**SERMON SHEET 9/8/24**

**Study of Hebrews #41**

**“Our Perfect, Once for All Sacrifice”**

**Text: Hebrews 10:1-18**

I. Introduction & review

1. Theme: Supremacy of Christ in all things
2. Target audience: Jewish professors of faith
3. Purpose: Encouragement of true believers to stand firm
4. Recent focal point: The importance of blood in both Old & New Covenants

II. The problems with the old system

1. It provided no justification before God (v. 1).
2. It effected no internal change (v. 2).
3. It provided no removal of sin (v. 4).
4. It served as a reminder of sin (v. 3).

III. The plan for the new system

1. It was initiated by the arrival of the Messiah (v. 5a).
2. It was implemented by the miracle of the Incarnation (v. 5c, 10).
3. It was accomplished by the obedience of the Savior (v. 7).

IV. The perfection of the new system

1. It provides sanctification for God’s people (vs. 10, 14, 16)
	1. Positional sanctification
	2. Progressive sanctification
2. It removes the sin of God’s people (vs. 11-12).
3. It provides eternal forgiveness for God’s people (v. 17).
4. It seals the fate of God’s enemies (v. 13).

IV. Conclusion – a final word

**QUOTES**

1. Kent Hughes:

*The writer of Hebrews was writing to admonish and encourage his friends, a small group of Jewish Christians who were scared stiff! Some had begun to avoid contact with outsiders. Some had even withdrawn from the worshiping community altogether (10:25). The author feared there might be those who, if arrested, would succumb to the conditions of release—a public denial of Christ (6:6; 10:29). The tiny home-church was asking some hard questions: Did God know what was going on? If so, how could this be happening to them? Did he care? Only God could protect them, but where was he? Why did he not answer? Why the silence of God?*

2. Albert Mohler:

* *The law could do nothing to alleviate the guilt of the human conscience. The logic of verse 2 is that if old covenant sacrifices had sufficiently delivered all the promises of God, the priests would have stopped offering them. But they did not stop offering them. Sacrifices were made daily, weekly, and yearly. Israel’s sacrifices could not keep up with the people’s sinfulness*.
* *When the high priest went into the most holy place on the Day of Atonement and sprinkled the blood of the animal on the mercy seat, God withheld his wrath for another year. Thus, God received every sacrifice that preceded Christ’s sacrifice as a means of suspending his wrath against sin*.
* *Christ accomplished everything necessary for the forgiveness of our sins. Because Jesus’s offering for sin was sufficient to forgive our sins once for all time, his offering was sufficient to end all other offerings*.

3. Charles Spurgeon:

* *A clean sweep has been made of all the ancient rites… These were for the childhood of the Church, the pictures of her first schoolbooks. But we are no longer minors, and we have grace given us to read with opened eyes that everlasting classic of “the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ” (2 Cor 4:6). Now has the brightness of the former dispensation been quite eclipsed by the glory that excels.*
* *Christ has set His foot upon the old dragon’s head and crushed out His power. Still, however, a feeble fight is kept up. Feeble, I say, for so it is to Christ, though to us it seems vigorous. Sin … within us, and all Christ’s enemies without us, including death itself, are vainly raging against the Christ of God, for every day they are being put beneath His feet. Every day as the battle rages the victory turns unto the enthroned Christ*.

4. Scotty Smith:

*For salvation isn’t just about getting us into heaven, but also getting “heaven” into us. [God’s] grace doesn’t just save us from old sin and regrets, but also from today and tomorrow’s failures*.

**SUPPORTING SCRIPTURE:**

* **Heb. 10:32-35; Ex. 24:6-8; Heb. 9:22; Heb. 10:4; Heb. 9:12; Heb. 2:3**
* **Phil. 3:12; 1 Tim. 1:15; Matt. 5:48; 2 Cor. 5:21**
* **Luke 1:68-75; John 1:14; John 6:38-40; Phil. 2:8-11; Jer. 31:33-35**
* **Is. 53:10**