

Trinity Home Teams

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Hebrews 10:1-18 / SAVIOR: *The Sufficient Sacrifice*
Part 3 in a special series leading to Resurrection Day

1. Why does the world think it foolishness that Jesus was “*the perfect sacrifice?*” Why do heretics avoid it?
2. Why did Jesus “sit down” in **Heb. 1:3**?
3. Consider **Heb. 8:13**. Why “obsolete?”
4. Why in v15 does the Holy Spirit quote **Jer. 31:33**?

It’s often preached that Jesus’ death “*didn’t accomplish anything except to show how much God loves us.*” That’s absurd! Doesn’t explain why. Doesn’t touch *substitutionary atonement*. Avoids the subject of sin.

Thanks to Matthew Henry for this clarifying assessment: “*Christ is a perfect and a perfecting sacrifice.*”

His sacrifice was sufficient because it was perfect

THE EMBODIMENT OF HIS SACRIFICE - IT WAS A SUBSTITUTIONARY WORK. – Hebrews’ author quotes Psalm 40: *‘A body you have prepared for me.’*

COMMENTARY: “God required animal sacrifices to teach Israel to look to him for cleansing and to show the need for a penalty to be paid for sin (cf. Lv. 17:11). But it was the destiny of the Messiah to pay that penalty by means of his death and so provide salvation, even for those who sinned in OT times (cf. 9:15).

V7 -- *‘Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.’* What was the will of God? Nothing less than the substitutionary death of Christ for sin. V10 -- *“sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”*

MATTHEW HENRY: “(Animal sacrifices) were not of sufficient value to make satisfaction for the affronts to the justice and government of God. *They were not of the same nature that offended*, and so could not be suitable. *Much less were they of the same nature that was offended*; and nothing less than the nature that was offended could (satisfy) for the offence.

Thus, the nature of the sacrifice needed to be human, as offender, and divine, as offended. By faith in our perfect substitute, sins are forgiven; righteousness, imputed.

THE EFFICACY OF HIS SACRIFICE - IT WAS A POWERFUL WORK. Efficacy: power to produce a result, effect. An offense against an infinite God demands an infinite payment. v10, 12, 14 – *“we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all... Christ...offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins...For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.”*

Unlike the inferior sacrifices prescribed under the law, which were shown to be inadequate by their constant repetition, Christ’s sacrifice was fully sufficient to

accomplish all that God intended. The law was diagnostic; it held in it no power to make holy, only to reveal holiness or unrighteousness.

Hebrews 9:12 -- *“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... securing an eternal redemption.”*

Christ’s perfect sacrifice did not - could not - fail. God used what the world despised and viewed as weakness to demonstrate his power of redemption and reconciliation.

1 Corinthians 1:18 -- *“For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.”*

THE EXTENT OF HIS SACRIFICE – IT IS A FINISHED WORK.

John 19:28-30 -- *“After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill Scripture), “I thirst.” ... When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, “It is finished,” ... bowed his head, gave up his spirit.”*

v11-12 -- *“every priest stands daily...offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God”*

He sat down because his work was finished; unlike the priests in the old covenant who were never finished. (Heb. 1:3)

His sacrifice was sufficient because it was perfecting.

Read v1, 14. *“...by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified”*

IT SATISFIED DIVINE JUSTICE -- V17 *“I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”* Divine justice requires that sin must be dealt with by bearing the righteous wrath of God directed at it. The penalty has been executed; the payment, made. No condemnation.

IT SUPPLANTED THE OLD COVENANT WITH THE NEW – Supplant: to take the place of and serve as a substitute for especially by reason of superior excellence or power.

V8-9 ... he added, *“Behold, I have come to do your will.”* He does away with the first in order to establish the second” This *‘doing away with’* refers to the requirements of the old covenant. In his perfect sacrifice, he met all the requirements of the covenant; in him, we are covenant keepers, members of a new covenant, superior... “it was enacted on better promises” (8:6).

Hebrews 8:13 -- *“In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.”*

IT SANCTIFIED HIS PEOPLE – Since there no longer remains a sacrifice for sin, we are free to offer our bodies as living sacrifices. Sin’s debt has been paid, so we are free and able to live for him.