

By This Will

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RECAP:	<p>So, last week we talked about Christ coming to put away sin for those that are His.</p> <p>—We saw that we are to give our lives to Christ and join Him in His fight against sins by starting in ourselves.</p> <p>— —We have to turn away from self and selfishness to live like Christ.</p> <p>— — —Christ is ready and working to purify us but are we joining in that purification process or are we fighting against it?</p> <p>— — — —We looked at how Christ has made a way for us to enter the heavenly places to be in the presence of God not once a year or every month, but all the time.</p>
INTRODUCTION:	<p>John Piper sums up chapter 9 and 10 really well in 6 points:</p> <p>— 1. Christ: the Great Absence—the Old Covenant; 2. Christ: the Great Achievement—An Eternal Redemption; 3. Christ: the Great Accession—Enthroned at the Right Hand of God; 4. Christ: the Great Application—Making His People Holy; 5. Christ: the Great Arrival—His Second Coming; 6. Christ: the Great Abundance—Our Eternal Inheritance.</p> <p>— —We will look at pieces of these throughout our message today.</p> <p>— — —What we will be spending much of our time in this morning is see how great Christ is.</p> <p>— — — —If you get tired of looking at the greatness of Christ then you need to rethink your relationship with God. We should never grow weary of talking about Christ and His greatness.</p>
Passage Begins	

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<p>Hebrews 10:1–10 (NASB95): 1 For the Law, since it has only a shadow of the good things to come and not the very form of things, can never, by the same sacrifices which they offer continually year by year, make perfect those who draw near.</p> <p>2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, because the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have had consciousness of sins?</p> <p>3 But in those sacrifices there is a reminder of sins year by year.</p> <p>4 For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.</p> <p>5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says,</p> <p>“Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, But a body You have prepared for Me;</p> <p>6 In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure.</p> <p>7 “Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come (In the scroll of the book it is written of Me) To do Your will, O God.’ ”</p> <p>8 After saying above, “Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have not desired, nor have You taken pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the Law),</p> <p>9 then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will.” He takes away the first in order to establish the second.</p> <p>10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.</p>	<p>Here in verse 1-4 we really see Christ the Great Absence show up.</p> <p>— We see the absence of Christ produces shadow and copies.</p> <p>— — With the absence of Christ there is always a need for blood or sacrifice.</p> <p>— — — The Old Testament sacrifices point us to Christ or our need for Christ but they are not Christ and His sacrifice.</p> <p>— — — — Without the sacrifice of Jesus there is no removal guilt on the conscience of the believers.</p> <p>— — — — — John Piper said, “Wherever true Old Covenant believers looked to his mercy through their sacrifice—to his future perfect redemption—their sins were forgiven, and God’s wrath was averted.”</p> <p>— — — — — — The problem was the next sin.</p>

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	<p>So as we dive into our passage we will see some deficiencies of the old covenant sacrifices.</p> <p>— So the law which we could look at as the entire Old Testament is shown as a shadow of the real things.</p> <p>— — <u>READ: John 8:58 (NASB95):</u> 58 Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, before Abraham was born, I am.”</p> <p>— — <u>READ: 1 Corinthians 10:1–4 (NASB95):</u> 1 For I do not want you to be unaware, brethren, that our fathers were all under the cloud and all passed through the sea; 2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea; 3 and all ate the same spiritual food; 4 and all drank the same spiritual drink, for they were drinking from a spiritual rock which followed them; and the rock was Christ.</p> <p>— — <u>READ: Romans 3:21–26 (NASB95):</u> 21 But now apart from the Law the righteousness of God has been manifested, being witnessed by the Law and the Prophets, 22 even the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all those who believe; for there is no distinction; 23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, 24 being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus; 25 whom God displayed publicly as a propitiation in His blood through faith. This was to demonstrate His righteousness, because in the forbearance of God He passed over the sins previously committed; 26 for the demonstration, I say, of His righteousness at the present time, so that He would be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.</p>

