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“But this man, after he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; From henceforth expecting till his enemies be made his footstool. For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified.”

I would like for you to open your Bible today to the **Book of Hebrews, the 10th Chapter, verses 1 through 17.**

What would it mean to you right now if you could have complete assurance and complete confidence that you have peace with God?

What would it mean to you to know that everyone of your sins is forgiven? The sin of thought, word, deed, imagination, and every sin of omission or commission is forgiven.

What would it mean to you to know, absolutely, that every sin of your entire life, past, present, and future, is totally forgiven, atoned for, and put away to be remembered no more?

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What would you give for such a treasure, that every sin, past, present, and future, every sin of imagination, heart, soul, mind, and body, was put away, atoned for, and forgotten by God, and to be remembered no more?

What would it mean to have peace with God with no judgment and no condemnation? This is what the Bible says; *“The blood of Jesus Christ, his Son, cleanseth us from all sin.”*

It says in **Hebrews 10**, *“Their sins and their iniquities I will remember no more.”* **Isaiah 1:18** says, *“Come; let us reason together; though your sins be as scarlet; I will make them as white as snow though they be red like crimson; they shall be as wool.”*

How would you like right now and what would it mean to you if you could know that God Almighty, the eternal living, omnipotent, omniscient, omnipresent, almighty God was totally, completely, irreversibly, reconciled to you, and having peace between you and God?

What would it mean to you to know that all wrath is gone; all condemnation is gone; all enmity is removed and you are child and a son of His love, totally of His love?

Doesn't the Scriptures say that *“God was in Christ reconciling the world unto Himself.”* Does not the Scripture say in **Romans 5:1**; *“Therefore, being justified by faith, we do have peace with God?”*

Doesn't **Romans 8:1** say this; *“There is therefore, now, no condemnation, (no judgment) to them who are in Christ? Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect? Who is he that condemneth? Who can separate us from the love of God?”* Isn't this what the Scripture says?

Doesn't John say, *“Beloved, now are we the sons of God. We have passed from death unto life?”* This is what the Scripture says for someone.

What would it mean to you if you could right now, in this life, have a new nature, a new, divine nature inclined to holiness and be bound to Christ forever?

What would it mean to you to have a divine nature that would never leave Him, that would never forsake Him, that would never depart from Him and He would never depart from you?

What would it be like to be in Christ Jesus and be a new person? You are going to have fleshly conflicts, concerns, infirmities and afflictions which belong to this old man and always will.

What would it be like to have a new nature, a genuine nature, and not a put-on, religious, nature? I'm not talking about a phony, hypocritical, nature, or a feigned nature. But really, in your soul, I am talking about your innermost being, you having a genuine, honest, God loving nature that loves His Word, loves His people, and loves God.

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This is what the Scripture says; *“If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature.”* Being born of the Spirit of God, being born again, we have the nature of God. He said, *“My sheep hear my voice and they follow me and I give them eternal life and they shall never perish.”*

In **Jeremiah 32: 40**, Christ said this; *“I’ll make an everlasting covenant with you and put my law in your mind that you might think on it and write it on your heart that you will love it. You will never turn away from me and I will never depart from you.”*

What would it mean to know that every sin, every iota of sin, every jot and tittle, every atom of sin, and every trace of sin is gone, gone, gone, into the depths of the sea and behind the back of God to be remembered no more? *“Your sins have been separated from you as far as the east is from the west.”* There is no judgment or condemnation in Christ.

What would it mean to you that God was reconciled to you, in love with you, and would never cease to love you? The Scripture says; *“I have drawn you with an everlasting love”* that you are now a child of God and there is no wrath and no judgment, that you have a new nature.

You will have many trials in this life. If you haven’t already, you will have them. Most all of you have had a sufficient amount of Bible study to tell you that *“in this world you will have tribulation.”*

What if you knew, beyond a shadow of a doubt, that every trial, every misfortune, every sorrow, every sickness, every trouble and grief was ordained of God at His special direction and attention?

What if He came into your life as a result of His own purpose and plan and would work together, (no matter how severe, no matter how black or painful) all things for your good?

What would you think if God brought it to pass, and that He was the first cause of every trial, affliction, infirmity, sorrow, sickness, every tear, prosperity, every failure and success?

