



It Took Just One - Once Hebrews 9:26

Before Christ's sacrifice, sins were covered by the blood of animals that were slaughtered by imperfect priests who had to continually make sacrifices for themselves and the people. The writer of Hebrew teaches us that Jesus is the superior priest and sacrifice.

One Person

The person is Jesus. He is God (John 1:1,2). In the gospel of John, Jesus tells us who is: He said "I am..." The bread of life (6:35), light of the world (8:12), gate (10:9), good shepherd (10:11), resurrection and the life (11:25-26), way the truth and the life (14:6), vine (15:5).

One Time

Paul writes in Galatians 4:4,5, "When the time came to completion, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoptions as sons." God always had a plan to deal with the sin that entered the world and human race when Adam and Eve sinned. When we read the Old Testament, we see how it unfolds as God chooses a man, Abraham, then chooses a nation, Israel, then chooses a tribe, Judah, then a king, David, then a descendant of David, Jesus – all at the perfect time. The writer of Hebrews calls the time "at the end of the ages." In other words, Jesus' death is, in a sense, the beginning of the end of God's salvation plan.

One Purpose

The reason Jesus came was to remove sin. Sin is our reality (Romans 3:23). Sin causes separation between us and God because God is holy and we are not. Sin produces enmity between us and God which requires atonement for the restoration of our relationship with God (Rom 5:10). The writer of Hebrews also tells us that without shedding blood there is no remission of sin (forgiveness) – Hebrews 9:22.

One Payment

Jesus himself is the sacrifice for our sins. (Rom 6:11). He didn't have to offer himself many times like in the Old Testament. He died one time to pay for all sin and reconcile all who believe in Him. The wrath of God has been satisfied, our sins have been paid for, our sins have been forgiven! (Rom 5:18; 6:23, 8:1; 1 Pet 2:24). When we partake of the elements, representing His blood given in atonement for our sin, let us receive with assurance the benefits of His grace. As believers we have been redeemed and restored in our never-ending relationship with the Prince of Peace.

Two Futures

We will die and then face judgment. But since Jesus paid the price for our sin we don't have to fear. There will be no condemnation (Rom 8:1). Jesus will come a second time to complete our salvation and take us to be with Him forever. Are you ready? If not, your future will be an eternity separated from God.