

WARM-UP

WORD

⁸When 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), ⁹then he added, “Behold, I have come to do your will.” He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. **HEBREWS 10:8-10**

In our hearts, we know that when we do something wrong, we should do what it takes to make it right. Sin is like a debt that needs to be paid, and we do what we can to make things right. However, our best efforts—including sacrifices and offerings—are in vain and inadequate. We cannot save ourselves and make right our wrongs. That’s why Jesus became a man and took our sins upon Himself. He paid the price for our sins and He has done away with the need for sacrifice—because He became the sacrifice for us, once for all. In this lesson, we will look more at what Jesus’ sacrifice means for us.

1 No More Judgment

In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace . . . **EPHESIANS 1:7**

Because we are sinners, we deserve to be judged for our sins and should be eternally separated from God in a place called hell. But the good news is Jesus paid the price for our redemption and forgiveness. In Christ, we are saved. There is no need to sacrifice anymore and there is no more judgment. What have we been saved from? How have we been saved?

2 No More Guilt

. . . how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to serve the living God. **HEBREWS 9:14**

The writer of the book of Hebrews was comparing the result of animal sacrifice, which is limited, to the perfect and complete sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. Because of Jesus’ shed blood on the cross—once for all, we are forgiven, our consciences have been purified, and there is no more guilt and shame for our sins. How would you compare a person who carries guilt with a person who has been freed from guilt? Share your testimony of how Christ freed you from your sin and guilt.

3 No More Bondage

⁵. . . *To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood* ⁶*and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.* **REVELATION 1:5,6**

If we receive Jesus as our Lord and Savior, He not only saves us and forgives us—He frees us from the power of sin and death. By His blood and through His sacrifice, we are free and there is no more bondage in our lives. Before you became a Christian, what were you enslaved to? How did you experience this freedom Christ has given you?