



- Hebrews 1



His Son

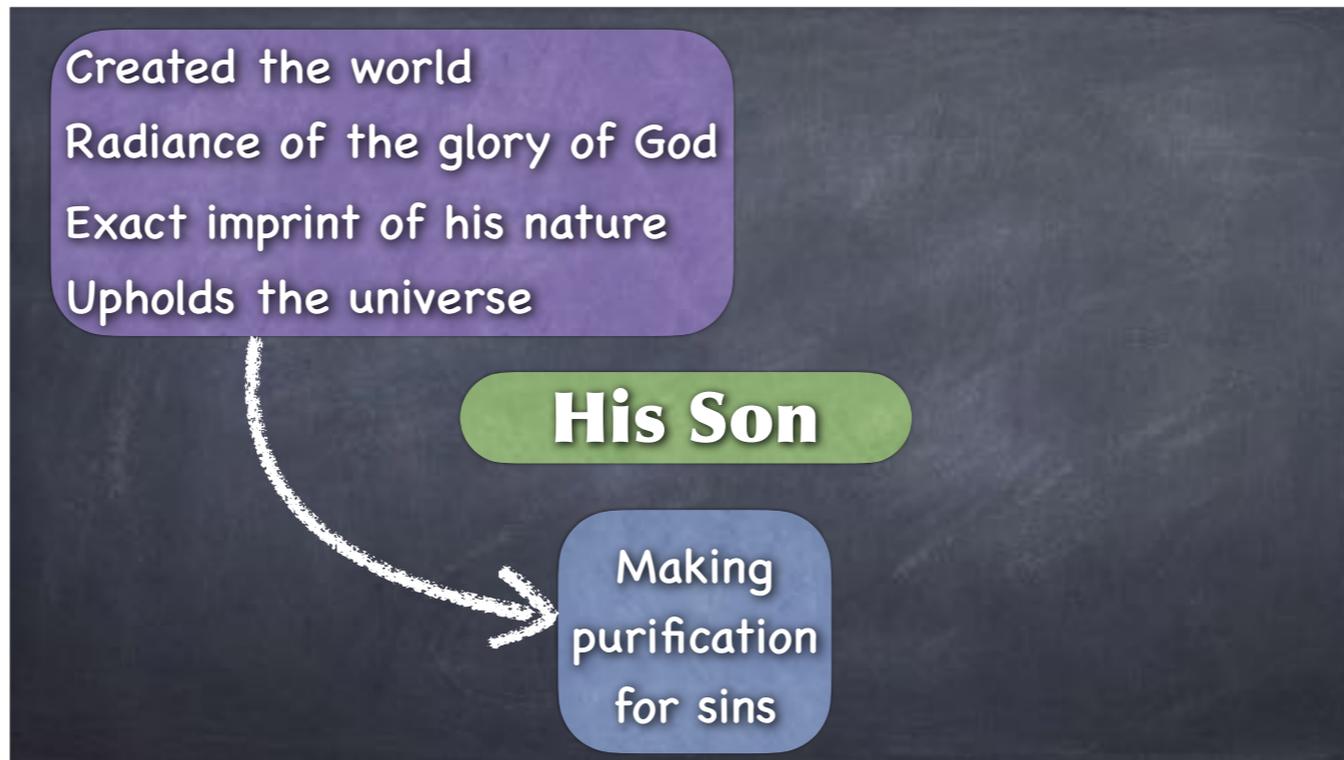
- His Son: Hebrews 1:1-3 (ESV)
 - 1 Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,
 - 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,
 - whom he appointed the heir of all things,
 - through whom also he created the world.
 - 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and
 - the exact imprint of his nature, and
 - he upholds the universe by the word of his power.
 - After making purification for sins,
 - he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

