Hebrews 9:15-10:18 – 2 June 2024 "The Sacrifice That Changed Everything"

Introduction

- *Chap 1-6 showed in many ways our superior God descending to do for us what we couldn't do
- *Chap 7-10 is deep theology regarding our High Priest Jesus and His sacrifice for our sins
- *Chap 7 shows Jesus as the supreme priest of all from the order of Melchizedec
- *Chap 8 & into 9 shows the need to transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant in Christ
- *Today's message finishes the discussion of Jesus our High Priest and His sacrifice
- *What's so unique about His sacrifice? How does it have the ability to change my life & everything?

So today, we'll see 6 attributes of Christ's sacrifice

#1 – His sacrifice is for our inheritance (Chap 9:15-22)

Read Vs 15

- 1. B/c of chap 8-9, Jesus has become 'the one in control of' (mediator) of this new agreement
 - a. Covenant or testament same word in Gk
- 2. How did He get this position? By 'means of His death'
- 3. Why did He do it? For 'the redemption of' sinners so they may receive 'an eternal inheritance'
 - a. Notice, you receive an inheritance, you don't earn an inheritance

Read Vs 16-18

- 1. For there to be a 'last will & testament', there must be shed blood & death
 - a. This's only way to impart a thing to another

Read Vs 19-22

- 1. Turn to Exo 24:3-8
 - a. This was a 2-way contract w/ blood applied to the book and the people

- 2. 'W/o shedding of blood, there's no remission' Why?
 - a. Modern man thinks sin can be remitted by 'time served' or 'good deeds', but no way!
 - b. Life of the flesh is in the blood (Lev 17:11)
 - c. The price of redemption has always been the innocence substitute's life for mine

#2 – His sacrifice is the only real sacrifice (Chap 9:23-10:4)

Read Vs 23-24

- 1. "Pattern of things in the heavens' are the earthly tabernacle & items
- 2. Earthly tabernacle picture was purified w/ animal blood, but the real tabernacle in heaven is purified with divine blood

Read Vs 25-28

- 1. Jesus was <u>once</u> was the Lamb to <u>eternally</u> be our Lawyer
- 2. Sin is not covered, atoned for, or delayed
 - a. It's remitted, removed, put to death

3. What do we do to partake? Believe in Him Read Vs 1-4

- 1. Nothing earthly can every fulfill a spiritual debt
- 2. Law was never intended to be a way to salvation
 - a. Twas tutor pointing us to Christ (Gal 3:24)
 - b. Twas visual parables pointing to Christ
 - c. Designed to remind us of need for belief in Christ (vs 3)

#3 – His sacrifice is willing (Chap 10:5-10)

Read Vs 5-10

- 1. This is a quote from Psm 40:6-8
- 2. Demonstrates <u>3 things</u> of the sacrifice of Jesus
 - a. Not an animal covering but a man's covering
 - i. The body of Christ covers for all forms of animal sacrifices in the old Law
 - b. Willful obedience over sacrifice
 - i. The animal never choose this, Christ did
 - ii. Psm 40:8 further says "Thy law is written in My heart"—Jesus willingly laid down life

- c. Belief in the incarnation of God Himself
 - i. There was One without a body, that a body was prepared for Jesus our Creator
- 3. All this to say the Creator willingly covered our sin sanctifying us (vs 10)

#4 – His sacrifice is eternally sufficient (Chap 10:11-18)

Read Vs 11-14

- 1. Now these verses emphasize not just that it was one sacrifice, but that the one sacrifice was sufficient to complete the entire job for all time
- 2. Old Law priests were <u>busy</u> in constant sweat; yet we <u>rest</u> in Jesus' completed work on the cross
- 3. Sins past, present & future; removed forever

Read Vs 15-18

1. Author of Hebrews is pointing out that there's agreement between the 2 items already mentioned

- a. Jer 31 saying there's a day coming when sins will be remitted
- b. Psm 40 saying there's a day coming when there's no more need of offering
- 2. No further offerings b/c sin are fully removed

#5 – His sacrifice is a call to action (Chap 10:19-25)

Read Vs 19-21

- 1. We're now partakers in the true spiritual tabernacle of God
 - a. Not just the H. P. but we all can enter the Holy of Holies, ie throne room of God (vs 19)
 - b. Christ blood is the offering to God (vs 19)
 - c. Christ's torn flesh is what enters us in (vs 20)
 - d. Jesus is the H.P. of real tabernacle (vs 21)
- 2. All this from chapter 7-10 allow us to <u>have a</u> bold confidence that we're excepted by God now

Read Vs 22

- 1. Finishing the picture of the sacrificial system
 - a. We've had, not just bodies but our hearts sprinkled, not just w/ animal blood but w/ Jesus'

- 2. All this to say, we can **come to God with surety** that He won't cast us out but'll receive us

 Read Vs 23
- 1. B/c Jesus is faithful, now we can be faithful Read Vs 24-25
 - 1. B/c of our standing in forgiveness, we can **spur others on** to serving & loving God together
 - 2. Oh we see the day of His coming approaching!
 - a. So let us edify one another in our gatherings
- #6 His sacrifice is not to be ignored (Chap 10:26-39) Read Vs 26-31
 - 1. This is a general call to "not sin" anymore
 - a. This is a specific call to not sin by rejecting THE sacrifice
 - b. All of the book's call is to receive Christ's sacrifice and forsake Law-keeping

- c. The specific call of these few verses is a comparison to the Law of Moses sacrifice
- d. To not receive Christ is the sin of vs 26
- e. Emphasis: there's no further offering that could possibly be offered—receive it or be damned
- 2. There's judgement coming: has your judgement been put of Jesus at the cross...or is it yet due?

Read Vs 32-34

- 1. Don't be discouraged by further challenges
 - a. As Jews, they've already suffered for God
 - b. As Messianic Jews, they've already suffered
 - c. Read II Tim 3:12 "All that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution"
- 2. How could they endure?
 - a. Vs 34 b/c they have a heavenly perspective knowing their future is coming

Read Vs 35-39

1. Wait patiently in faith, for Jesus will come!

Conclusion

So, have you accepted Jesus? Have you accepted the sacrifice that changes everything? His sacrifice is...

1. For our inheritance

a. He did it for us to benefit gaining life!

2. The only real sacrifice

a. Only a divine sacrifice could suffice an eternal debt

3. Willing

a. It's never been centered on the sacrifice, but centered on willing obedience

4. Eternally sufficient

a. All sins forever can now be removed at the cross of Jesus

5. A call to action

a. Trust God, Be faithful & spur on others

6. Not to be ignored

a. Your response to Christ's sacrifice will literally be what determines your eternal destiny