Christ's Sacrifice Once for All - Hebrews 10:1-18

Topics: Atonement, Comparisons, Forgiveness, Heaven, Holy Spirit, Inadequacy, Jesus Christ, Legalism, Limitations, Mediator, Messiah, New Covenant, Perfect, Sacrifice

Open It

- * 1. What is one thing you would buy at a very high price if paying that price meant you never had to pay for it again?
 - 2. What jobs would you consider unfulfilling, frustrating, or even futile?
 - 3. What are some ways people try to deal with bad habits?

Explore It

- 4. How is the Law compared to the new covenant brought by Christ? (10:1)
- * 5. In what way was the Law of Moses glaringly inadequate? (10:1-2)
 - 6. How did the author of Hebrews show that the Law was inadequate? (10:2)
 - 7. What function did the annual sacrifices serve? Why? (10:3-4)
 - 8. How successful were animal sacrifices under the old covenant? (10:4)
 - 9. Why wasn't God pleased with the sacrifices and offerings of the old covenant? (10:5-6)
 - 10. What was the attitude of Christ when He came into the world? (10:7)
 - 11. What evidence of the futility and emptiness of the old covenant did the author cite? (10:8)
- * 12. If God neither desired nor was pleased with old covenant sacrifices, why did the Israelites make them? (10:8)
 - 13. What role does a believer play in earning God's approval? (10:9-14)
 - 14. What did Christ's single act of dying accomplish for those who would trust in Him? (10:14)
 - 15. How did the new covenant change the way God motivates His people to live for Him? (10:16)
- * 16. What effect did the sacrifice of Christ have on the way God views our sins? (10:17)
 - 17. Why are additional sacrifices for sin unnecessary? (10:18)

Get It

- 18. What has Christ done for us?
- 19. How would you contrast the shortcomings of the old covenant with the blessings of the new covenant?
- 20. Why do Christians still feel guilt when God says He forgives and forgets their transgressions?
- * 21. How does being cleansed of sin by Christ change us?
 - 22. What do you think prompted or motivated Jesus to make the sacrifice He made?
- * 23. In what sense have we "been made holy" (10:10) while at the same time "are being made holy" (10:14)?
 - 24. What insights from this passage can we use to show that being saved from sin requires faith in Christ?

Apply It

- 25. In what specific areas of your life today do you need to follow the example of Christ in saying, "I have come to do your will, O God"?
- * 26. What can you do this week to show trust in Christ's provision for forgiveness?
 - 27. When could you speak with a friend or relative who would be encouraged by the truths of this passage?