

Confessions

- I am a child of God!
- God loves me
- I have the mind of Christ
- I am always above, never beneath
- I walk in peace
- I am 10 times wiser than the world
- I have self control
- I am the head and not the tail
- I love myself
- I make good choices
- I have quick understanding



Confessions Con't

- I will respect adults, other students, and myself at all times
- I will communicate with my parents in **ADVANCE**
- I will be organized-keeping up with my books, paper, pencils, & school work
- I will put things back in their proper place
- I am on time
- I will be bold enough to ask when I don't know
- I will respect personal space
- Today is the best day of my life
- I am a child of God!



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The Better Sacrifice



Focus Thought

Because the sacrifices in the Tabernacle could not remove sin, Jesus offered Himself as the better sacrifice.

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Focus Verse

Hebrews 9:28

²⁸ so also Christ was offered once for all time as a sacrifice to take away the sins of many people. He will come again, not to deal with our sins, but to bring salvation to all who are eagerly waiting for him.



Lesson Text

Hebrews 9:22–28

²² In fact, according to the law of Moses, nearly everything was purified with blood. For without the shedding of blood, there is no forgiveness.

²³ That is why the Tabernacle and everything in it, which were copies of things in heaven, had to be purified by the blood of animals. But the real things in heaven had to be purified with far better sacrifices than the blood of animals.

²⁴ For Christ did not enter into a holy place made with human hands, which was only a copy of the true one in heaven. He entered into heaven itself to appear now before God on our behalf.



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²⁵ And he did not enter heaven to offer himself again and again, like the high priest here on earth who enters the Most Holy Place year after year with the blood of an animal. ²⁶ If that had been necessary, Christ would have had to die again and again, ever since the world began. But now, once for all time, he has appeared at the end of the age^[a] to remove sin by his own death as a sacrifice.

²⁷ And just as each person is destined to die once and after that comes judgment,



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Lesson Text

Hebrews 10:11–14

¹¹ Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. ¹² But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. ¹³ There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. ¹⁴ For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy.



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John 1:29

²⁹ The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look! The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!”

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I. Side effects

- A. Bleaching products can have multiple side effects such as damaging the dental enamel, causing irritation to the gums, tooth sensitivity, damage to the roots of teeth, and more. Some of these effects are lasting; for example the damage to the dental enamel is permanent and irreversible.
- B. According a recent World Health Organization report, our obsession with germ killing has resulted in antibiotic-resistant bacteria in every corner of the globe. In the U.S. the overuse of antibiotics in farming to prevent animals from getting sick and to fatten them up is also widely fingered as the No. 1 source of drug-resistant bacteria. And every year, 2 million Americans get infections not treatable with antibiotics — and 23,000 of them die. The animals get slaughtered, but we get sick. “Some data suggest that long-term exposure to certain active ingredients used in antibacterial products — for example, triclosan (liquid soaps) and triclocarban (bar soaps) — could pose health risks, such as bacterial resistance or hormonal effects,” the FDA stated.



I. The High Priest Offered Sacrifices for the People

- A. Since the Levitical high priest was himself a sinner, he was required to offer sacrifices for his own sins, as well as for the sin of those whom he represented. (Jesus didn't have to!!!)
- B. Blood of Bulls and Goats
 - The Tabernacle was symbolic.
 - The ritual offerings offered no assurance of right standing with God. The blood from bulls and goats did not take away sin but merely served to remind Israel of their sinfulness, the sacrifices left the people of Israel with a troubled conscience.
 - A “clear conscience” with God, just like today, was gained by faith in God.



How many rituals associated with the Law of Moses can you think of that were symbols fulfilled in the New Covenant?



I. The High Priest Offered Sacrifices for the People

- A. Once a Year Took the Blood Behind the Veil (Day of Atonement).
 - Bull for priest and family
 - Goat for the people
- B. Never Removed the Sin
 - As dramatic as the events of the Day of Atonement were, they were mere symbols of a greater reality (ex. communion)
 - The rituals were frightening and exclusive.
 - The sacrificial rituals of the Law of Moses were external; they did not deal with the needs of the inner man.
 - There were many regulations.
 - Termination of the Law of Moses with the coming Messiah
 - New Covenant (cleansed conscience)

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What was the original purpose for tabernacle worship?

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Since the sacrifices of the Law of Moses did not deal with the sin problem, how were people saved before the coming of Christ?

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II. Jesus Came to Die for Our Sins

- A. The Old Testament prophecies anticipated that the coming of the Messiah would deal with the sin problem by bearing the sins of humanity.
- B. Jesus Was the Better Sacrifice
 - The previous sacrifices were inferior and inadequate (they were “shadows” of what was needed-God took no pleasure in them)
 - Since the Law was made up of shadows, and every sacrifice was merely a representation of something good to come, those sacrifices, though offered year after year, could never make perfect those who approached God by means of them.
 - Jesus’ sacrifice was superior. His sacrifice purifies those who approach God through Jesus Christ and leaves them with no more consciousness of sins.



Can you draw parallels between the symbolic content of the Law of Moses and the fulfillment found in the New Covenant? Explain.



II. Jesus Came to Die for Our Sins

- A. Jesus Was the Better Sacrifice
- B. His Blood Remits Sin Completely
 - The one sacrifice of Christ was sufficient; there is no need for any further sacrifice.
 - The New Covenant implication is that the offering of the body of Christ was able to do what the blood of bulls and goats could not do.



Why is it important for us to be reminded of our sinfulness and the power of Jesus' sacrifice through the practice of the Lord's Supper?

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