

Total Forgiveness Forever 02-28-2021

Hebrews 10:14-18

For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

15 And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying,

16 "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,"

17 then he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more."

18 Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Cleo/people....Freedom from guilty conscience comes thru forgiveness.

Sin (violent offense against God) also needs forgiveness to remove guilt.

- Shedding blood/death God's uniform method for forgive sins. Hebrews 9:22b

without blood no forgiveness yet Old Covenant sacrifice not effectively provide forgiveness

- Cross God's predetermined plan to deal with sin and remove our guilt.
 - Thru Jesus Christ's obedience/ sacrifice Christians receive total forgiveness forever.

Totality of forgiveness illustrated by the contrast between unfinished, repetitive ministry of Old Testament priests with finished, sufficient sacrifice of Jesus Christ Hebrews 10:1-4

- sacrifice not completely remove guilt and sin....REMINDED not reconciled with God.

ineffectiveness of Old Covenant sacrifice compared to effectiveness of Jesus' sacrifice Hebrews 10:10, 12, 17-18

- Many priests vs. 1 High Priest; many animal sacrifice vs 1 sacrifice of Himself; repeated offerings vs. 1 offering for all time; stands daily vs sat down.
 - Jesus' atonement = forgive sins, cleanse conscience, reconcile with God.

1 sacrifice offered 1x perfected Christians for all time. Hebrews 10:14

- "perfected" positionally: God sees Jesus Christ's righteousness imputed to us.
 - Jesus perfectly obey law in our place and willingly received punishment our sin to purchased total forgive forever...produces clear conscience.
- We remain positionally holy forever (can't lose salvation)...free from penalty of sin (judgment) and power of sin (compulsion to sin, death). Hebrews 10:17
 - Remember no more: not forgetful but not bring up sins for judgment.

Perfect standing refers to our position before God, not daily relationship.

- Not free from presence of sin (temptations) and possibility of sin (failures).
 - people who "have been perfected" are "being sanctified." Hebrews 10:14-16

Holy Spirit empowers progressing in growth in holiness in thought, word, deed.

- Overcoming sin/temptation and following Jesus' example joyful obedience to God.
 - Holy Spirit within sufficient to live life fruitfully and freely.....without guilt.
Galatians 5:1

Christian sensitive to sin but delivered from fear of judgment for it. So no guilt.

- Daily confess for "family" forgiveness so relationship not hindered.
 - worst sins not remove from God's family.

Beware "false" guilt over past sins enemy constantly reminds you of...like Old Covenant sacrifice!

- Attempt to atone for sins...repeated confess, works to "right" wrong behavior
 - Result guilty conscience: hesitate to draw near to God. Adam & Eve, child
- Jesus death perfected you for all time not until next sin...Hebrews 10:18,
Romans 8:1-4
 - draw near and delight in God's unconditional forgiveness for you!
 - Grace far superior motivation when pursuing holiness than guilt.

Thru Jesus' obedience/sacrifice Christians receive total forgiveness forever.

- Complete, final, once for all pardon for all sins, past, present, future.
 - Made positionally perfect, practically being sanctified.
 - NOW: free from guilt of sins, reconciled with God and access to God!