What if you knew that He brought it into your life for His glory and for His ultimate glory and your eternal good? Isn’t this what the Scripture says; *“And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to those who are called according to His purpose?”* Isn’t this what your Bible says?

Does the Bible not say in **1 Corinthians 3:21** when He says; *“All things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos, Cephas, the world, or life or death or things present or things to come; they are all yours,”* they belong to you and they are for your good? You belong to Christ and Christ is God’s. What about that?

What would it mean to you to know that old age, failing health, slowed steps, white hair, wrinkled face, and stooped shoulders, sickness and death, will only serve your good? If you lay down tonight and die, it will only serve your good and it will be gain.

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It will be the means to close this difficult chapter of life. If you lay down to die tonight, it would do nothing but bring you good, gain, and glory and close the chapter on this old, difficult life, and usher you right into the very presence of God Almighty.

Is this not what the Scripture says? Paul said, *“To be absent from the body is to be present with the Lord.”* Did he not say, *“I have a desire to depart to be with Christ?”* Did Paul not say, *“For me to live is Christ and to die is gain?”*

Why do people want to hold to this miserable, sinful, toiling, sorrowful, difficult, existence on this earth? Why do they want to hold onto this muck, mire, and misery of sin?

I’m going to tell you why; they just don’t believe these things. They sing about them in church and they preach about them from the pulpit. They talk about them but when it comes down to the hard facts, most people do not believe them.

According to the Word of God, according to the Bible, these great blessings are proclaimed by the words *“I will remember their sins no more. Though your sins be as scarlet, I will make them white as snow.”*

I am reconciled and God is not angry. He says; *“I have drawn you with an everlasting love. I have given you a new nature and a new heart.”*

Man does not serve God out of duty. You don’t go to church out of a sense of duty or pray just because it is your duty. You don’t read the Bible because it is your duty or give your tithes because it is your duty. You don’t go through all of the difficult, miserable, acts of religion because it is your duty.

You have a new nature that loves the Word of God and loves the Lord Jesus and loves the people of God. You love the Gospel and you are doing what you want to do because you want to do it; you have a new nature.

Everything that happens in your life is for your good and for God’s glory. When you close the final chapter of this old book of life, you are going to walk right in the presence of the King. You are not only going to see Him in His glory but you are going to be just like Him.

These blessings are not a future goal; they are a present possession of everyone who believes in the Lord Jesus Christ. Christ says, *“Behold, now are we the sons of God.”* John said, *“We have passed from death unto life.”* Paul says, *“There is therefore, now, no condemnation to them who are in Jesus Christ.”*

If you will take the time today to read the **10th Chapter of Hebrews** with me, I am going to go over a few verses.

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If you will read the **10th Chapter of Hebrews**; I will tell you that these great blessings of redemption will open up to you and you will find a blessing and a sure hope in Christ if you can believe.

Look at **Hebrews 10:1**. *“For the law having a shadow of good things to come, and not the very image of the things, can never with those sacrifices which they offered year by year continually make the comers thereunto perfect.”* Do you know what this is saying? It is saying that the Levitical and the ceremonial law of Moses with all of its tabernacles, furniture, priesthoods, sacrifices, ceremonies, special days, Sabbath Days, circumcision, baptisms and washings.

All of this ceremonial law of Moses along with its tabernacles, priests, sacrifices and ceremonies, *“could never take away sin.”* They were but pictures, types and patterns of the true redemption that was in Jesus Christ.

These animal sacrifices offered on a regular basis for hundreds of years could not take away sin or make anyone holy. They were not given for that purpose at all. That is what **Hebrews 10:1** says.

In **Hebrews 10, verses 2 and 3** it says this; *“For then would they not have ceased to be offered? Because that the worshippers once purged should have had no more conscience of sins. But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance again made of sins every year.”*

If these sacrifices could take away sin, if these animal sacrifices could remove sin, if these sacrifices could justify a sinner, then there would not be a need to offer another sacrifice.

When sins are taken away they are taken away. When sin is purged it is purged. When sin is gone, the conscience is clear. This is the reason we can find rest in Christ. That is the reason that Christ had to die only once; *“By one offering He has perfected forever them that are sanctified.”*

His blood purges; His blood cleanses; His blood atones; and His blood sanctifies. There is no need for another sacrifice. There is no need for a mass every Sunday, no need for it at all. For Christ, by His one offering, hath perfected us forever.

