

One Sacrifice For Sins Forever

*Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth:
for I am God, and there is none else... - Isaiah 45:22*

...Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith... - Hebrews 12:2

Introduction:

Hebrews 9:28 ends Paul's proofs that Jesus Christ is superior [better]. His opening statements of this scholarly legal case are in Hebrews 1:1-3. [READ] Then Hebrews 1:4 through 9:28 gives the case, point by point, that Jesus is superior to (1) the angels, (2) Moses, and (3) the High Priest and the first covenant and its tabernacle.

Then Hebrews 10:1-18 gives the "closing arguments" of this legal case:

Verses 1-4: The Shadow – sacrifices of blood offered daily.

Verses 5-14: The superior sacrifice of Christ's blood that takes away the sin of the world.

Verses 15-17: The new and better covenant – Jesus writes His laws on hearts and minds.

Verse 18: The conclusion – sin is removed, therefore there is no more offering for sin.

Hebrews 10:1-4 The law (old covenant) foreshadowed Christ – including the commandments, tabernacle, priesthood, and sacrifices.

This was a shadow of Christ to come, so it could never perfect (complete) those who came to it.

They were still conscious of sins, still remembered them because they were only "covered."

So they had to offer over and over again.

Animals' blood could not take away sins.

Hebrews 10:5-14 The "good things to come" (verse 1)

Verse 5: Came when Father prepared Son's body in Mary's womb.

Verse 7: Foretold from the beginning.

Verse 9: Took away first covenant and replaced it with second covenant.

Note: Christ did not do away with the law, but He fulfilled and replaced it. (Mat.5:17)

Verse 10: Offering of Christ's body:

Sanctifies those who come to Him.

Offered once for all [past, present, and future].

Compared to daily sacrifices, which could not take away sins (verses 6, 8)

Verse 12: Christ sat down on right hand of God after the once for all sacrifice of His body and His blood.

Verse 11: The priests stood daily offering sacrifices (never sat down).

Verse 13: Future: Christ's enemies will be completely defeated.

Verse 14: Those He sanctifies are perfected (complete in Him) forever. (The believer is secure in Him forever.)

Hebrews 10:15-17 The new covenant

Verse 15: Witnessed by the Holy Spirit (He works in our hearts).

Verse 16: The Lord writes His laws in our hearts and minds (the center of our being and also our thought processes and understanding).

Verse 17: He no more remembers our sins (offenses) and iniquities (transgressions, illegalities). (Micah 7:18-19)

Psalm 103:12 *As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*

Note: “remember” means to bear in mind, be mindful, or recollect with reward or punishment in mind.

From sinners to saints: In the Bible, “sinners” means “unsaved” and “saints” means “believers.” We have a clean conscience because HE paid the full price for our sins. We still live in a fleshly body in a sin-filled world, yet we have been “transferred” into the Kingdom of God. Colossians 1:13 *Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.*

Romans 5:8 *But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.*

Ephesians 2:19 *Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellowcitizens with the saints, and of the household of God.*

I Corinthians 5:17 *Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new. 18 And all things are of God, who hath reconciled us to himself by Jesus Christ, and hath given to us the ministry of reconciliation.*

Many times in the New Testament believers are referred to as “saints,” never as “sinners.”

Yet sometimes we saints do sin! The Book of First John deals with this well, as we studied last year. Chapter 3 deals with habitual sin of an unbeliever who doesn’t care. Chapters 1:8 through 2:3 deals with believers who sin as well as how to repent.

So what does it mean to be a “saint” and not “a sinner saved by grace” [which does not exist]? Hebrews 10:17 [God said,] *And their sins and iniquities will I remember no more.*

God remembers our sins no more, and so should we agree with Him and do the same. They are not erased from memory, but they will never again be used to condemn us if we believe and follow the Lord on this. John 30:19 *When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.*

Hebrews 10:18 The conclusion: Where sins are removed, there is no more offering for sin.

From here Paul wrote about how to walk in these truths. We will begin to explore that next week. The entire Book of Hebrews is an effort to get those who read it to *look unto Jesus*. A verse from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament bring this out for us:

21 ... there is no God else beside me; a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. 22

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for I am God, and there is none else. - Isaiah 45:21

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