

Refuel 10: A Better Sacrifice

Hebrews 9:15-10:18

These verses talk about how Jesus is a better sacrifice. However, “The death of Christ had long been a stumbling block to the Jews. A dying Messiah contradicted their deeply held theological beliefs.” As a result the author gives three reasons why Jesus had to die:

1. A testament (covenant or will) demands death (v. 16-22)
Death activates the promises into realities.
2. Forgiveness demands blood (v. 23)
3. Judgment demands a substitute. (v. 24-26)

Guilt

Christ died once and for all, no more sacrifices or blood is needed to pay for our sins. The old sacrificial system’s ineffectiveness is shown in chapter **10:1-18**.

Have you ever just been burdened with guilt?

You did something stupid and you know it was stupid and all you can think about is how stupid you are for doing that stupid thing? Imagine these guys. Well, it’s that time of the year again, the time to remember every stupid thing I’ve done, so they tell me. Let’s go slice up some heifers, I’m such a bad person, yay.

It wouldn’t be stuff like man I need get forgiveness for sleeping with that dude’s wife or I really shouldn’t have killed that person, that was stupid. But it was for everything! One of the commandments was “do not lie.” I don’t know how many little chickens I’d have to kill just this year! Every year the

Israelites would have to sit down and remember every single little sin they did the whole year and make a list. I said I would pray for that girl and I didn’t, man I gotta ask for that one to be forgiven!

The author explains how Jesus’ sacrificing Himself clears us of all those feelings of guilt.

Verse 11 says...that priest had to always be on-call for sacrifices day after day. Do you think he would take a bath after every sacrifice because of all the blood? Man, he’d be pruny.

We don’t have to constantly go to the altar of God and ask for forgiveness, we are already forgiven. It is done! **Verse 12** says He sat down, He isn’t standing anymore! We shouldn’t feel guilty. I know we’ve talked about this but this whole week I’ve felt guilty, why? Why aren’t we realizing that we shouldn’t feel guilty? We will end with **verses 17-18**.

When we feel guilty are we sacrificing something? Our relationship with God, the verse says it plain in clear, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.

What are you dealing with? Do you understand what Christ has done for you? Don’t be stuck on guilt like the Jews were here.