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	<p>The true form of the realities are realized in the gospel—Jesus’ life, death, and resurrection.</p> <p>—Andrew Murray wrote, “When God gives an image, it is a living reality, sharing in the life and the attribute of the original. And so, the Gospel brings us not a shadow, a picture, a mental concept, but the very image of the heavenly things so that the know and have them, really taste and possess them. A shadow is first of all a picture, an external figure, giving a dim apprehension of good things to come.”</p> <p>— — These shadows have given way to that which is true and plan to see; Christ Jesus. <u>READ: Hebrews 10:14 (NASB95): 14 For by one offering He has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.</u></p> <p>— — — These old covenant sacrifices were not able to perfect the person but Christ is able to perfect us.</p> <p>— — — — Christ sacrificed Himself on the cross shedding His own blood accomplishing atonement and eternal redemption for us for all time.</p> <p>— — — — — Jesus is the perfect sacrifice so that He can perfect us fully.</p> <p>— — — — — <u>READ: Philippians 1:6 (NASB95): 6 For I am confident of this very thing, that He who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Christ Jesus.</u></p>

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	<p>The sad reality is that some Christ or seekers never get passed the shadows.</p> <p>— God calls us to get past the shadows to faith and not just faith but possession of that faith.</p> <p>— — There is a difference between borrowed faith, temporary faith, and possessing faith.</p> <p>— — — Borrowed faith is leaning on your parents, friends, relatives, spouses faith rather than having your own. This rang true for many of the Israelites.</p> <p>— — — — Temporary faith comes when something tragic happens run to God. Once the tragic things is done and the everyday commitment is realized then the faith is done. This to was a common thing for the Israelites.</p> <p>— — — — — Possessing faith is that we own it, we put it on and it defines who we are. Everyone sees it and knows it is who we are. Having faith like this produces fruit.</p> <p>— — — — — <u>— READ: Matthew 13:18–23 (NASB95):</u></p> <p>18 “Hear then the parable of the sower. 19 “When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is the one on whom seed was sown beside the road. 20 “The one on whom seed was sown on the rocky places, this is the man who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; 21 yet he has no firm root in himself, but is only temporary, and when affliction or persecution arises because of the word, immediately he falls away. 22 “And the one on whom seed was sown among the thorns, this is the man who hears the word, and the worry of the world and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful. 23 “And the one on whom seed was sown on the good soil, this is the man who hears the word and understands it; who indeed bears fruit and brings forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, and some thirty.”</p>

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<p>5 Therefore, when He comes into the world, He says, “Sacrifice and offering You have not desired, But a body You have prepared for Me; 6 In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have taken no pleasure. 7 “Then I said, ‘Behold, I have come (In the scroll of the book it is written of Me) To do Your will, O God.’ ”</p>	<p>Verses 5-7 is a quote from: <u>READ: Psalm 40:6–8 (NASB95):</u> 6 Sacrifice and meal offering You have not desired; My ears You have opened; Burnt offering and sin offering You have not required. 7 Then I said, “Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of me. 8 I delight to do Your will, O my God; Your Law is within my heart.”</p> <p>—Verse 5 of our passage starts with “Therefore, when He come into the world.” Who is He being talked about here?</p> <p>— — We know that Ps. 40 is written by David but our author is not talking about David so who is talking about?</p> <p>— — — Well, if we look at the ESV Bible they give the answer away, <u>READ: Hebrews 10:5 (ESV):</u> 5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said....”</p> <p>— — — — The author of Hebrews inspired by God wrote that the Ps. 40:6-8 is about Christ and His incarnation.</p>