The very fact that they continued to offer these sacrifices year by year was a clear indication that sin was not gone, that sin remained. Sin was not put away until Christ came and put it away.

Look at the passage in **Hebrews 10:4**; He says clearly; *“It is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away the sin,”* or make atonement for the sins of a man. It is not possible, these sacrifices were never given to put away our sin or to be our Saviour; Christ alone is our Saviour.

The reason that He can put away sin is because He is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh. We cannot be identified with an animal. An animal can't die for a man; it cannot even be identified with a man.

Men brought animal sacrifices and the blood of a lamb, until God's Lamb came. They were saying by bringing these lambs and these sacrifices that they believed that God's Lamb would come.

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Hebrews 9:24 says this: *“For Christ is not entered into the holy places made with hands, which are the figures of the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God for us.”*

Christ did not enter into the holy place made with hands, (the earthly tabernacle) with the blood of others. He has entered into heaven itself into the presence of God with His own precious blood which He put on the mercy seat of glory.

He sufficiently, effectually, and eternally, purged all of our sins with His own blood. With these animal sacrifices, *“It is not possible that the blood of bulls and goats to put away sin.”*

In **verse 5** it says; *“Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith, Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, but a body hast thou prepared me.”*

When Christ came into the world, He said; *“A body thou hast prepared me.”* I preached on that last Sunday, *“This is a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptation, that Jesus Christ came into the world.”*

This is what I told you when Christ came into the world, He said; *“A body Thou hast thou prepared me.”* He lived before. He is God from the beginning. He is the one which was, which is, and forevermore shall be. *“He is the beginning and the end; He is Alpha and Omega”* and He is eternally God.

God the Father prepared for the Son, a body. That body was a body with the nature of men, a human nature. God was in human flesh. The Lamb of God who has come to do the redemptive will of God is housed in a human body, in a tabernacle of clay and flesh.

That is how *“He could be tempted and tried in all points as we are, yet without sin. It became Him to be made like His brethren that He might be a perfect and faithful High Priest.”*

In order to obey the law, He had to be under the law. In order to do what man was required to do, Christ had to become a man. In order to die, Christ had to take on a human body. God cannot die and God cannot suffer.

Man cannot satisfy but the God-man can both satisfy and suffer. It is not how much Christ has suffered but who suffered. Look at **verse 7**; Christ said, *“Lo; I come in the volume of the book it is written of Me.”*

In the body of what book is He talking about? He is talking about the Old Testament Scriptures. *“He died for our sins according to the Scriptures. He was buried and arose again according to the Scriptures,”* the Old Testament Scriptures, and Genesis through Malachi.

That rock was Christ. That Passover Lamb was Christ. That brazen serpent was Christ. That high priest going into the Holy of Holies was Christ. That blood which the priest had in his hand, the blood of an animal, was Christ’s blood in type.

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Christ said, *“Lo, I come, in the volume of the book it is written of me to do thy will O God.”* What is the will of God? They asked Him that one time, *“What shall we do to do the works of God?”* He said, *“Believe on him whom God hath sent.”*

God sent Christ to do what? He said; *“I have come to do the will of the Father and this is the will of the Father that everyone that he hath given me, I will lose nothing but raise it up at the last day.”*

There is the redemptive will of God; *“To take away the first and establish the second.”* You have read that in **Hebrews 10** haven't you? *“Lo I come to do thy will O God. He taketh away the first.”*

We are talking about the Lord Jesus Christ. He said, *“A body thou hast prepared me.”* Christ was with God from the beginning. *“Glorify me with the glory which I had with thee before the world was.”* Yet, *“a body Thou hast prepared me.”* Christ Jesus came into the world to do the will of God, *“to do thy will.”*

“It is written of me in the book; I will take away the first and establish the second.” What is He talking about? He is talking about the first covenant, the covenant of works which He took away. He fulfilled it (the law) and the covenant of grace reigns.

There was the first tabernacle. The first tabernacle was replaced by Christ. That first tabernacle contained the shew bread, the candlesticks, the incense, the ark, and the mercy seat. The tabernacle, the first tabernacle is taken away.

“The veil is rent” and taken away. Christ tabernacled among us. That old tabernacle is where man met God and God met man. We meet God in Christ. God meets us in Christ.

There is no earthly priesthood today except that every believer is a priest. Those Old Testament priests were there. There were the sons of Levi, the sons of Aaron and they were the priests. They went about offering the sacrifices.

