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Hebrews 9:1-15

The expression, "How much more, then" in Hebrews 1 is a comparison: the value of "the blood of goats" (v. 13) with the "the blood of Christ" (v. 14). When purchasing an item, the decision to buy or not to buy depends on how much a person has compared to the cost of the item. Christ's cost for our salvation "was not with perishable things such as silver or gold . . . but with the precious blood of Christ" (1 Pet. 1:18-19). His blood is the most valuable and priceless cost paid for anything.

"God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son" (John 3:16a). The graceful initiative of God to love "the world" is whole heartily embraced by "Christ [who] loved the church and gave himself up for her" (Eph. 5:25).

The only price that could secure our salvation is Jesus Christ's atoning death. If "God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son," "how much more, then, will the blood of Christ . . . cleanse our consciences from acts that lead to death, so that we may serve the living God!" (Heb. 9:14).

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