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The Limitations & Purpose of the Law

Hebrews 10:1-18

- 1) Bad news: God's Law cannot make us perfect (10:1-4)
 - a) Our inability illustrates that all are sinners (Rom. 3:23)
 - b) The wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23); the blood of animals cannot forgive sins
 - i) How much less our good, man-made works?
 - ii) How much less our mindless rituals?
- 2) Good news: God took on a body of flesh in Jesus of Nazareth (10:5-10)
 - a) Offering the sacrifice He requires to atone for our guilt (cf. Rom. 5:8)
 - b) Inaugurating the new covenant to cancel the old
 - c) Making believers holy through Jesus' one-time sacrifice of Himself
- 3) After Christ's sacrifice, He sat down—finished (11-14; cf. John 19:30)
- 4) God's Holy Spirit (His word) promises a new covenant (15-17; cf. Jer. 31:31-34)
 - a) God's Law written on our hearts, not on stone tablets
 - b) Sins of believers will be forgiven & forgotten forever
- 5) Because of Christ's offering for sin, God requires nothing except faith (18; cf. Rom. 10:9-10)

