Out Orthodox Statements About The Humanity Of Christ That We Take For Granted Today**
- b. There Had Been A Sad History Of Christological Heresies Concerning The Humanity Of Christ**
- c. Though Christ Was Tempted In Every Point As A Man, Yet He Was Tempted Far More Than Any Man**
- d. Christ's Humanity Gives His Sacrifice Moral Value, But His Sinless Humanity Is What Gives It Ultimate Substitutionary Value**

2. By Virtue Of The Fact That He Is One Person With Two Natures: He Is A Theanthropic Person Who *Offered Himself*

- a. It Is This Hypostatic Union That Gives The Blood Of Christ Its Infinite Value**
- b. No Number Of Blood Carrying Creatures Can Even Begin To Approximate Infinity**

B. The Blood Of Christ Alone Can Purge The Conscience From Dead Works Ultimately Enabling A Man To Genuinely Serve