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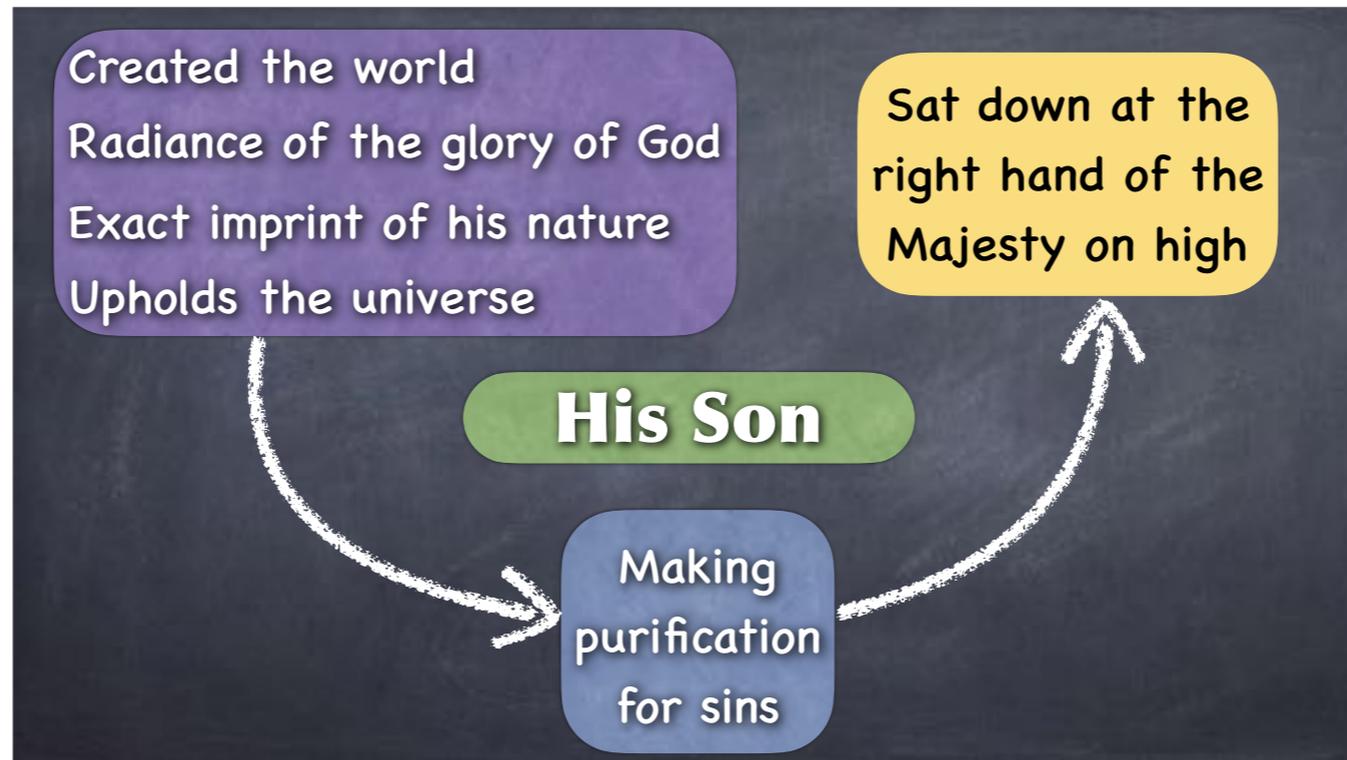
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- Upholds the Universe

DEITY!



- Hebrews 1:3
- “making purification for sins”

Why Jesus left heaven and came to earth.



- Hebrews 1:3: sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high
- Jesus is exalted by the Holy Father.
- Focus on “purification for sins”



- Hebrews 2:10-17
- Jesus is presented to us as one of us
 - "God with us" (Immanuel)
- Not just human
- Our Brother



