

**A Pre-Christmas Conversation
December 24, 2023**

Hebrews 10:5-17

⁵ Therefore, as he was coming into the world, he said:

**You did not desire sacrifice and offering,
but you prepared a body for me.**

⁶ **You did not delight
in whole burnt offerings and sin offerings.**

⁷ **Then I said, "See—
it is written about me
in the scroll—**

I have come to do your will, God."^[a]

⁸ After he says above, **You did not desire or delight in sacrifices and offerings, whole burnt offerings and sin offerings** (which are offered according to the law), ⁹ he then says, **See, I have come to do your will.**^[a] He takes away the first to establish the second. ¹⁰ By this will, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time.

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day ministering and offering the same sacrifices time after time, which can never take away sins. ¹² But this man, after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.^[a] ¹³ He is now waiting until his enemies are made his footstool. ¹⁴ For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are sanctified. ¹⁵ The Holy Spirit also testifies to us about this. For after he says:

¹⁶ **This is the covenant I will make with them
after those days,**

the Lord says,

**I will put my laws on their hearts
and write them on their minds,**

¹⁷ and **I will never again remember**

their sins and their lawless acts.^[a]

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned and fall short of the^a glory of God;

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord.

Hebrews 10:5-6

**You did not desire sacrifice and offering,
but you prepared a body for me.**

⁶You did not delight
in whole burnt offerings and sin offerings.

Hebrews 10:3-4

But in the sacrifices, there is a reminder of sins year after year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Hebrews 10:11

¹¹ Every priest stands day after day ministering and offering the same sacrifices time after time, which can never take away sins.

Isaiah 7:14

All right then, the Lord himself will give you the sign. Look! The virgin^a will conceive a child! She will give birth to a son and will call him Immanuel (which means 'God is with us').

Hebrews 10:7

**Then I said, "See—
it is written about me
in the scroll—
I have come to do your will, God."^a**

Isaiah 9:6

For a child is born to us,
a son is given to us.
The government will rest on his shoulders.
And he will be called:
Wonderful Counselor,^a Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

John 14:6

Jesus told him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one can come to the Father except through me.

Acts 4:12

There is salvation in no one else! God has given no other name under heaven by which we must be saved."

Hebrews 10:10

By this will, we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time.

Hebrews 10:16-17

**I will put my laws on their hearts
and write them on their minds,**

¹⁷ and **I will never again remember**

their sins and their lawless acts.^[a]

Genesis 3:15

I will put hostility between you and the woman,
and between your offspring and her offspring.^[a]
He will strike your head,
and you will strike his heel.

Hebrews 2:14

Now since the children have flesh and blood in common, Jesus also shared in these, so that through his death he might destroy the one holding the power of death—that is, the devil—

Hebrews 10:16

**I will put my laws on their hearts
and write them on their minds,**

2 Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has passed away, and see, the new has^{is} come!

Closing....

“Here’s a side to the Christmas story that isn’t often told: those soft little hands, fashioned by the Holy Spirit in Mary’s womb, were made so that nails might be driven through them.

Those baby feet, pink and unable to walk, would one day walk up a dusty hill to be nailed to a cross.

That sweet infant’s head with sparkling eyes and eager mouth was formed so that someday men might force a crown of thorns onto it.

That tender body, warm and soft, wrapped in swaddling clothes, would one day be ripped open by a spear.

Jesus was born to die” John MacArthur