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	<p>We are shown by the author how to see Christ in the Old Testament and that at time we should not just read scripture for historical reference but also looking for Christ in them.</p> <p>— We see that Jesus came into the world to do the will of the Father.</p> <p>— — This is what verse 5-7 tells us about Christ. When He came into the world He had a body prepared for Him that would be sacrificed out of obedience to God the Father and for salvation to all who would believe.</p> <p>— — — Christ had seen the Father not take pleasure in the burnt offerings of Israel and He knew that a better sacrifice was needed.</p> <p>— — — — William Hendriksen wrote, “God is not satisfied only with sacrifices. Sacrifices are but substitutes. Instead he wants genuine, devoted service. He delights in perfect obedience to his will.”</p> <p>— — — — — So God prepared a body for Christ and Christ obeyed perfectly, He submitted to the Fathers will.</p> <p>— — — — — <u>— READ: 1 Samuel 15:22 (NASB95): 22</u></p> <p>Samuel said, “Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices As in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams.</p>

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	<p>God delights in obedience, He is not interested in empty religious practices or rituals.</p> <p>— God wants faith filled works from His children.</p> <p>— — READ: James 2:14–18 (NASB95): 14 What use is it, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but he has no works? Can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? 17 Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself. 18 But someone may well say, “You have faith and I have works; show me your faith without the works, and I will show you my faith by my works.”</p> <p>— — — Works without faith are meaningless and pharisaical.</p>
<p>8 After saying above, “Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin You have not desired, nor have You taken pleasure in them” (which are offered according to the Law),</p> <p>9 then He said, “Behold, I have come to do Your will.” He takes away the first in order to establish the second.</p> <p>10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.</p>	<p>Verse 8-9 are a restatement of things talked about above but they are to help emphasize that this is Christ talking here.</p> <p>— And in verse 9 is where Jesus continues to teach us.</p> <p>— — Christ came to do the will of God. Hendriksen wrote this about the will of God, “the will of God is central in the life of Christ, and the author of Hebrews exhorts his readers to persevere and do the will of God.”</p> <p>— — — It is only by the will of God that we are called to Him and by the will of God that Christ has opened the heavens for us so we can be in the presence of God.</p> <p>— — — — Christ humbled Himself in perfect obedience because the Father willed it. Andrew Murray wrote, “It was for this that Jesus died. He gave up His own will; He gave His life, rather than do His own will.”</p> <p>— — — — — READ: Philippians 2:8–9 (NASB95): 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. 9 For this reason also, God highly exalted Him, and bestowed on Him the name which is above every name...”</p>

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	<p>Jesus by doing the will of the Father takes away the first covenant or fulfills the first covenant to usher in the new covenant.</p> <p>— The Old Testament sacrificial system has run its course and has been completed.</p> <p>— — Interestingly, the word used for, “takes away,” means: to get rid of someone by execution, to kill, put to death, do away with, or remove the validation of something.</p> <p>— — — So, God is telling us and the Hebrew readers that the Old Testament sacrificial system is terminated, fired, done, and that era is over.</p> <p>— — — — George Guthrie wrote, “In other words, the accomplishing of God’s will by Christ now has supplanted the use of animal sacrifices.”</p>
10 By this will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.	<p>What is our practical application? How we apply this to our lives? We are going to use verse 10 and a couple quotes from Andrew Murray as our practical application.</p> <p>— So, what is the effect of the will of God and Christ doing that will?</p> <p>— Broken creation, sinful humanity, enemies of God can be made Holy.</p> <p>— — Murray wrote, “When we accept Christ, the will of God worked out in Christ on our behalf is accepted by us, too; it becomes the power that rules in our lives by the Holy Spirit.”</p> <p>— — — When we accept Christ we are united to Him by the Spirit and we enter into the purifying process.</p> <p>— — — — Speaking of Christ sacrifice Andrew Murray wrote, “He is the Christ who came to do the will of God — this constitutes Him as a savior. Oh, come and believe that this is what He did for you and on your behalf, that you might be able to do it too. The new and living way into the Holiest, which Jesus as Leader and Forerunner has opened up, is the way to a body prepared for me by God, a body offered to Him, and a life given to do His will.”</p>

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