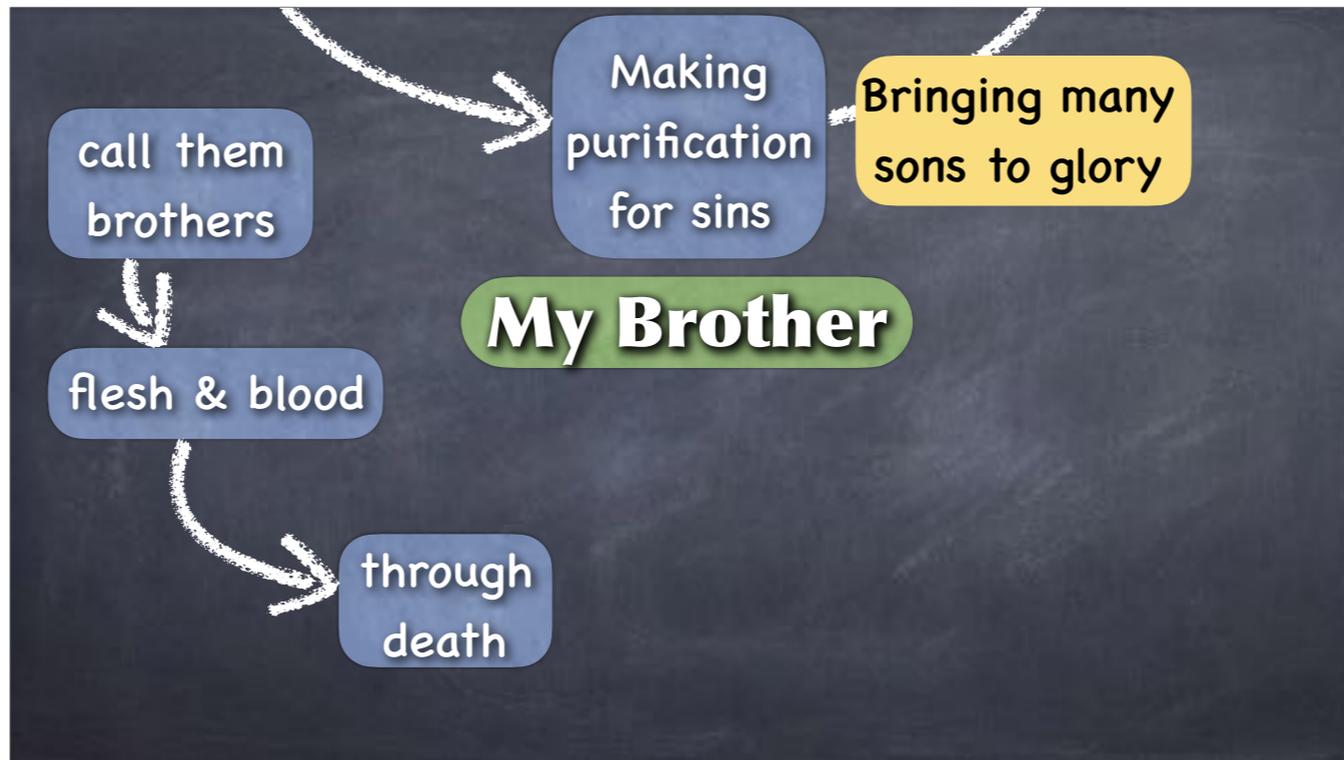
- 10: bringing many sons to glory
- Ultimate object of Jesus' sacrifice, redemption, reconciliation
- He's bringing us to glory!



- 11: "not ashamed to call them brothers"
- 12: "I will tell of your name to my brothers"
- 13: "I and the children God has given me"
- 17: "made like his brothers in every respect"



- 14: Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things



- 14: through death...



- 14: destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil



- 15: deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery



- 16: He helps the offspring of Abraham
- He came to HELP US!



- 17: made like his brothers in every respect...
- merciful and faithful high priest
- propitiation for the sins of the people
- Jesus: Deity, Brother, Deliverer, High Priest

Jesus' Sacrifice

Why is Jesus' sacrifice better?

- Hebrews 9:23: Thus it was necessary for the copies of the heavenly things to be purified with these rites, but the heavenly things themselves with **better sacrifices** than these.

Jesus' Sacrifice

Why is Jesus' sacrifice better?

- We are very aware of the importance and necessity of Jesus' sacrifice...
- (Next - Ephesians 5:2)

Jesus' Sacrifice

**Christ loved us and
gave himself up for us,
a fragrant offering
and sacrifice to God.**

Ephesians 5:2

- Ephesians 5:2: And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Jesus' Sacrifice

since he did this once
for all when he offered
up himself.

Hebrews 7:27

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and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

- Hebrews 7:27: He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people, since he did this once for all when he offered up himself.

