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A contrast of sacrifices:

--The O.T. sacrificial system (Lev. 1-9)

--Christ's death on Calvary (Mt. 26-27; Mk. 14-15; Lk. 22-23; Jn. 18-19)

The O.T. Sacrifices offered:

--No finality (they were endlessly offered year after year) (Heb. 10;1-2)

--No efficacy (they could not permanently remove sin) (Heb. 10:3-4)

A theme in Hebrews is to show the supremacy of Christ.

A key word is "*better*" (occurs 12 times).

Christ is superior to prophets (1:1-4), angels (1:5-2:18), Moses (3:1-6), the Old Testament priesthood (5:1-10:39).

Christ has provided a better "*hope*" (7:19), a better "*testament*" (covenant) (7:22; 8:6), a better "*sacrifice*" (9:23).

10:12

--A solitary sacrifice ("*one*")

--A substitutionary sacrifice ("*for sins*")

--An eternal sacrifice ("*for ever*")

--A completed sacrifice ("*sat down*")

"One sacrifice" - The word "*one*" or "*once*" is the major emphasis of chapters 9-10 (9:12,

26, 28; 10:10, 12, 14).

The sacrifice of the Mass is such an abomination because it is a repeated "sacrifice" when the sacrifice of Christ is complete.

The Mass - "Ludwig Ott, a Roman Catholic theologian, explains this perpetual sacrifice dogma, which was made official by that church at the Council of Trent in the middle of the sixteenth century. 'The holy Mass,' he writes, 'is a true and proper sacrifice. It is physical and propitiatory, removing sins and conferring the grace of repentance. Propitiated by the offering of this sacrifice, God, by granting the grace of the gift and the gift of Penance, remits trespasses and sins however grievous they may be.' In other words, God's satisfaction regarding sin depends upon the weekly mass. That is why attending mass is so important to Catholics."

***"For sins"* =** On behalf of (*huper)* of sins committed by mankind (not His own - He was sinless - Heb. 7:26-27).

"For ever" - for all time; into the perpetual ages.

His sacrifice paid for the sins of all time and it will never need repeating. The work is completely done; it will never need to be done over.

"Sat down" - A picture of the completion of Christ's work. ***"It is finished"*** (Jn. 19:30). (The O.T. priests could never sit down; they were always on their feet offering up sacrifice after sacrifice, etc.).

The Levitical system had 24 orders, in each of which were hundreds of priests" (MacArthur, p. 255)

ILLUS: "An evangelist tells a story from the days when he held tent meetings years ago. One day, after a series of meetings was over, he was pulling up tent stakes. A young man approached him and asked when he had to do to be saved. The evangelist answered, 'Sorry, it's too late.' 'Oh no,' was the response. 'You mean it's too late because the services are over?' 'No,' the evangelist said, 'I mean it's too late because it's already been done. Everything that could be done for your salvation has already been done.' After explaining Christ's finished work to the young man, he led him to saving faith."

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"By His own blood" - Note: Not "with" His own blood (as if He retrieved it literally from the ground and carried it to Heaven).

"By" - (by means of; through) It was through His shed blood that He died and entered Heaven.

"Obtained" - Christ Himself (middle) once and for all time (Aorist) secured (lit. found) eternal redemption for us.

Redemption is a "done deal."

It has already been provided by Christ.

"Redemption" - to release someone by the payment of a price (cp. Rom. 3:24).

We have been released from the slave market of sin and Satan and have been set free by Christ the price He paid to "*free*" us was not silver or gold but His precious blood (I Pet. 1:18-19).

Only Jesus liberates; only He sets free. Only His redemption can loose the chains of sin and guilt; only His cross can break the shackles of bondage to moral corruption.

Our "*redemption*" is not temporary (here today and gone tomorrow) but is <u>eternal</u> (never ending).

Can you imagine enjoying the glories of Heaven, and then 5,000 years into your bliss having an angel come up behind you, tap you on the shoulder and say, "Your time is up, you must leave now"! Such will never occur.

Christ's one sacrifice was sufficient to:
II."<u>PURGE</u> Your Conscience From Dead Works" (9:14)

Just as the High Priest entered the Holy of Holies with sacrificial blood, the Lord Jesus entered the Father's holy presence (through the Holy Spirit), to signify the completion of His pure sacrifice on your behalf.

