

TEXT- Hebrews 10:1ff

INTRO- The Old Testament is enfolded into the New.

1. All Scripture is inspired as the Word of God.
2. The Bible has a unity to it.
3. Revelation is progressive
4. The Law is our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ
5. The Levitical Priesthood has been done away with Christ

I. A Superior Person: Christ (1-6)

- A. Better than the prophets (Heb 1:1-3)
- B. Better than the angels (1:4-2:18)
- C. Better than Moses (3:1-4:13)
- D. Better than Aaron 4:14-6:20)

II. A Superior Priesthood: Christ and Melchizedek (7-10)

- A. A better order: Melchizedek, not Aaron (Heb 7:1-28)
- B. A better covenant: new, not old (Heb 8:1-13)
- C. A better sanctuary: heavenly, not earthly (Heb 9:1-28)
- D. A better sacrifice: God's Son, not animals (Heb 10:1-39)

III. A Superior Principle: Faith (11-13)

This chapter closes the section on “the Superior Priesthood” (7-10) by explaining that the priesthood of Jesus Christ is based on a superior sacrifice — the sacrifice of Christ Himself.

Three reasons why Christ's sacrifice is superior to those in the OT.

I. Christ's Sacrifice Takes Away Sin (Heb. 10:1-10)

A. The OT sacrifices were ineffective (Heb. 10:1-4).

- They belonged to the age of types and shadows, and could never change the heart.
- They were repeated “year by year” (Heb. 10:1) and “day by day” (Heb. 10:11), thus proving that they could not do away with sin.

Heb. 9:10-14 explained, the OT rituals dealt only with external things and ceremonial uncleanness.

B. Christ's sacrifice is effective (Heb. 10:5-20).

Psa 40:6-8 *Sacrifice and offering thou didst not desire; mine ears hast thou opened: burnt offering and sin offering hast thou not required. 7 Then said I, Lo, I come: in the volume of the book it is written of me, 8 I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart.*



When Christ came into the world, the Spirit prepared for Him a body, and He was completely dedicated to and dependent on His Father's will. That body would be sacrificed on the cross for the sins of the world.

Isa 1:11 *To what purpose is the multitude of your sacrifices unto me? saith the LORD: I am full of the burnt offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he goats.*

God saw no finished salvation in the blood of animals;

In **Heb. 10:8-9**, he uses the words of Christ to show that God, through Christ, set aside the first covenant with its animal sacrifices and established a New Covenant in His own blood.

II. Christ's Sacrifice Need Never Be Repeated (Heb. 10:11-18)

- The OT priest stands daily, but Christ has sat down;
- The OT priest offered the same sacrifices often; Christ offered one sacrifice
- One offering God has given a right standing, that is perfected, forever to those who have been set apart through faith in Christ.
- We are sanctified once for all; **Heb. 10:10, 14** we are being sanctified daily. This is positional and progressive sanctification.)
- The OT sacrifices produced a remembrance of sins, but Christ's sacrifice makes possible remission of sins (**Heb. 10:18**). *Remission* means “sending away.”

Our sins have been pardoned and sent away forever **Psa 103:12** *As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*

Micah 7:19 *thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.*

On the annual Day of Atonement (**Lev. 16:1-34**), the high priest confessed the sins of the nation over the head of the scapegoat, and then the goat was led off to be lost in the wilderness. This is what Christ did with our sins.

The Holy Spirit witnesses in our hearts, and we have the blessing of that promised New Covenant **Heb. 10:14-17**;

III. Christ's Sacrifice Opens the Way to God (Heb. 10:19-39)

A. Explanation (Heb. 10:19-21).

Because we have a perfect standing in Christ, we can have boldness (literally “freedom of speech”) to come into His presence.

No veil stands now between us and God. That tabernacle veil symbolized Christ's human body, for it covered the glory of God (Joh 1:14).

When His body was offered, the veil was torn. We have a new way based on the New Covenant; we have a way to life, because we have a living high priest

B. Invitation (Heb. 10:22-25).

There are three “let us” statements here

- (1) “Let us draw near” instead of drifting away;

(2) “Let us hold fast” our confession (testimony) of faith not wavering because of trials;

(3) “Let us consider” other believers and, by our example, encourage them to be true to Christ. It seems that these believers, because of trials, were neglecting Christian fellowship and the mutual encouragement that believers need from each other. Since Christ is our high priest, and we are a kingdom of priests
1 Pe 2:9 *But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light:*

C. Exhortation Heb. 10:26-39

This is the fourth of the five exhortations.

It warns against willful sin. Please remember that this exhortation is to believers, not unsaved people, and that it is related to the previous three exhortations.

- Careless Christians start to drift through neglect;
- Then they doubt the Word; then they grow dull toward the Word;
- The next step is deliberately sinning and despising their spiritual heritage.

“sin willfully” in **Heb. 10:26** “willingly go on sinning.” It is the same continuous tense of the verb as in **1 Jn. 3:4-9** *Whosoever committeth sin transgresseth also the law: for sin is the transgression of the law. 5 And ye know that he was manifested to take away our sins; and in him is no sin. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth hath not seen him, neither known him. 7 Little children, let no man deceive you: he that doeth righteousness is righteous, even as he is righteous. 8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might destroy the works of the devil. 9 Whosoever is born of God doth not commit sin; for his seed remaineth in him: and he cannot sin, because he is born of God.*

Heb. 10:29 reminds us that our salvation are held in high regard by God. For us to sin willfully is to sin against the Father and the Son and the Spirit. The writer quotes **Deu. 32:35-36** to show that God, in the OT, saw to it that His people (not unbelievers) reaped what they sowed and were judged when they disobeyed willfully.

God judges His people;

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