

JESUS MAKES PERFECT HEARTS

Hebrews

FULLY REDEEMED

Hebrews 10:1-4 ESV

¹ For since the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. ² Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? ³ But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year. ⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

RESTRICTIVE VS. REDEMPTIVE

“...a shadow of the **good things** to come...”

I love that the Law is put into this light.

I will continue to share this perspective because I find it to be so true.

Depending on what side of the law you are on, you will view it one of two ways:

- i. Restrictive
- ii. Redemptive

[Romans 7](#) paints this picture to us of what the law does to our understanding of sin. Prior to the law, we did not know or understand our sinfulness.

As the law was established, we became aware of our condition, and Paul states plainly, he died.

He goes on and specifically points out that it was not the law that brought death but merely exposed the presence of death already active in his life.

LEASE VS. PURCHASE

[Hebrews 10:1-3](#) "...by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near. 2 Otherwise, would they not have ceased to be offered, since the worshipers, having once been cleansed, would no longer have any consciousness of sins? 3 But in these sacrifices there is a reminder of sins every year."

Due to the nature of **repetitive sacrifices** this meant that this system of redemption was more of a **lease** or freedom than a **purchase**.

It's the appearance of freedom but no real ownership.

Hebrews 10:4 ESV

⁴ For it is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins.

This is a call back to [Heb 9.9](#) that pointed out that the levitical system of sacrifices would cover the outward fruit of sin but were unable to change the **heart and mind** of a man.

Animal sacrifice cannot redeem the sins of humanity.

A perfect human is required to redeem the sins of humanity.

A NEW PLACE

Hebrews 10:5-10 ESV

⁵ Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body have you prepared for me; ⁶ in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure. ⁷ Then I said, 'Behold, I have come to do your will, O God, as it is written of me in the scroll of the book.' " ⁸ When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law), ⁹ then he added, "Behold, I have come to do your will." He does away with the first in order to establish the second. ¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Vs 5-7 we are quoting [Psalm 40.6-7](#) and our author goes on to tell us that regardless of the traditions that have been instilled, Jesus came to do the Father's Will.

In this case, it looks different than the current order of operations, yet it's still the Father's Will.

What a lesson for us as we navigate our lives. Even when the flow is all going in one direction and we cannot shake the feeling that God is wanting to do something new!

We have to draw very close to the lord, blocking out the noise of the world, and know that we know that we know God is calling us and not our own flesh.

It is times like these when **fasting, prayer & giving** play a crucial role.

WHY? Fasting, Prayer, & Giving all help get the attention off you. All three help kill your flesh and get your centered on God.

David, in [Psalm 40](#) goes on right after and states that the Law of the Lord is written on his heart and that following the Lord's law is his delight.

As we will see in a few verses, the Lord had a plan to close out the covenant of the law and make a new covenant where his law was written on the hearts of men, not stone tablets.

David was ahead of his time in writing this Psalm.

Hebrews 10:10 ESV

¹⁰ And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

We, humanity, have been sanctified by the body of Christ ...

One time is all that was needed.

He was given for ALL of humanity.

No matter what your life's story is, there is mercy for you today.

Hebrews 4:16 ESV

¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

A HOLY HEART

Hebrews 10:11–13 ESV

¹¹ And every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. ¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

Human efforts are futile.

No amount of work or actions will ever be enough to take away your sins.

Ephesians 2:4–5 ESV

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—

Ephesians 2:8–9 ESV

⁸ For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, ⁹ not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD

Hebrews 10:12 ESV

¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God,

An interesting little find to share with you here, when it says “...when Christ...” in the original manuscript, it states “...when *this One*...”

I love this because there is no reason to state that we are talking about Jesus, the whole letter is about Jesus.

The Right Hand

- Exalted ([Ps. 89.13](#))
- Full of Righteousness ([Ps 48.10](#))
- Powerful ([Ex 15.6](#))
- Strong ([Ps 20.6](#))
- Pleasures beyond belief ([Ps 16.11](#))
- Teaches awesome deeds ([Ps 45.4](#))
- Salvation ([Psalm 60.5](#); [Ps 108.6](#); [Ps 138.7](#))
- Supports ([Ps 18.35](#); [Ps 63.8](#); [Ps 139.10](#))
- Creates ([Is 48.13](#))
- Victorious ([Ps 98.1](#))
- Brings Growth ([Ps 80.15](#))
- The scroll rests in His right hand ([Rev 5.1](#))

Now, we just read a couple snippets in [Ephesians 2](#) talking about the grace that God has for us, but I skipped over a couple verses.

