

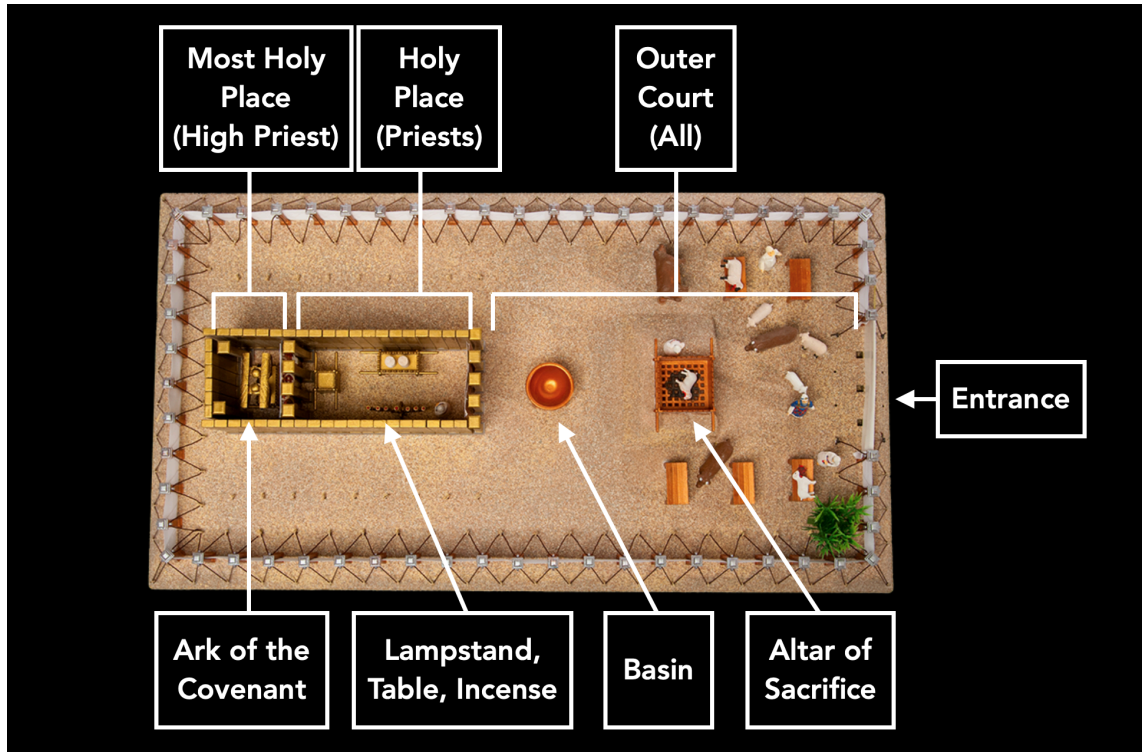


Title - Once and For All

Main Point - Jesus is the better, once-for-all sacrifice, whose death secures our eternal redemption, decisively removing our sin and cleansing our guilty conscience for good.

Hebrews 9:1-5

Now even the first covenant had regulations for worship and an earthly place of holiness. For a tent was prepared, the first section, in which were the lampstand and the table and the bread of the Presence. It is called the Holy Place. Behind the second curtain was a second section called the Most Holy Place, having the golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden urn holding the manna, and Aaron's staff that budded, and the tablets of the covenant. Above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat. Of these things we cannot now speak in detail.



Hebrews 9:6-7

These preparations having thus been made, the priests go regularly into the first section, performing their ritual duties, but into the second only the high priest goes, and he but once a year, and not without taking blood, which he offers for himself and for the unintentional sins of the people.

Hebrews 9:8-10

By this the Holy Spirit indicates that the way into the holy places is not yet opened as long as the first section is still standing (which is symbolic for the present age). According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper, but deal only with food and drink and various washings, regulations for the body imposed until the time of reformation.

The sacrificial system couldn't cleanse internally - couldn't free people from the problem of a guilty conscience.

