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Hebrews 9:11-22

When death occurs, heirs often produce a will to prove their rights to any inheritance from the deceased. The writer of Hebrews explains: "For this reason Christ is the mediator of a new covenant, that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance" (Hebrews 9:15). The first covenant was only effective with blood: "He took the blood of calves, together with water, scarlet wool and branches of hyssop, and sprinkled the scroll and all the people" (Hebrews 9:19). Proof of our salvation is not provided with the blood of calves, but with the precious blood of Christ!

In John's Gospel we read of another type of will: "Yet to all who did receive him, to those who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God?children born not of natural descent, nor of human decision or a husband's will, but born of God" (John 1:12-13). John Wesley wrote: "By salvation I mean . . . a present deliverance from sin, a restoration of the soul to its primitive health, its original purity; a recovery of the divine nature."\*

\* W. Stephen Gunter, *The Quotable Mr. Wesley*, Atlanta: Candler School of Theology, Emory University, 2003, 47.

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