

II. Christ's Sacrifice Need Never Be Repeated (v 11-18)

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v 11 OT *sacrifices* needed to be repeated Lev 16:11, 33-34

{note: man-made religions also have repetitive sacrifices *which can never take away sin*}

v 12 *this man* (Jesus) *offered one sacrifice* Romans 6:10

sat down - something no OT high priest ever dared to do : Exo 28:31, 33-35

Christ sat down - because his sacrifice accomplished what 1,000's of animal sacrifices couldn't.

v 13 = Psalm 110:1 - which truth is confirmed in Hebrews 1:3

v 14 Those who place their trust in Christ's offering on Calvary's tree are *perfected for ever* and are *sanctified* before God's throne (i.e. are set apart from all other earthly 'worshippers'. Furthermore, to be *sanctified* means to be '*made holy*' and, therefore, ready to stand in the presence of a Holy God in his holy heaven).

How do we know *personally* that we have *perfect sanctification* before God?

v 15 Because *the Holy Ghost is a witness to us*.

v 16 = Jeremiah 31:31-33

v 17 = Jeremiah 31:34 also Psalm 103:12 Isaiah 43:25 Hebrews 8:12

v 18 *there is no more offering & no more remembrance* because *there is remission* !

III. Christ's Sacrifice Opens the Way to God (v 19-39)

A. The Explanation (v 19-21)

Paul explains the types found in the Temple where the Jews were taught to worship.

The tabernacle veil stood between God and the worshipper.

The *veil* is a type of *his flesh* (v 20). { Paul means the flesh of *Jesus*' (v 19) }

Now that Jesus' body was broken and his blood shed on Calvary's cross, no veil stands between us and God.

That tabernacle veil covered the *glory of God*, just as Christ's human body covered the *glory of God* within (John 1:14).

No OT Jew could enter into the presence of his God.

When Christ's body was offered, the veil was torn (*rent in twain* - Mt 27:51).

New Covenant worshippers access to the Holy God:

boldness to enter into the holiest (v 19).

B. The Invitation (v 22-25)

Paul gives three invitations using the phrase 'let us'.

v 22 *let us draw near* - instead of *departing* Hebrews 3:12

v 23 *let us hold fast ...our faith* - not *wavering* 2 Peter 3:17

v 24 *let us consider one another* - our faith is not a selfish faith. It is to be shared in the community of believers. That's called *fellowship* 1 John 1:7

"Believers need to come together today. We need to draw together in love and worship our Saviour in a local church.

These three *let us* verses invite us to :

Draw near in faith - toward God

Draw near in hope - for ourselves

Draw near in charity - with others " *J. Vernon McGee*

C. The Exhortation (v 26-39)