



Life Group Group Discussion Guide

Sermon: "Sanctified by a Single Sacrifice" Hebrews 10:1-18

Big Idea of Hebrews: If you are a genuine believer, your endurance in the Christian faith will be directly connected to how clearly you see who Jesus is, what He has done for you, and what He is doing for you right now.

BIG IDEA: Drawing near to God through the sacrifice of Jesus is the only way to complete sanctification.

Hebrews 10:1-18 ESV

For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices, there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

⁵ Consequently, when Christ^[a] came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God,

as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.'"⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once and for all. ¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ^[b] had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. ¹⁴ For by a single offering

he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. ¹⁵ And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ¹⁶ “This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,” ¹⁷ then he adds, “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.” ¹⁸ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Summary of Sermon:

The sermon from Hebrews 10:1-18 emphasizes the sufficiency of Christ's sacrifice in contrast to the old covenant system. The Jewish believers, struggling with their faith, were tempted to revert to temple sacrifices, but the writer of Hebrews urged them to remain steadfast in Christ. The passage reveals the triune God at work: the will of the Father, the work of the Son, and the witness of the Holy Spirit. The law was a mere shadow, incapable of perfecting the worshiper, but Christ's single offering secures eternal redemption and complete sanctification. Believers are called to draw near to God, trusting in the finished work of Christ rather than performance-based righteousness. The Holy Spirit bears witness in our lives by transforming our hearts, shaping our view of ourselves, and calling us to extend the forgiveness we have received.

Major Points from the Sermon:

1. **The Will of the Father** – God's plan was never about human performance but about making a way for sinners to be purified. (Hebrews 10:1-10)
 2. **The Work of the Son** – Jesus fulfilled the Father's will through His perfect sacrifice, which permanently replaced the old covenant system. (Hebrews 10:11-14)
 3. **The Witness of the Holy Spirit** – The Spirit confirms our sanctification by transforming our hearts and enabling us to live in forgiveness and grace. (Hebrews 10:15-18)
 4. **Jesus' Sacrifice is Once-for-All** – Unlike the repeated animal sacrifices, Jesus' offering was final and complete, securing eternal redemption. (Hebrews 10:12)
 5. **A Call to Live by Faith** – Since we are fully forgiven, we are called to live out our sanctification by drawing near to God and extending grace to others.
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Opening Question:

- Can you recall a time when you tried to earn someone's approval through performance? How did that experience shape you?

Suggested Discussion Questions:

1. **Hebrews 10:1-18 emphasizes the inadequacy of the old covenant sacrifices.** What does verse 4 mean when it says, "It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins"?
2. **Verse 10 states that "we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all."** How does this truth shape your understanding of salvation?
3. **The writer highlights that Jesus "sat down at the right hand of God" (v.12), signifying His work is complete.** How does knowing that Jesus' sacrifice was once-for-all impact your daily faith walk?
4. **Verse 16 speaks of God writing His laws on our hearts and minds.** How have you personally experienced the Holy Spirit shaping your desires and actions?
5. **Forgiveness is a major theme in this passage.** How does receiving God's forgiveness empower you to extend forgiveness to others?

Life Application & Gospel Response:

- In what ways do you still struggle with a performance-based mindset in your relationship with God? How does this passage encourage you to rest in Christ's finished work?
- Think about someone you need to forgive. How does understanding the cost of Christ's sacrifice help you extend grace to them?
- How can we, as a small group, encourage each other to live in light of the truth that we are fully forgiven and sanctified in Christ?

Prayer Focus:

- Thank God for His perfect plan of salvation through Jesus.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live out of grace rather than performance.
- Pray for strength to extend forgiveness as freely as we have received it.

Resources To Dig Deeper:

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ESV & NLT Bible

The Message

The Bible Project

Rienecker & Rogers Linguistic Key To The Greek New Testament

The NIV Application Commentary – George H. Guthrie

Evangelical Biblical Theology Commentary – Thomas R. Schreiner

Commentary for Christian Formation (Hebrews) – Amy Peeler

The Epistle to the Hebrews – F.F. Bruce

Sermon Series:

Fix Our Eyes on Jesus: study in Hebrews – Alistair Begg

Hebrews series – Fellowship Greenville

Christ our Treasury – Timothy Keller

Hebrew Audio Lectures – George H. Guthrie

Exposit the Word (Hebrews) – John Piper