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Hebrews Jesus Plus Nothing

Hebrews 12:2

...The founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

Hebrews 9:24

[Jesus] has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.

Hebrews 10:1

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.

“good things to come”

“true form of these realities”

Colossians 2:17

These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ.

“It can never”

Hebrews 10:3-4

But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

Why the animal sacrifices in the first place?

1. Sin deserved death.
2. But animal sacrifices were never intended to take away sin.

John 1:1-2

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

Hebrews 10:5

Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me;"

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"a body have you prepared for me."

Hebrews 10:6

in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.

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Psalm 51:16-17

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it; you will not be pleased with a burnt offering. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Hebrews 10:7

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.'

"Then I said...."

Mark 10:45

For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

2 Corinthians 5:21

For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

"as it is written of me...."

Luke 24:25-27

And he said to them, "O foolish ones, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into his glory?" And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself.

Hebrews 10:8-10

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), then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Because of Jesus believers are sanctified!

Positional

Hebrews 10:10

And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Hebrews 10:14

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Progressive. Up/down line. Spiritual growth.

What do you need to do to grow?

Hebrews 10:11-14

And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand

of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

Because of Jesus believers are perfected!

Hebrews 10:15-18

And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, "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," then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Because of Jesus believers are forgiven!

Colossians 2:13-14

And you, who were dead in your trespasses . . . God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

1 John 1:9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The penalty of sin is forgiven once for all.

Forgiveness for fellowship and growth is continually available.

Psalms 103:10-12

He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

Isaiah 38:17b

...In love you have delivered my life from the pit of destruction, for you have cast all my sins behind your back.

Isaiah 43:25

I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.

Isaiah 44:22

I have blotted out your transgressions like a cloud and your sins like mist; return to me, for I have redeemed you.

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

It was 1947...I had come from Holland to defeated Germany with the message that God forgives. It was the truth they needed most to hear in that bitter, bombed-out land, and I gave them my favorite mental picture.

Maybe because the sea is never far from a Hollander's mind, I like to think that's where forgiven sins are thrown. "When we confess our sins," I said, "God casts them into the deepest ocean, gone forever . . . Then God places a sign out there that says No Fishing Allowed!"

-Corrie Ten Boom, Tramp for the Lord

WHAT IS HOLDING YOU BACK AND WHAT WILL YOU DO ABOUT IT?