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Ephesians 5:2

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Hebrews 9:28

- Hebrews 9:28: so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

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1 Peter 2:24

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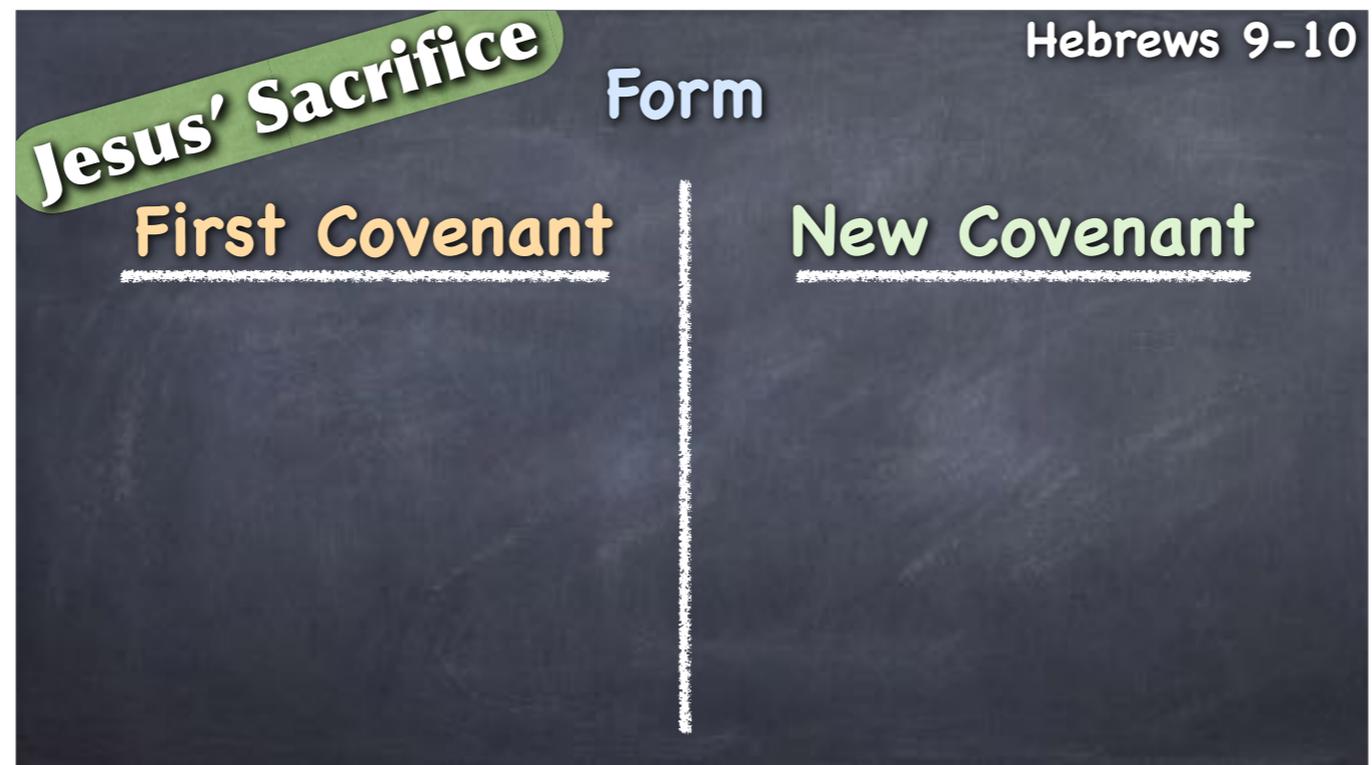
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- Knowing that He offered himself is one thing
- Understanding it is vital
- Last week: learned about sacrifices from Israel
- Now what that means about Jesus' sacrifice



- Hebrews 9 - 10
- Take time to study these chapters if you want to really understand Jesus' sacrifice.



- The Differences in the FORM of the sacrifice is important.

Jesus' Sacrifice

Hebrews 9-10

Form

First Covenant

Priests / High Priest

New Covenant

Christ - High Priest

- Deity
- Brother
- Merciful
- Faithful

- First covenant: priests and High Priest
- New covenant: Christ: better High Priest
 - Deity
 - Brother
 - Merciful and Faithful

Jesus' Sacrifice

Hebrews 9-10

Form

First Covenant

Priests / High Priest
Holy Places

New Covenant

Christ - High Priest
Greater, more perfect tent

- First covenant: Holy places (Holy Place, Most Holy Place)
 - Tabernacle
- New covenant: Greater, more perfect tent
 - Not made with hands
 - Not of this creation

Jesus' Sacrifice

Hebrews 9-10

Form

First Covenant

Priests / High Priest

Holy Places

Copy / Shadow

New Covenant

Christ - High Priest

Greater, more perfect tent

Heavenly

- First covenant: Tabernacle of Israel: copy, shadow
 - NOT the REAL thing
- New covenant:
 - Heavenly! needs better sacrifice than bulls and goats for COPY of heavenly things

Jesus' Sacrifice

Hebrews 9-10

Form

First Covenant

Priests / High Priest

Holy Places

Copy / Shadow

Daily / Once a year

New Covenant

Christ - High Priest

Greater, more perfect tent

Heavenly

Once for all

- First covenant:
 - Priest offered daily sacrifice
 - Day of Atonement once a year
- New covenant:
 - Offered once, for all time
 - Never needs to be repeated.

