Christ’s Death FAR greater than Animal sacrifice

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Hebrews 10:1-31

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Animal Sacrifices Insufficient

10 For the law, having a shadow of the good things to come, *and* not the very image of the things, can never with these same sacrifices, which **they offer continually year by year**, make those who approach perfect. 2 For then would they not have ceased to be offered? For the worshipers, once purified, would have had no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those *sacrifices there is* a reminder of sins every year. 4 For ***it is* not possible that the blood of bulls and goats could take away sins**.

Christ’s Death Fulfills God’s Will

5 Therefore, when He came into the world, He said:

> “Sacrifice and offering You did not desire,
> But a body You have prepared for Me.
> 6 In burnt offerings and *sacrifices* for sin
> You had no pleasure.
> 7 Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come—
> In the volume of the book it is written of Me—
> To do Your will, O God.’”[a]

8 Previously saying, “Sacrifice and offering, burnt offerings, and *offerings* for sin **You did not desire, nor had pleasure *in them***” (which are offered according to the law), 9 then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will, O God.”[b] He takes away the first that He may establish the second. 10 By that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ **once *for all***.

Christ's Death Perfects the Sanctified

11 And every priest **stands** ministering daily and offering repeatedly the same
sacrifices, **which can never take away sins**. 12 But **this Man, after He had
offered one sacrifice for sins forever**, **sat down** at the right hand of God, 13 from
that time waiting till His enemies are made His footstool. 14 For **by one offering He
has perfected forever** those who are being sanctified.

15 But the Holy Spirit also witnesses to us; for after He had said before,

16 "This *is* the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I
will put My laws into their hearts, and in their minds I will write them,"[c] 17 *then He
adds,* "**Their sins and their lawless deeds I will remember no more**."[d] 18 Now
where there is remission of these, *there is* **no longer an offering for sin**.

Hold Fast Your Confession

19 Therefore, brethren, having **boldness** to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus,
20 by a **new and living way** which He consecrated for us, through the veil, that is,
His flesh, 21 and *having* a High Priest over the house of God, 22 let us **draw near**
with a true heart in **full assurance** of **faith**, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil
conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. 23 Let us hold fast the confession
of *our* **hope** without wavering, for He who promised *is* faithful. 24 And let us consider
one another in order to stir up **love** and **good works**,25 not forsaking the assembling
of ourselves together, as *is* the manner of some, but exhorting *one another,* and so
much the more as you see the Day approaching.

The Just Live by Faith

26 For if we **sin willfully** after we have **received the knowledge of the truth**, there
no longer remains a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of
judgment, and fiery indignation which will devour the adversaries. 28 Anyone who has
rejected Moses' law dies without mercy on *the testimony of* two or three witnesses.
29 Of how much worse punishment, do you suppose, will he be thought worthy **who
has trampled the Son of God underfoot**, counted the blood of the covenant by
which he was sanctified **a common thing**, and **insulted the Spirit of grace?** 30 For
we know Him who said, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay,"[e] says the Lord.[f] And
again, "The Lord will judge His people."[g] 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands

of the living God.

What is sin willfully?

- One who has trampled the Son of God underfoot
- Counted the Blood of Christ as a common thing as a Animal sacrifice
- insulted the Spirit of grace

> It is not a Moral sin

Received the knowledge of the truth?

- It doesn’t say Received the Truth
- Received the Truth means Received Jesus (Jesus it the Truth)
- Hence, these are not for Believers
- Believers are the people who
    - Accepted Jesus as their personal savior and not trampled the Son of God underfoot
    - Counted the Blood of Christ as a precious and everlasting sacrifice for sin
    - Accepts the Spirit of Grace
- So Believers can’t sin willfully

> Sin is singular in its context

- Only one sin, which is the unbelief in Christ
- Unbelief in Christ is called sinning willfully

Old Testament

- Old and dying way

Three W’s

- Will of God

- Work of Jesus Christ
- witnesses of the Holy Spirit

Footnotes

a. Hebrews 10:7 Psalm 40:6–8

b. Hebrews 10:9 NU-Text and M-Text omit *O God.*

c. Hebrews 10:16 Jeremiah 31:33

d. Hebrews 10:17 Jeremiah 31:34

e. Hebrews 10:30 Deuteronomy 32:35

f. Hebrews 10:30 NU-Text omits *says the Lord.*

g. Hebrews 10:30 Deuteronomy 32:36

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4 For *it is* impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, 6 if they **fall away**, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and put *Him* to an open shame.

7 For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God;8 but if it bears thorns and briers, *it is* rejected and near to being cursed, whose end *is* to be burned.

What is fall away?

- crucify again for themselves the Son of God
- put *Him* to an open shame