

## APPLICATION

- Jesus' sacrifice never needs to be repeated. How does this truth affect your relationship with God? How will it change the way you live and respond to Him?
- How does our future reality in Christ and His Second Coming affect your perspective and the way you live? What can you do this week to reflect the hope you have in Jesus and His finished work?
- We don't need to earn our salvation because Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient for all people, all sins, and all time. Present the gospel to someone who needs to hear this truth this week.

## PRAYER

- Thank God for the saving work of Christ, whose sacrifice on the cross brought us back, by faith, to a right relationship with God.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live life in light of eternity—that your priorities, choices, and relationships would reflect a heart anchored in Jesus' finished work and victory.
- Pray for those going through trials to find hope in the truth that Jesus' sacrifice is sufficient, and He will return to save those who eagerly wait for Him.

# JESUS >

## Better Sacrifice

WEEK 9

## WARM-UP

- Tell us about an item you recently purchased that you consider a good deal.
- When was the last time someone did you a favor? How did you show your appreciation?
- Have you ever completed a payment for an expense you initially thought you couldn't afford? How did you feel?

**WORD** *<sup>11</sup>But when Christ appeared as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and more perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation) <sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption.*

**HEBREWS 9:11–12**

(Read also **HEBREWS 9:13–28.**)

Leviticus details the sacrificial system God instituted so His people could live out their relationship with Him. Various kinds of offerings and sacrifices were to be made, some to atone for sin and others for cleansing and purification. The high priest acted as the mediator between man and God—providing a sacrificial offering first for his cleansing, before facilitating the sacrifice on behalf of God's people. This was a foreshadowing of what Jesus would do. But Jesus, our high priest and mediator forever, also served as the sacrifice for sin so people could draw near to God. Why is Jesus' sacrifice better than any other?



1 | Jesus' single sacrifice never needs repeating.

*. . .<sup>12</sup>he entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption. . . .<sup>26</sup>for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself.* **HEBREWS 9:12, 26**

Unlike the sacrifices made in the Old Testament that had to be repeated each year and could only cover certain kinds of sin of the Israelites, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross is once and for all time, all kinds of sin, and all kinds of people. This points us to the reality that *it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins* (Hebrews 10:4). When our Savior died on the cross, further sacrifices were no longer necessary. Jesus' sacrifice is better than the sacrifices under the old covenant. He wasn't just our high priest; He became the sacrifice. On the cross, Jesus took the weight of our sins and died the death we deserved. How does knowing Christ's sacrifice is sufficient affect your identity as someone who has full trust in His finished work?

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2 | Jesus' sacrifice brings full cleansing.

*. . . 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**

Animal sacrifices could never totally cleanse man from sin. Only the sacrifice of Jesus once for all could do this. God's will is for us to be sanctified—set apart from sin and set apart for Himself. What Jesus did on the cross meant not only our external purification but included our inner being. Now, we are free to live for Him without guilt and shame. How does this influence your perspective as you serve Him?

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3 | Jesus' sacrifice secures eternal redemption.

*Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.* **HEBREWS 9:15**

Jesus' sacrifice also seals the promise to every believer who has placed their trust in His finished work. It guarantees eternal life with God and hope for resurrection. Because of Christ's sacrifice, we can look forward to eternity with God. In light of this, how can you view your present circumstances?

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