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## Questions for the mind:

1. Take a moment to read through Hebrews 9:1-10. What is the point of highlighting all of that? The old covenant (outlined in vs. 1-10) had significant limits. What were some of those limitations?
2. Read Leviticus 16. What was the purpose of the 2 goats? What is the significance of the high priest laying his hands on the Azazel goat? What was the significance of sending it into the wilderness?

In theology, the death of Christ accomplishes 2 very important things. *Propitiation* (turning the wrath of God away from us by providing a substitute) and *expiation* (putting our sin away so that it is no longer seen). How do these 2 goats symbolize propitiation and expiation? Can you find verses in the New Testament that support these ideas?

3. According to Hebrews 9:11-14 what is presented as better than the old covenant? How is it better? List the ways that it is better than the old.
4. According to Hebrews 9:25, the old covenant high priest had to offer sacrifices repeatedly. What is the key phrase that the writer uses to show how much better the sacrifice of Jesus is. What does the sacrifice of Jesus give us that the old covenant sacrifices couldn't?

## Questions for the heart:

1. Imagine how it would feel to be an person living under the old covenant. Describe some of those feelings.
2. How does it impact your faith to understand the "once for all" nature of the sacrifice of Jesus under the new covenant?
3. How does it speak to your battle against sin?

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