

# Jesus is Better – Hebrews

Hebrews 10:1-18

“He Remembers Your Sin No More” – May 13, 2018



## Introduction

If you put your hand on the stove, not knowing it's on, your body's instinct is to immediately pull away. It's hot! In the same way, following Jesus can be costly ([2 Tim. 3:12](#)). When the 'heat' gets turned up our instinct might be to distance ourselves *from* Jesus in order to find safety. That's what the original readers of Hebrews were tempted with. After leaving Judaism to trust in Christ, they were now tempted to go back to the old covenant (with the temple, the sacrifices and old covenant Levitical priests). In Hebrews 10, the author writes to encourage the reader that we should endure the temporary discomforts of following Jesus, because He is the eternal solution to our sin.

## Pray

Before you begin, take some time to ask God to help you understand His word, to reveal what needs to change in you, and for the grace to follow Him in response. To help, use [Psalm 119:33-40](#) as a prayer for God to open His word up to you.

## Sermon Outline

- I. Sin creates a problem you can't fix (10:1-10)
- II. In the end, you won't regret trusting Jesus (10:11-18)

## Read & Discuss

- 1) Read [Hebrews 10:1-10](#)

Hebrews 10:1-4 show us how serious our sin problem is, then Hebrews 10:5-10 show us how glorious God's solution to that problem is. Our greatest problem in life is not the bills we have to pay, the job we have to find, or sickness we have to overcome; it's not even sin itself. As serious as those problems are, our greatest problem is God's righteous anger against our sin. He is infinitely good, infinitely righteous...and no amount of religion, good works, or old covenant sacrifices can fix it. But that's why Jesus came! Starting in v5, our author quotes Psalm 40:6-8 showing how it, written 1,000 years *before* Jesus' earthly ministry, was written *for* Jesus.

Take a moment to read [Psalm 50:7-15](#). How can scripture say that God is not pleased with offerings and sacrifices when He is the one who commanded them? What does it teach us about God that trust in Him and what He has done *for* us is what pleases Him (Heb. 11:6)? When we're tempted to see God as unkind, unloving, or heavy-handed in the difficulties of life, how does Jesus' willingness to accept God's will show us God's love?

Additional reading: Psalm 51:4, Hebrews 10:31, Romans 5:8, Isaiah 53:3-5, John 10:18

## 2) Read [Hebrews 10:11-18](#)

Sometimes when we make a big investment in something, we may have buyer's remorse afterward. After giving our lives to Christ only to face hardship, we may be tempted to ask if our decision was the right one. But no one who trusts in God will be put to shame. To bolster our assurance as followers of Christ, Hebrews reminds us of 3 results from Jesus' sacrifice:

i) *Confidence* (vv11-14) – To both the church and the individual, the confidence of Jesus is meant to be the confidence of the Christian. Because Christ has finished the work of our redemption with a single offering for all time, the victory has been won, the enemy has been defeated. How can we encourage each other when our confidence in Christ's finished work begins to waver?

ii) *Empowerment* (vv15-16) – Reviewing the benefits of the new covenant promised in Jeremiah 31 and inaugurated by Jesus' death ([Heb. 9:15-17](#)), we're reminded that God gives us His Spirit to work in us both the desire and ability to obey His promises. What difference does that make for how you live the Christian life, evangelize, or care for other Christians?

iii) *Forgiveness* (vv17-18) – Satan, the great accuser ([Rev. 12:10](#)) loves to dig up past sin we are guilty of and burden us with its weight. But because of Christ's sacrifice, sin's penalty has been paid and for those who trust in Christ, God treats us as though they've never sinned. To help us understand and cherish this truth look back at the lyrics of "Completely Done," which we sang on Sunday:

*My sins have been paid in full; There's no condemnation here; I live in the good of this  
My Father has brought me near; I'm leaving my fears behind me now  
The old is gone, the new has come; What You complete is completely done  
We're heirs with Christ, the victory won; What You complete is completely done*

Additional Reading: Psalm 25:3, John 19:30, 2 Thessalonians 3:4

### **Prayer of Response**

1) After hearing God's Word, what sin do I need to *confess*? From what do I need to *repent*?

2) How should my life be lived this week based on what I have heard? What should I *understand, believe, desire, or do*?

Spend time praying together in response to God's word asking for His help and greater faith to follow Him in the week to come.

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