

JESUS CHRIST, THE PERFECT SACRIFICE

HEBREWS 10:1-18

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Review:

- Old Covenant: Earthly, temporary, repetitive and never intended to bring sinner into a righteous relationship with God.
- New Covenant: Heavenly, eternal, had only one sacrifice with full purpose to make sinner righteous and just before God.

Theme of 10:1-18

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For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never by the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect those who draw near. Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins? But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, "SACRIFICE AND OFFERING THOU HAST NOT DESIRED, BUT A BODY THOU HAST PREPARED FOR ME; IN WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN THOU HAST TAKEN NO PLEASURE. "THEN I SAID, 'BEHOLD, I HAVE COME (IN THE ROLL OF THE BOOK IT IS WRITTEN OF ME) TO DO THY WILL, O GOD.'" After saying above, "SACRIFICES AND OFFERINGS AND WHOLE BURNT OFFERINGS AND sacrifices FOR SIN THOU HAST NOT DESIRED, NOR HAST THOU TAKEN PLEASURE in them" (which are offered according to the Law), then He said, "BEHOLD, I HAVE COME TO DO THY WILL."

He takes away the first in order to establish the second. By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. And every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, SAT DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD, waiting from that time onward UNTIL HIS ENEMIES BE MADE A FOOTSTOOL FOR HIS FEET. For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "THIS IS THE COVENANT THAT I WILL MAKE WITH THEM AFTER THOSE DAYS, SAYS THE LORD: I WILL PUT MY LAWS UPON THEIR HEART, AND UPON THEIR MIND I WILL WRITE THEM," He then says, "AND THEIR SINS AND THEIR LAWLESS DEEDS I WILL REMEMBER NO MORE." Now where there is forgiveness of these things, there is no longer any offering for sin.



Road Map:



- I. LAW THE SHADOW; CHRIST THE SUBSTANCE
- II. BLOOD OF ANIMALS CAN NEVER TAKE AWAY SINS
- III. NOT SACRIFICE, BUT OBEDIENCE
- IV. PERFECT SACRIFICE MAKES A SINNER PERFECT
- V. BY GOD'S WILL BELIEVERS ARE SANCTIFIED

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B. Christ the Substance

- Jesus was spoken of as coming “Messiah” since Gen 3
- Jesus Christ is the “substance”
 - The actual person (Col 2:17)

Colossians 2:17

Things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ.



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II. BLOOD OF ANIMALS CAN NEVER TAKE AWAY SINS

A. Difference Between Humans and Animals

- Ability to reason & communicate
- Conscience & compassion

B. Plan of God

- All sacrifices/offerings not accepted because they were ONLY ordained to POINT TO CHRIST (Gal 3:24)

C. Heart of Man

- Man's sinful guilt remained even after offering these sacrifices
- Only power of the on-going sacrifices is their ability to remind the sinner of his sins



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A. From The Beginning, Till Now

- Saul & Samuel: “to obey is better than sacrifice” (1 Sam 15:22)

B. The Heart of God

- God was displeased w/ their sacrifices for 2 reasons:
Isaiah 1:7-15

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Your land is desolate, Your cities are burned with fire, Your fields—strangers are devouring them in your presence; It is desolation, as overthrown by strangers. The daughter of Zion is left like a shelter in a vineyard, like a watchman's hut in a cucumber field, like a besieged city. Unless the LORD of hosts had left us a few survivors, we would be like Sodom, we would be like Gomorrah. Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom; give ear to the instruction of our God, you people of Gomorrah. "What are your multiplied sacrifices to Me?" says the LORD. "I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed cattle; and I take no pleasure in the blood of bulls, lambs or goats. When you come to appear before Me, who requires of you this trampling of My courts? Bring your worthless offerings no longer, incense is an abomination to Me. New moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies I cannot endure iniquity and the solemn assembly. I hate your new moon *festivals* and your appointed feasts, they have become a burden to Me; I am weary of bearing *them*. So when you spread out your hands *in prayer*, I will hide My eyes from you; yes, even though you multiply prayers, I will not listen. Your hands are ^[c]covered with blood."

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C. “I Have Come To Do Thy Will”

- This Messianic psalm is a conversation between Father and Son prior to incarnation and speaking “**of**” the incarnation.
- *“A body Thou hast prepared for Me” is added to Psalm quote by LXX translators instead of “my ears Thou hast opened”*

“What did bring pleasure to God was the Messiah’s willingness to do the will of God, no matter what the cost might be.”

(W. MacDonald)



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IV. NOT SACRIFICE, BUT OBEDIENCE

A. Perfect, Obedient and Willing

- *“This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased”* (Matt 3:17)
- *“having been made perfect...”* (Heb 5:9)

B. Guilty Conscience!

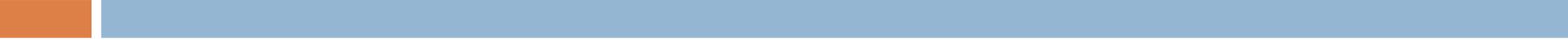
- **The issue is “guilty conscience” of man: sinning against God is a terrible thing and we know it offends God = GUILTY**

C. Christ’s Perfect Sacrifice Perfects the Sinner

- Jesus Christ was completely holy and unblemished, HIS DEATH accepted as worthy enough for the deaths of ALL mankind!
- **DONE!!!**
 - *Guilty conscience is removed!*

IV. NOT SACRIFICE, BUT OBEDIENCE

- A. Perfect, Obedient and Willing
- B. **Guilty Conscience!**
- C. Christ's Perfect Sacrifice Perfects the Sinner
- D. How Does The Sinner KNOW His Sin is Totally Cleansed?
 - v 15 – the Holy Spirit witnesses to us that God has “declared” a NEW COVENANT
 - v 17 – “**their sins/lawless deeds...I will remember NO MORE**”



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Jude 24

Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy

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C. This is God's Will for Every Believer

- Sin had to be dealt with and removed for intimacy with God to occur.
- 1 Thes 4:3 “For this is God's will, your sanctification”



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Conclusion:

- Christianity is blamed for “making people feel guilty about their life/decisions”, thus a terrible religion!
- The only true peace anyone of us can ever have is knowing that we have peace with our creator God, and because of that peace we can have an eternal intimate relationship with Him.
- This **peace** is the removal of our **guilt** which was gained by the death/sacrifice of Jesus Christ.
- **MAKE HIM YOUR LORD AND SAVIOR TODAY BY BELIEVING IN HIM RIGHT NOW!!!!**