

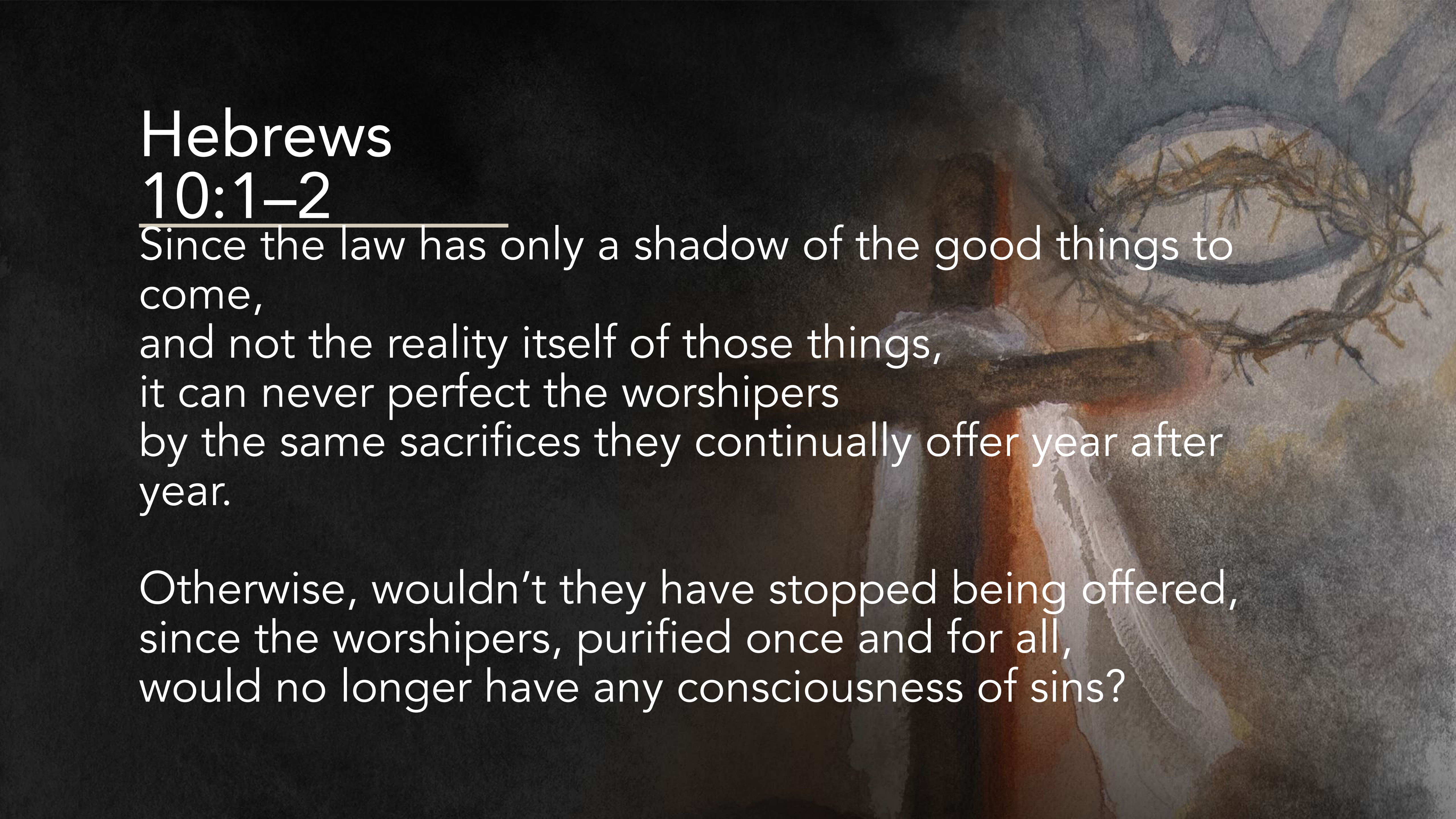
The Man Who Perfects His People

Hebrews 10:1–18



Feel
incomplete?



A watercolor painting of a crown of thorns, rendered in shades of brown, tan, and grey, set against a dark, textured background. The crown is positioned in the upper right quadrant of the image.

Hebrews

10:1–2

Since the law has only a shadow of the good things to come,
and not the reality itself of those things,
it can never perfect the worshipers
by the same sacrifices they continually offer year after year.

Otherwise, wouldn't they have stopped being offered,
since the worshipers, purified once and for all,
would no longer have any consciousness of sins?

Hebrews

10:3–7

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For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away
5 Therefore, as he was coming into the world, he said:

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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." [Ps 40:6–8]

Hebrews

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Hebrews

10:8–10

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),
he then says,
See, I have come to do your will.
He takes away the first to establish the second.
By this will, we have been sanctified through the offering
of the body of Jesus Christ once for all time.



How does this happen?