"Purge" - to totally cleanse or purify

"Conscience" - Every time the Old Testament saints conscience was bothered by sin, He would have to offer sacrifices and practice ceremonial cleansing rituals, etc.

These dead works no longer have to be done.

True, our "conscience" is bothered when we sin, but our conscience is not bothered because of a need of another sacrifice. Jesus cleans guilty consciences.

Many religious people today (who do not know Christ) have defiled consciences that require a sacrifice or cleansing through some ritual or ordinance. If they only knew that such "dead works" can never purge them.

The time the Old Testament saint spent on "*dead works*" we no longer have to spend. Our time can be spent serving God because atonement is over! Those time-consuming ceremonies give way to a life of service to God.

"Not all the blood of beasts on Jewish altars slain,
Could give the guilty conscience peace of wash away the stain.
Christ the heavenly Lamb takes all our sins away,
A sacrifice of nobler name and richer blood than they."
(Isaac Watts)

Christ's one sacrifice was sufficient to:
III."PUT AWAY" Your SIN (9:26)

If Christ's one sacrifice was insufficient, He would have had to offer Himself over and over since the dawn of creation.

"End of the world" - at the completion (consummation) of the ages.

"Put away" - to do away with sin once and for all.

This was His purpose in coming into the world. If our sin is not "*put away*" (stripped off from us and thrown infinitely away), we could never enter the presence of a Holy God.

All of my past, present, and future sins have been "*put away*" never to be found again, by Christ. Psalm 103:12 - "*As far as the east is from the west, so far hath he removed our transgressions from us.*"

II Sam. 12:13 - "*And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against the LORD. And Nathan said unto David, The LORD also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die.*"

John the Baptist saw Jesus as the Lamb who "*takes away*" the sin of the world (Jn. 1:29).

Christ's one sacrifice was sufficient to:
IV."SANCTIFY" You as Totally Holy (10:10)

"Sanctified" - (perfect passive participle) - by God's will, Christ's one sacrifice has made us permanently holy. We have positional sanctification in Christ. We are totally holy

(set apart from sin) in God's eyes.

We have the "*righteousness of God in Him*" (II Cor. 5:20). Without holiness no one would see God (Heb. 12:14). We have been set apart from all defilements, stains, blemishes.

Christ gave Himself for the church (Eph. 5:26-27 - "*That He might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word, That he might present it to Himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish.*")

The word "*sanctified*" means to become a "saint" (the word "sanctified" and "saint" stem from the same Greek word).

Christ's one sacrifice was sufficient to:
V."PERFECT" You "FOREVER" (10:14)

"Perfected" - (perfect tense) to make complete; to bring to God's goal once and for all time. To be perfectly finished; you are "*complete in Him*" (Col. 2:10). By ourselves we are far from perfect (we "*come short...*"), but by Christ's one sacrifice we are considered "*perfect*" in God's eyes (the Law could never do this - 10:1).

How long will a blood-bought child of God be perfected? Forever!

This is a great text for eternal security.

Christ's one sacrifice was sufficient to:
VI.Enable You to "ENTER" the "HOLIEST" (10:19)

Because of Christ's finished work (and the rent veil), we can enter the Holy of Holies in Heaven (by prayer) without a human mediator.

Because of Christ's sacrifice, we can boldly do that which no Old Testament saint or priest could do. We can enter the Holy of Holies every day.

--Without bringing blood or sacrifice
--Without needing a mediator (I Tim. 2:5)

The Old Testament High Priest had to enter the Holy of Holies with blood and with purify

in his life. He would be killed if he failed to meet these requirements (hence, bells and a rope were tied on to him so that he could be heard and retrieved if he should suddenly die within the Holy of Holies).

What a privilege to enter the throne room of God - what right do we mortals have to boldly enter God's presence whenever we want?

We have no rights on our own; but because of Christ's sacrifice we qualify to enter. We are cleansed and suited to enter.

(We can't even enter the President's office when we want, but we can with the God of the Universe).

CONCLUSION:

If the whole work of salvation was <u>finished</u> by Christ, and if He paid the <u>whole debt</u> for my sin, what is there left for me to do? Nothing!

I simply believe God's Word that my debt has been paid in full, enjoy the benefits of His sacrifice, and express a life of appreciation by obedience to His Word.

"It is finished; the battle is over!
It is finished through God's own Son.
It is finished; Glory Hallelujah!
It is finished; the victory is won!"
(Ron Hamilton)