Jesus' Sacrifice

Hebrews 9-10

Form

First Covenant

Priests / High Priest

Holy Places

Copy / Shadow

Daily / Once a year

Blood - bulls & goats

New Covenant

Christ - High Priest

Greater, more perfect tent

Heavenly

Once for all

Jesus' blood

- First covenant: blood of bulls and goats
- New covenant: Jesus' own blood

Jesus' Sacrifice

Hebrews 9-10

Form

First Covenant

Priests / High Priest

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Gifts/Sacrifices/Offerings

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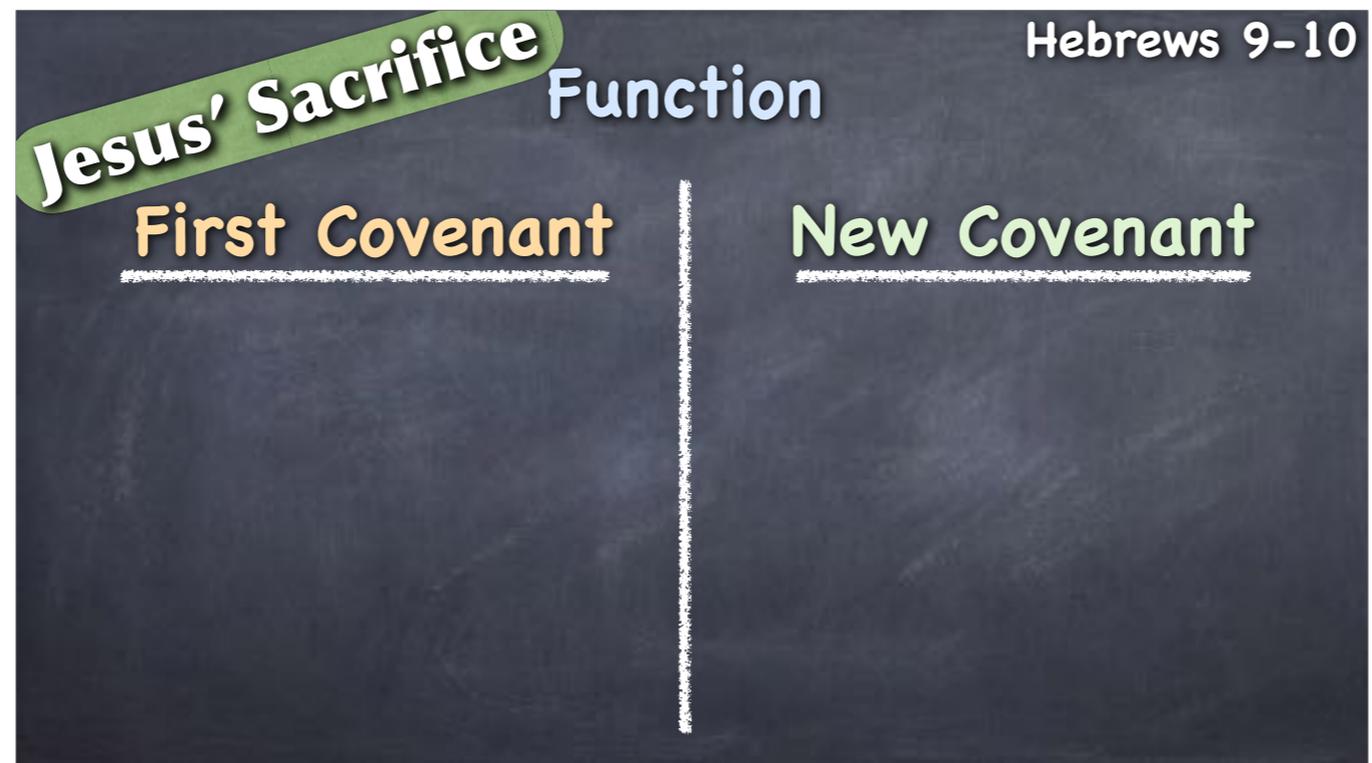
Heavenly