1. Sanctification– the removal of sin's power over us and our transformation into Christ-likeness by the Holy Spirit
2. Holiness– the ability to imitate God and please him with our worship
3. Perfection– the power of God to complete us in Christ through the new covenant with his church

In Christ, our sins are blotted out,
our consciences cleansed,
our souls sanctified, and we are made complete.

Hebrews

10:11-14

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

But this man, after offering one sacrifice for sins forever, sat down at the right hand of God.

He is now waiting until his enemies are made his footstool. For by one offering he has perfected forever those who are sanctified.



Hebrews

10:15–18

~~The Holy Spirit~~ also testifies to us about this.

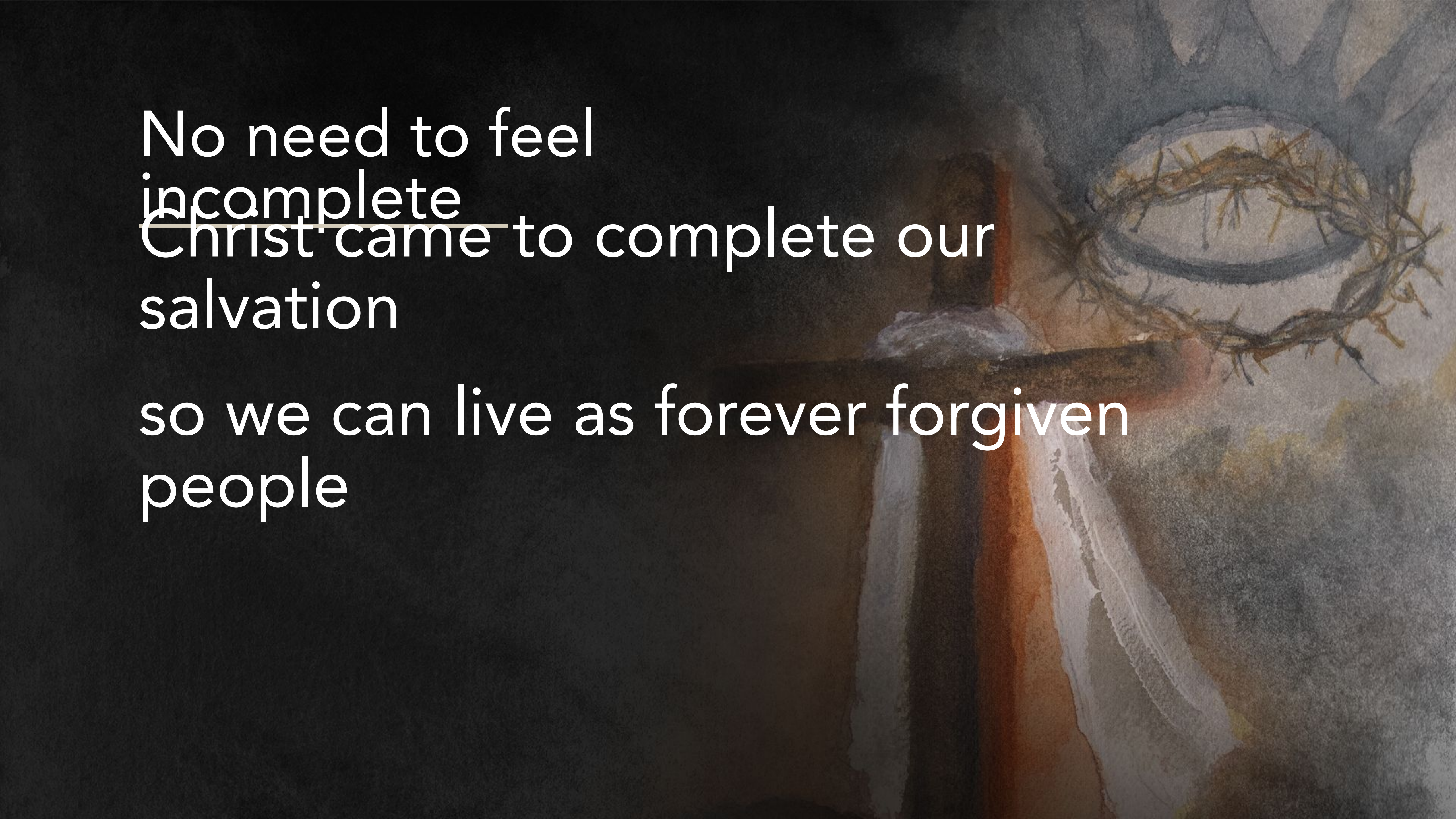
For after he says:

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, and
I will never again remember
their sins and their lawless acts.

Now where there is forgiveness of these,
there is no longer an offering for sin.

A painting of a crown of thorns, likely representing the Passion of Christ. The crown is made of dark, sharp thorns and is set against a dark, textured background. The lighting is dramatic, highlighting the texture of the thorns and the underlying surface. The overall mood is somber and contemplative.

No need to feel
~~incomplete~~
~~Christ came~~ to complete our
salvation
so we can live as forever forgiven
people