

Discussion Questions

June 27 – July 3

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1. We will celebrate our nation's freedom on July 4. Share what you plan to do for the holiday weekend, and everyone share one reason why you are thankful for the FREEDOM we have in our country?
2. We also have a current cultural climate that is attacking a biblical framework of where true freedom resides. The next generation is growing up in what many call a "culture of confusion" in terms of rationality, morality, and religion. In what ways have you experienced our culture's attack on the biblical framework of experiencing freedom?
3. Read Hebrews 10:1-18 and read Leviticus 4:27-29; then read again Hebrews 10:1-4. We said this weekend: ***OT sacrifices produced an imperfect cleansing that provided temporary freedom.*** Put yourself in the shoes of God's people in the Old Testament, discuss what it would have been like to constantly have to offer sacrifices for sin...and to know that last year's atonement did not cover this year's sin.
4. Read again Hebrews 10:5-18. We said this weekend: ***Jesus' supreme sacrifice produced a perfect cleansing that provides everlasting freedom.*** What does it mean that believers are "sanctified" and "perfected" by the single offering of Jesus Christ? How does the Holy Spirit (v.15-18) play a major role in our experience of eternal freedom in Christ?
5. The original audience of Hebrews were 1st century Jewish believers who were tempted to slip back into the rituals of Judaism to avoid persecution. Today in the 21st century, what are believers tempted to slip back into regarding the world's offering of imperfect and temporary freedom? What pressures of this world draw us away from our freedom in Christ? Spend some time in prayer as a group that we may model the example of Christ in this passage who, in obedient submission, proclaimed: ***"Behold, I have come to do your will, O God."***

Bible References

Hebrews 10:1-18

10 For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. ⁵ Consequently, when Christ^[a] came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'" ⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. ¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ^[b] had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds," ¹⁷ then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Leviticus 4:27-29

²⁷ "If anyone of the common people sins unintentionally in doing any one of the things that by the Lord's commandments ought not to be done, and realizes his guilt, ²⁸ or the sin which he has committed is made known to him, he shall bring for his offering a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he has committed. ²⁹ And he shall lay his hand on the head of the sin offering and kill the sin offering in the place of burnt offering.

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