Psalms 38:3-8, 10

*There is no soundness in my flesh
because of your indignation;
there is no health in my bones
because of my sin.*

*For my iniquities have gone over my head;
like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.*

*My wounds stink and fester
because of my foolishness,*

*I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
all the day I go about mourning.*

*For my sides are filled with burning,
and there is no soundness in my flesh.*

*I am feeble and crushed;
I groan because of the tumult of my heart.*

*My heart throbs; my strength fails me,
and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.*

Hebrews 9:11-14

But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, and the sprinkling of defiled persons with the ashes of a heifer, sanctify for the purification of the flesh, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God.

Hebrews 9:15-17

Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant. For where a will is involved, the death of the one who made it must be established. For a will takes effect only at death, since it is not in force as long as the one who made it is alive.

Hebrews 9:18-22

Therefore not even the first covenant was inaugurated without blood. For when every commandment of the law had been declared by Moses to all the people, he took the

*blood of calves and goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, saying, "This is the blood of the covenant that God commanded for you." And in the same way he sprinkled with the blood both the tent and all the vessels used in worship. Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and **without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.***

Genesis 3:21

And the LORD God made for Adam and for his wife garments of skins and clothed them.

Q) Why is death the penalty for sin?

A) Because that's what sin causes.

Death is the penalty for sin, because it's the *reality* of sin.

In sin, you've cut yourself off from the One who is *LIFE*.

Hebrews 9:23-26

Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these. For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

4 reasons Jesus is a better sacrifice:

- #1 - In Heaven vs. In Earthly Tabernacle (v.24) - the *location* of the sacrifice
- #2 - Once For All vs. Repeatedly (9:25) - the *frequency* of the sacrifice

Hebrews 10:1-3

Hebrews 10:11

Hebrews 9:26

Hebrews 10:12

- #3 - Himself vs. Animal (9:26) - the *quality* of the sacrifice

Hebrews 10:4

Hebrews 10:5-10

- #4 - Removes Sin vs. Reminds of Sin (9:26-28) - the *result* of the sacrifice

Hebrews 9:26-28

Hebrews 10:14

Hebrews 10:17-18

Jesus' once and for all sacrifice has decisively and irrevocably forgiven you!

***Jesus, the Better Substitute for humanity
enters the Better Sanctuary of heaven
to administer the Better Service of His priesthood
through the Better Sacrifice of Himself
to secure the Better Salvation of our redemption.***

Hebrews 9:27-28

And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

#1 - Reject the insufficient ways we deal with guilt on our own.

Most common ways we try to deal with guilt outside the gospel:

1. Cover - mask the wrong with a facade
2. Hide - avoid the wrong by running from God
3. Shift Blame - deflect the wrong onto another
4. Erase - remove the wrong through acts of penance / offerings
5. Overcome - outweigh the wrong through good deeds
6. Justify - defend the wrong by rationalizing it
7. Trivialize - minimize the wrong by reducing its seriousness
8. Self-Pity - soothe the wrong through worldly sorrow & sympathy
9. Self-Punish - enforce the wrong by penalizing yourself for it
10. Suppress - forget the wrong - hope time will wipe it away
11. Escape - cope with the wrong through distraction
12. Deny - re-label the wrong as not wrong & choose not to feel bad

#2 - Rest in Christ's sufficient sacrifice!

Here is what's true of you:

- Purified
- Sanctified
- Perfected
- Cleansed
- Forgiven
- Inheritor
- Redeemed

ONCE AND FOR ALL!

Where do you need to rest and rejoice in the once-for-all cross of Christ today?

"By this point I thought I'd be different. Always love to pray. Not jealous. Never controlled by money. Love for God is cold...The reason God allows us to continue to struggle all of our life with indwelling sin is he wants us to grow ever more amazed at his grace." - John Newton

"The ultimate test of our spirituality is our amazement at the grace of God." -Dr. Martin Lloyd Jones