

# The Perfect Sacrifice

Hebrews 9:23-28  
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Three reasons Jesus was the perfect sacrifice:

## I. Jesus' sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_ us for heaven.

### A. The tabernacles needed to be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 9:23 (NIV84)** It was necessary, then, for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these sacrifices, but the heavenly things themselves with better sacrifices than these.

**John 1:29 (NIV)** The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

### B. It was \_\_\_\_\_ that Jesus died!

**Hebrews 9:24 (NIV84)** For Christ did not enter a man-made sanctuary that was only a copy of the true one; he entered heaven itself, now to appear for us in God's presence.

#### 1. WE are the 'tabernacle'/temple where God now dwells!

**2 Corinthians 6:16b (NIV)** For we are the temple of the living God.

**Ephesians 2:22 (NIV)** And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

**Ephesians 1:13-14 (NIV84)** Having believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

## II. Jesus' sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_ forgiveness for our sins.

### A. One sacrifice, that's \_\_\_\_\_.

**Hebrews 9:25-26 (NIV84)** Nor did he enter heaven to offer himself again and again, the way the high priest enters the Most Holy Place every year with that is not his own.

<sup>26</sup> Then Christ would have had to suffer many times since the creation of the world. But now he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself.

#### 1. Don't get confused by 1 John 1:9.

**1 John 1:9 (NIV)** If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

#### 2. All means all and that's all all means.

**1 John 1:7 (NIV84)** But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin.

**Romans 6:10 (NIV84)** The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

**Hebrews 7:27 (NIV84)** Unlike the other high priests, he does not need to offer sacrifices day after day, first for his own sins, and then for the sins of the people. He sacrificed for their sins once for all when he offered himself.

## III. Jesus' sacrifice \_\_\_\_\_ salvation for believers.

### A. After death comes \_\_\_\_\_ for unbelievers.

**Hebrews 9:27 (NIV84)** Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment,

#### 1. We get ONE shot at this! Heaven or Hell are at stake.

**Revelation 20:15 (NIV)** Anyone whose name was not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire.

**2 Thessalonians 1:8-9 (NIV)** He will punish those who do not know God and do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus. 9 They will be punished with everlasting destruction and shut out from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might.

### B. Jesus' sacrifice brings \_\_\_\_\_ for believers.

**Hebrews 9:28 (NIV84)** so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people; and he will appear a second time, not to bear sin, but to bring salvation to those who are waiting for him.

**1 Peter 3:18 (NIV)** For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God.

## IV. \_\_\_\_\_ does it matter?

### A. You and I get to make a choice: Will you receive Jesus' perfect sacrifice for your sins or will you pay for them yourself?

#### Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever sacrificed something valuable for another person? Explain why you did this and if it was worth it.
2. Imagine yourself living under the Levitical sacrificial system. Why would it be difficult to believe that Jesus' sacrifice was all that was now needed?
3. How many of your sins did Jesus die for? Discuss the statement: "In order to get forgiveness, I need to confess all my sins." Why is this statement not true?
4. Discuss your understanding of what happens to unbelievers at the point of death. Contrast that to what happens to believers. Use Scripture to make your points.
5. Tell your story, describing how you received forgiveness through Jesus' sacrifice.

Next Week's Verses: Hebrews 10:1-10