Once for all

Jesus' blood

Offered Himself

- First covenant: Sinners brought gifts, sacrifices, offerings
 - Bulls, goats, etc. which had done no wrong.
- New covenant:
 - Jesus offered himself
 - Not an innocent animal who had no choice
 - Freely! Willingly! Lovingly!
- So Jesus provides for us a better sacrifice:
 - A better high priest
 - In a better (real) place
 - Better sacrifice by choice and only once



- Second, important to understand differences in the function of the sacrifices.
- That is, what does sacrifice do?
- Last week: emphasized that God atoned and forgave sins

Hebrews 9-10

Jesus' Sacrifice Function

<u>First Covenant</u>	<u>New Covenant</u>
Cannot Perfect Conscience	

- First covenant: cannot perfect conscience
 - Under Israel's sacrifices, still aware of sins
 - Still guilt, no peace?

Hebrews 9-10

Jesus' Sacrifice Function

<u>First Covenant</u>	<u>New Covenant</u>
Cannot Perfect Conscience Sanctify	

- First covenant: It did sanctify... make holy
 - but

Hebrews 9-10

Jesus' Sacrifice	Function
<u>First Covenant</u>	<u>New Covenant</u>
Cannot Perfect Conscience	
Sanctify	
Purification of the Flesh	

- First covenant: purification of the flesh
 - Here's the rub... FLESH
 - There's some purification, but not spiritual.

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Jesus' Sacrifice		Function
<u>First Covenant</u>		<u>New Covenant</u>
Cannot Perfect Conscience		Eternal Redemption
Sanctify		Purify Conscience
Purification of the Flesh		

- New covenant: Purify conscience
 - Purity of mind, clear
 - Not just flesh, but mind, spirit

Jesus' Sacrifice

Hebrews 9-10

Function

First Covenant

Cannot Perfect Conscience

Sanctify

Purification of the Flesh

New Covenant

Eternal Redemption

Purify Conscience

Eternal Inheritance

- New covenant: Eternal Inheritance

Hebrews 9-10

Jesus' Sacrifice		Function
<u>First Covenant</u>		<u>New Covenant</u>
Cannot Perfect Conscience		Eternal Redemption
Sanctify		Purify Conscience
Purification of the Flesh		Eternal Inheritance
		Appear in Presence of God

- New covenant: Appear in the Presence of God
 - Not just in the copy, before the ark (represented God's presence)

Jesus' Sacrifice		Hebrews 9-10
		Function
First Covenant	New Covenant	
Cannot Perfect Conscience	Eternal Redemption	
Sanctify	Purify Conscience	
Purification of the Flesh	Eternal Inheritance	
	Appear in Presence of God	
	On our Behalf	

- New covenant: On our behalf
 - He did it for me!
- Jesus' sacrifice does so much more for us than the sacrifices of Israel
 - Complete forgiveness
 - An eternal home

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Jesus' Sacrifice	Result
<u>First Covenant</u>	<u>New Covenant</u>

- The Results are very different also!



- First covenant: could never make perfect those who draw near
 - 2X "perfect" is used.



- First covenant: There is a reminder of sins every year.
 - Every day, week, month offerings
 - Special feast days
 - Yearly Day of Atonement

Hebrews 9-10

Jesus' Sacrifice	Result
<u>First Covenant</u> Never Make Perfect Reminder of sins Never take away sin	<u>New Covenant</u>

- First covenant: Never take away sin (10:11)
 - Kept doing it over and over, but sin is always there.

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Jesus' Sacrifice	Result
<u>First Covenant</u> Never Make Perfect Reminder of sins Never take away sin	<u>New Covenant</u> Forgiveness

- New covenant: Forgiveness

Hebrews 9-10

Jesus' Sacrifice	Result
<u>First Covenant</u> Never Make Perfect Reminder of sins Never take away sin	<u>New Covenant</u> Forgiveness Perfect

- New covenant: perfected
 - 3X! But in a good sense finally.

