

The Sufficiency of Christ's Sacrifice
Selected passages from the book of Hebrews

"For it was fitting for us to have such a high priest, holy, innocent, undefiled, separate from sinners and exalted above the heavens; who does not need daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins and then for the sins of the people, because this He did once for all when He offered up Himself." - Hebrews 7: 26-27

I. CHRIST WAS SUFFICIENT IN MEETING GOD'S REQUIREMENTS FOR A SIN SACRIFICE.

God's requirements for a sacrifice for sins:

HOLINESS

"And no takes the honor (of high priest) to himself, but receives it when he is called by God, even as Aaron was. So also Christ did not glorify Himself so as to become a high priest, but He who said to Him,

'You are My Son, today I have begotten You';

Just as He says also in another passage,

'You are a priest forever according to the order of Melchizedek.' " - Hebrews 5:4-6

- PERFECTION

"How much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered Himself without blemish to God, cleanse your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" - Hebrews 9:14

- DEATH

"...without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness." – Hebrews 9:22

"... a death has taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were committed under the first covenant..." – Hebrews 9:15

II. CHRIST WAS SUFFICIENT IN MEETING MAN'S NEED FOR A SIN SACRIFICE.

Man needs:

- TO DRAW NEAR TO GOD.

"Let us draw near with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water." – Hebrews 10:22

- OUR HEARTS SPRINKLED

- OUR BODIES WASHED

Summary:

"Every priest stands daily ministering and offering time after time the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins; but He, having offered one sacrifice for sins for all time, sat down at the right hand of God... for by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified." - Hebrews 10:11-12, 14.