

DAY 25 WEDNESDAY

HEBREWS 9:11-14 JUST PERFECT!

¹¹ When Christ came as high priest of the good things that are already here, he went through the greater and more perfect tabernacle that is not man-made, that is to say, not a part of this creation. ¹² He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, having obtained eternal redemption. ¹³ The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean. ¹⁴ How much more, then, will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself unblemished to God, cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!

How many imperfect objects does it take to equal one perfect one? The obvious answer (this not being a trick question) is that even the slightest imperfection renders the resulting object imperfect. In addition, is there anything in creation that is perfect? The easy answer here is, "No." One does not have to contemplate whether God created a perfect cosmos because we know from Genesis 3 that with our sin the entire creation "fell." By simple arithmetic we can know that there is nothing created that can make human creatures perfect (righteous).

But Jesus...

The eternal, uncreated Son of God, took his perfect blood into the eternal presence of God to give us his perfection. Furthermore, he then gave us the uncreated Third Person of the Trinity to be our perfect guide.

That which is perfect is also understood as being complete, or if an action, completed. Jesus offered the perfect sacrifice as the perfect high priest in the perfect sanctuary, all in the perfect presence of God. By doing so he achieved the perfect result, our perfect redemption. We are completely redeemed, inside and out. We are also completely redeemed, as in now and for ever.

Jesus, my perfect Savior, I give you thanks that through your perfect sacrifice you have completed the work for my redemption. Help me under the guidance of your Holy Spirit to acknowledge your awesome gift by living my life as you desire every day. Amen.