Jesus' Sacrifice

Hebrews 9-10

Result

First Covenant

Never Make Perfect
Reminder of sins
Never take away sin

New Covenant

Forgiveness
Perfected
Remember Sins No More

- New covenant: Remember sins no more.
 - God doesn't remember.
 - If God doesn't should we?

Jesus' Sacrifice

Hebrews 9-10

Result

First Covenant

Never Make Perfect
Reminder of sins
Never take away sin

New Covenant

Forgiveness
Perfected
Remember Sins No More
Put Away Sin

- New covenant: Put Away sin
 - Finality.

Jesus' Sacrifice

Hebrews 9-10

Result

First Covenant

Never Make Perfect
Reminder of sins
Never take away sin

New Covenant

Forgiveness
Perfected
Remember Sins No More
Put Away Sin
Being Sanctified

- New covenant: those who are being sanctified

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Jesus' Sacrifice

Hebrews 9-10

Result

First Covenant

Never Make Perfect

Reminder of sins

Never take away sin

New Covenant

Forgiveness

Perfected

Remember Sins No More

Put Away Sin

Being Sanctified

- Jesus' Sacrifice is better because of the completeness of forgiveness
- But it goes beyond forgiveness and salvation
- Daily, practical meaning of Jesus' sacrifice in my life.
- Remember 1 Peter 2:24

Being Sanctified

He himself bore our sins
in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin
and live to
righteousness. By his
wounds you have been
healed.

1 Peter 2:24

- Jesus' death is grander, better, than just
 - keeping us from being punished for our sins
 - keeping us from facing God's wrath (no matter how just it is)

Being Sanctified

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in his body on the tree,
that we might die to sin
and live to
righteousness. By his
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- Jesus' death is also about transforming us to be in His image.
- Jesus' death is about bringing us into fellowship with our holy Father.

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1 Peter 2:24

- He died so that I could die, die to sin.
- He died so that I could live, live to righteousness



- What does it mean that we are being sanctified?



- Let us (3 statements): because of our salvation, forgiveness
- Hebrews 10:19-21: Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh, 21 and since we have a great priest over the house of God

Being Sanctified

Let Us

- Draw near with a true heart

Hebrews 10:22: let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.



- Draw near to God
 - Israel, at Mt. Sinai, was repeatedly told to stay away — or death.
 - There was great fear from all the people
 - In Christ, though
 - CONFIDENCE
 - Hebrews 12:28: receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken
- True heart
- Full assurance of faith
 - Cleansed — looking at our baptism
- Will you draw near to God?



- Hebrews 10:23: Let us **hold fast** the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
- HOPE
 - What God for his people Israel, for hundreds of years, despite their often unfaithfulness: salvation: daily, monthly, yearly
 - He did for us through Christ
 - You have a reason to hope for eternal life.

Being Sanctified

Let Us

- Draw near with a true heart
- Hold fast the confession
- Consider how to stir up one another

FAITH!

HOPE!

- Hebrews 10:24-25: And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

Being Sanctified

Let Us

- Draw near with a true heart
- Hold fast the confession
- Consider how to stir up one another

FAITH!

HOPE!

- Consider one another
 - Our being holy is not about holiness in isolation, or in separation
 - Just like Jesus, I need to think about others and consider how I can help them to be holy.
 - It requires sacrifice on my part, and a determination to help them.

Being Sanctified

Let Us

- Draw near with a true heart
- Hold fast the confession
- Consider how to stir up one another

FAITH!
HOPE!
LOVE!

- Stirring up love and good works
 - This is holiness in action for others: focused and purposeful
 - Do we know that we love each other?
 - If there's one among us who does know our love, we are not being holy.
 - Are we doing good together? Both for us and for the world?
 - Are we meeting together to help each other?
 - Do we encourage each other when we are together and daily?



- In Jesus we have a great salvation.
 - He's the perfect sacrifice — forgiveness
 - In Him we have faith and hope and love.
- Acts 4:12 — And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.”

We implore you
on behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.

2 Corinthians 5:20

Call to Action

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A Great Salvation

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Jesus: The Better Sacrifice

Hebrews 9:23

Synopsis: Most Christians are familiar with the fact that Jesus was sacrificed for our sins. In this lesson, we'll explore the meaning of that sacrifice, including how it differs from the first covenant sacrifices and the implications of Jesus' sacrifice for our daily lives. Based on "The Dragon Slayer" by Jim McGuigan

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