They wore their white linen robes. They brought the blood and went through all the motions. That is all gone. Christ is our Great High Priest. Christ represents us before the Father. We are all priests now to offer sacrifices of prayer, praise, thanksgiving, and worship.

That first Adam who brought death is gone. The second Adam is the Lord from Heaven who brought life.

In the first Paradise, the Garden of Eden is gone and you can't find it. Don't look for it. The second eternal home, the paradise of God, is in the Scriptures. Christ said; *“I go to prepare a place for you.”*

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The first nature of sin damned us. He gave us a new nature which is holiness. When they put us in the ground, that old nature will go with it. Our body will rot and go back to the dust and *“the spirit will go back to God who gave it.”*

“The first heaven and earth shall pass away and there will be a new heaven and a new earth wherein dwelleth righteousness.” Christ said, *“Behold; I make all things new. Lo, I come in the volume of the book it is written of me to do thy will O God. I take away the first that I may establish the second.”*

Don't hang on to all of those first elements, replicas, types and pictures; discard them and throw them away. *“Worship God in the Spirit, rejoice in Jesus Christ and have no confidence in the flesh.”*

Every believer is a priest. Every believer is a saint. Every believer is a king in the Kingdom of God. Christ hath the preeminence. He bought for us all the same thing through the offering of His blood.

Verse 10 says, *“By the which will we are sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.”*

By God's will, *“by the which will.”* Whose will, our will? No, it is by His will. It is by God's will not our will but by His will *“we are sanctified once for all, (made holy) through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all.”*

My friends; *“It is not of him that willeth or him that runneth; it is God that showeth mercy. We are born again, not of the will of the flesh, not of the will of man but of the will of God. Of His own will He begat He us with the word of truth.”*

I wish we would read the Bible; it says, *“He taketh away the first that he may establish the second.”* Christ said, *“O Lord I come to do your will.”* And, *“By which will, we are sanctified, (we are made holy), we are sanctified once for all through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ.”*

You don't get sanctified in the presence of God by coming down to an altar and having a bunch of people surround you weeping and crying. They will beat on your back and talk to you about religious things. You are sanctified once for all by the offering of the blood and body of the Lord Jesus Christ. That is what God's Word says.

You are holy and sanctified, completely sanctified because Christ is our sanctification. The Scripture tells us this; *“Who of God (Christ) is made unto us wisdom, righteousness, sanctification and redemption.”*

I will tell you this; you are not going to sanctify this old flesh of yours. *“In the flesh dwelleth no good thing. In the flesh no man can please God. Flesh and blood shall not inherit the Kingdom of God.”*

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We are sanctified in spirit, in soul, in Christ “*once for all.*” We have a nature that cannot sin because it is born of God. It is a divine nature and:

**“Nearer so nearer to Christ
Nearer I cannot be,
In the person of His Son
I am as near as He.”**

With His spotless garments on I am as holy as God’s Son.

We grow in faith and we grow in love, patience, and these things. My friends, when a man comes to Christ by faith and is washed in the blood of Christ, he is holy, totally, completely, eternally, absolutely, and sanctified by one offering.

You read these words very carefully; I am going to give them to you briefly in **verses 11 through 14**. There were many priests and Christ was one of them. “*Many priests standeth,*” they never sat down; their work was never finished. “*Daily, they offered sacrifices* (over, over, and over again, every day), *offering the same sacrifices which can never take away sin.*”

I’m talking about the Old Testament priesthood. Don’t try to reinstate it; Christ has fulfilled it and it is gone. Put it away and bury it. “*But, this man, (Christ the God-man) after He had offered one sacrifice for sin (Himself), forever, sat down on the right hand of God.*”

“*He was the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world.*” He sat down. Why did He sit down? He finished His work. Where? “*On the right hand of God, the Majesty on high, expecting till his enemies be made His footstool.*”

“*For by one offering, (the one sacrifice of Himself and His blood), He has perfected forever them that are sanctified.*” I like this word “*perfected.*”

You might ask me if I am perfect. In the flesh I am not. I would like to be but I am not, neither are you or any other son of Adam. I am perfect in Christ; He has perfected me forever. And He has perfected them forever that God has sanctified and set apart.

The Holy Ghost is a witness of this. God said; “*I will make a new covenant with them and I will remember their sins no more.*”