

# Jesus Christ – A Better Sacrifice

## Introduction

**Hebrews 9:23**

**Hebrews 10:14**

1. **The apostle Paul defines the goal of the Christian in this life**  
**Philippians 3:8-11**
2. **It is only through the sacrifice of Jesus that this is possible.**  
**Hebrews 10:1-4; 9:13-14; 10:14**
3. **Let us now consider how the sacrifice of Jesus was superior to the sacrifices of the Old Testament.**

## Sacrifice Contrasted:

### Sacrifices of the Old Testament.

1. **They could not take away sin**  
**Hebrews 10:1-4**
2. **They only purified the flesh**  
**Hebrews 9:13**
3. **They sanctified the Old Covenant (book, people, tabernacle, worship)**  
**Hebrews 9:19-23**  
**Exodus 24:1-8**

Exodus 40:9-11 And you shall take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it; and you shall hallow it and all its utensils, and it shall be holy. You shall anoint the altar of the burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar. The altar shall be most holy. And you shall anoint the laver and its base, and consecrate it.

Leviticus 17:11 For the life of the flesh is in the blood, and I have given it to you upon the altar to make atonement for your souls; for it is the blood that makes atonement for the soul.'

4. **They had to be offered often**  
**Hebrews 9:25**

### The Sacrifice of Christ

- 1 **Obtains eternal redemption**  
**Hebrews 9:12**
2. **Purges the conscience of sin**  
**Hebrews 9:14**
3. **Sanctified the New Covenant (book, people, church, worship)**  
**Hebrews 9:15-17**
4. **One offering was sufficient forever**  
**Hebrews 9:24-28**

## **The Insufficiency of the Sacrifices of the Old Covenant**

### **Hebrews 10:1-4**

- 1. They were not the fullness of God's scheme of redemption.**  
**Hebrews 10:1**
  
- 2. They could not perfect**  
**Hebrews 10:2-3**
  - A. They offered sin sacrifices daily.**  
**Exodus 29:38-44**
  
  - B. After these sacrifices, their sins still had to be remembered on the day of atonement**  
**Leviticus 16:15**
  
  - C. The guilt still remained, even after the sacrifice.**  
**Leviticus 16:20-22**
    - 1) Why? Because the blood of animals cannot take away sin.**  
**Hebrews 10:4**

## **The Sufficiency of the Sacrifice of Christ**

### **Hebrews 10:5-10**

- 1. Why did Christ come to earth? (V.5-10).**
  - A. He did not come to repeat the sacrifices of the Old Covenant.**  
**Hebrews 10:5-7**
    - 1) God prepared for Him a body (V.5).**
    - 2) God took no pleasure in animal sacrifices (V.5-6).**
    - 3) Christ came to fulfill God's will (V.7).**
  - B. Christ came to establish the New Covenant (V.8-9).**
  - C. His blood and covenant fulfill God's eternal purpose for our redemption (V.10).**
- 2. Jesus now rules on high**  
**Hebrews 10:11-14**
  - A. His one sacrifice is sufficient (V.11-12).**
  - B. He awaits on high to overthrow the last enemy (V.12-13).**
  - C. By this one offering the sanctified are perfected forever (V.14).**
- 3. The Holy Spirit testified this would be so.**  
**Hebrews 10:15-17**

## Conclusion: We Have the Perfect Sacrifice

1. In Jesus Christ we now have the perfect sacrifice – we have the **ONE** offering that does not ever need to be repeated or replaced.

**Hebrews 10:18**

A. Why would the Hebrews want to leave the only sacrifice that would meet all their needs and turn back to the “fleshly ordinances” of the Old Covenant?

**Hebrews 9:10**

B. As a result, why would you want to turn away from the cross of Christ?

2. It is God’s desire, through the giving of His only Son, that you avail yourself of the perfect sacrifice of Jesus.

Hebrews 10:22-23 let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

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