

## The Supremacy of Christ and Christianity

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TODAY'S MESSAGE | MARCH 7, 2021

## The Blessings of Christ's Salvation Hebrews 10:1-18

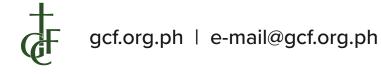
The whole of Hebrews chapter 9 describes a theology of salvation – it sums up how Jesus accomplished it for us. It also highlights that the old covenant was a necessary but interim episode in redemptive history. Now in our passage we see what a tremendous blessing – and a significant difference – Christ's salvation is from all other (including presently claimed) ways of salvation:

## ONLY JESUS' EFFECTIVE SACRIFICE SAVES US FROM THE TORTURE OF GUILT (vv. 1-4)

- Guilt often never left people under the old covenant.
   The cyclical nature of the rituals themselves reminded them of it.
- Under the new covenant, there is both a once and forever forgiveness (Romans 8:1), and a day to day forgiveness: "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9). Don't let guilt ravage you. Let Christ's mercy set you free (John 8:1-11).

## ONLY JESUS' EFFECTIVE SACRIFICE SATISFIES THE STANDARDS OF GOD (vv. 5-10)

- Jesus is the only way to God because He is the only one appointed by God, as Psalm 40:6-8 proves and as Hebrews 10:10 confirms: 'And by that will [of God] we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all".
- It wasn't any church or religion that narrowed down salvation to just one and only one way, it was God Himself. God has given us no other option. Jesus Christ is God's only way and God will accept nothing else (John 14:6).



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### ONLY JESUS' EFFECTIVE SACRIFICE SUFFICES FOREVER (vv. 11-18)

• Verses 11-14: The futility of human priests repeatedly offering sacrifices, versus the once and for all time finished work of Jesus Christ.

The fact that Christ's sacrifice is "for all time" (vv. 12, 14) means that a genuine Christian cannot "unsave" himself. When you struggle about your assurance of salvation, check if it's an issue of taking God at His Word, or whether you need to verify the genuineness of your initial conversion experience. An error about this could be eternally fatal.

God's Spirit in a believer helps us be assured. Here is a simple test in four key areas to help assess if God has indeed "put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds"

1.	A change	of heart about God:	"This is how	I used to i	magine
	God	But now			,, •

- 2. A change of heart about sin.
- 3. A change of heart about the Bible.
- 4. A change of heart about God's family, the church.

#### **Final Thoughts**

These are just *some* of the many blessings of being saved when you put your trust in the sacrificial death and victorious resurrection of Christ. As you partake of the elements from the Lord's Table today, may the magnitude of Christ's glorious redemption sink in, and fill your heart with a grateful love to our God who loved us first, through Jesus Christ.

#### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

- 1. How does guilt hinder a person from joyfully worshiping God? How can someone you love who isn't a believer yet and who is torn by guilt, be set free? How would you help a believer who is tortured by guilt?
- 2. How would you respond to a person who tells you "why do sometimes feel that I am not yet saved"? What steps would you take to determine their true spiritual condition?
- 3. Pray together as a family or group if anyone in the group is uncertain of salvation, this is the best time to pray for God to become real to them. If all are certain that rejoice in God and worship Him together for His matchless grace and love.

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2 Corinthians 9:7

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