

The author of Hebrews continues to underscore the significance of Jesus' atonement for the forgiveness of sins as chapter 10 begins. Through the use of comparison, to that of the Old, His reminder of the beauty and perfection of the New Covenant is central to all the Lord accomplished through Jesus His Son on the cross, allowing us to draw near to His presence.

Hebrews 10:1-18

Christ's Sacrifice Once for All

I. COMPARING OUR STORIES

MY EXPERIENCE...

YOUR EXPERIENCE...

We live in a world where many would like to abdicate their responsibilities. Looking for ways to shift blame or point the finger. Removing ourselves from personal obligations is an old strategy that started in the garden when Adam tried to place his sin on Eve. However, there is also a temptation to take credit for achievements or accomplishments that don't belong to us. The struggle to achieve things on our own, even when we can't, is another fight with our pride not easily overcome.

II. CONSIDERING OUR STRUGGLES

WHAT things in life are we guaranteed?

ARE there things in this world we receive (or are unable to receive) of which we have no control?

HOW do you respond to events that come your way (positive and negative) when you have no control?

HOW much control would you say you have over your own spiritual walk with the Lord?

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Read Hebrews 10:1-18

OBSERVATION

How is the law described in vs. 1-4, and what is it unable to do?

What do you observe from the quote in vs. 5-7?

Vs. 9 reminds the reader of Jesus' purpose of His coming. What was it and what did it accomplish?

What comparison/contrast can you observe between the priest's sacrifices and that of Christ's in vs. 11-13?

To what does the Holy Spirit bear witness, according to vs. 15-17?

What truth does vs. 18 proclaim as this section concludes?

INTERPRETATION

How is the law a shadow of good things to come, and why is it unable to make people perfect? See Galatians 3:20-25 for insight.

Explain why the sacrifice was a reminder of sin every year (vs. 3).

What passage does Hebrews quote in vs. 5-7? Who does Hebrews say is speaking? Does this cause concern? Consider John 1:1-2, 14 for clarity.

Make a connection between why Christ came (vs. 7, 9), and what His coming established on our behalf (vs. 10).

How might the previous question, and what Jesus attained on our behalf, potentially cause confusion because of what's said in vs. 14?

What does it mean that we are perfected and being sanctified (vs. 14)?

How much control do we have in our sanctification, or spiritual growth? What is our part and what is God's? See Philippians 1:6, John 15:5, and Ephesians 4:17, 21-32 as you respond.

APPLICATION

Have you been made perfect forever by Jesus' once for all sacrifice?

What are you doing to create an environment conducive to spiritual growth?