

Why Jesus? He is the Perfecting Sacrifice

Someone Better

Hebrews 10:1-18

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Heb 8:1 Now this is the main point of the things we are saying: We have such a High Priest, who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a Minister of the sanctuary and of the true tabernacle which the Lord erected, and not man.

So what does it mean to say we are not under the law? (Rom 6.14)

1. The law, like a Band-Aid, could not **completely cure** the sin problem. (Heb 10.1-4)
 - a. Animal sacrifices could **picture** atonement but they could not perfect it. (10.1)
 - b. Animal sacrifices could temporarily **cover up** sin but they could not control it. (10.2)
 - c. Animal sacrifices continually **reminded** people of their sin, they could not remove the guilt. (10.3; also 9.9)
 - d. Animal sacrifices were by God's decree but were destined to be **discontinued** (10.4).
2. The Lord Jesus, at the Cross, **completely solved** the sin problem. (He 10.5-9)
 - a. He did the Father's **will**
 - b. He made possible a truly **innocent** sacrifice – *a body you have prepared for me.*
 - c. He **satisfied** the Father's justice. Isa 1.10-19; *1 Sa 15:22*
 - d. He brought to a close the need for the old covenant and **opened the door** to the new covenant. *Heb 8:13*
3. The Lord Jesus at the Cross made the **perfecting sacrifice** that last forever. (10.10-18)
 - a. Only one priest could offer one sacrifice that would make a sinner a saint once for all! (10.10-12). Don't forget the Main Point he introduced in 8.1-2 – Jesus **sat down**.
 - b. Verse 10 - By one offering you are **sanctified forever** – sometimes it is called **justification**. It is the **act** whereby God declares you righteous based on your faith in Jesus' finished work.
 - c. Verse 14 – By one offering you are **perfected for ever** – even as you are still being saved. This has to do with what is called **sanctification**. It is the process whereby you become more like Jesus day by day as you learn of and yield to Him.
 - d. Verse 15 – By one offering we are **changed forever**.