Ephesians 2:4-7 ESV

⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

So Jesus is seated at the right hand of the Father and we are seated with him!

Hallelujah!

DEATH IS DEFEATED

Hebrews 10:12–13 ESV

¹² But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, ¹³ waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet.

1 Corinthians 15:24–26 ESV

²⁴ Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. ²⁵ For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶ The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

Christ will reign until all of his enemies have been placed under His feet.

The last enemy that will be defeated is death itself.

Meaning, death will no longer exist.

Death is enemy to God and His children.

A PERFECT OFFERING

Hebrews 10:14 ESV

¹⁴ For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

By ONE sacrifice Jesus has PERFECTED (finished) for ALL TIME those who are being SANCTIFIED (to be made holy).

Hebrews 10:14 AMP

¹⁴ For by a single offering He has forever completely cleansed *and* perfected those who are consecrated *and* made holy.

If you have chosen to live a life set apart for Jesus, you are being perfected each day!

A NEW HEART

Hebrews 10:15–17 ESV

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.”

The Holy Spirit was given to us as an engagement ring, and the Holy Spirit is the most intimate gift that God could extend towards us as the Holy Spirit lives inside of us and searches the vault of our hearts.

Romans 8:27 ESV

²⁷ And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Acts 15:8 ESV

⁸ And God, who knows the heart, bore witness to them, by giving them the Holy Spirit just as he did to us,

1 Corinthians 2:10 ESV

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God.

Proverbs 20:27 ESV

²⁷ The spirit of man is the lamp of the LORD, searching all his innermost parts.

Although God was nullifying his covenant through the Law, he was not forsaking his people.

He was opening the covenant to include all of his children, Jew and Gentile.

God makes a covenant with men, through the offering of His Son, that allows God to place His Law (the way of redemption) on and in the hearts and minds of men.

This paves the way for us to **work out our own salvation.**

Philippians 2:12–13 ESV

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

- salvation is for you first
- work it out with fear (reverence for God)
- work it out with trembling
- in this process, God works through you
- the work you do is for **his pleasure**

1 Timothy 2:3–4 ESV

³ This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, ⁴ who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

God's good pleasure is that **ALL** people would be saved and come to the knowledge of the Truth.

As we open ourselves and receive this **free gift** of salvation, it says that God will remember their sins and lawless deeds no more.

sins *gk. harmartia*; offence, a miss of one's aim, a deviation from the truth

lawless deeds (*lawless* is the root of the *gk.*) *gk. anomia*; violation of the law, wickedness

Through the preceding delineation in chapter 9, we saw and see here again that perhaps our sins are broken into two categories

- Known Sins** - Sins
- Unknown Sins** - Lawless Deeds

CLOSING ON DELIVERANCE

Hebrews 10:18 ESV

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

When the price has been paid in full, there is no longer a need for any other sacrifice!

forgiveness gk. aphasis; freedom, pardon, deliverance, liberty, remission (cancellation of debt)

Psalm 40 ESV

TO THE CHOIRMASTER. A PSALM OF DAVID. ¹ I waited patiently for the LORD; he inclined to me and heard my cry. ² He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure. ³ He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the LORD. ⁴ Blessed is the man who makes the LORD his trust, who does not turn to the proud, to those who go astray after a lie! ⁵ You have multiplied, O LORD my God, your wondrous deeds and your thoughts toward us; none can compare with you! I will proclaim and tell of them, yet they are more than can be told. ⁶ In sacrifice and offering you have not delighted, but you have given me an open ear. Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required. ⁷ Then I said, "Behold, I have 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." ⁹ I have told the glad news of deliverance in the great congregation; behold, I have not restrained my lips, as you know, O LORD. ¹⁰ I have not hidden your deliverance within my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your salvation; I have not concealed your steadfast love and your faithfulness from the great congregation. ¹¹ As for you, O LORD, you will not restrain your mercy from me; your steadfast love and your faithfulness will ever preserve me! ¹² For evils have encompassed me beyond number; my iniquities have overtaken me, and I cannot see; they are more than the hairs of my head; my heart fails me. ¹³ Be pleased, O LORD, to deliver me! O LORD, make haste to help me! ¹⁴ Let those be put to shame and disappointed altogether who seek to snatch away my life; let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who delight in my hurt! ¹⁵ Let those be appalled because of their shame who say to me, "Aha, Aha!" ¹⁶ But may all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "Great is the LORD!" ¹⁷ As for me, I am poor and needy, but the Lord takes thought for me. You are my help and my deliverer; do not delay, O my God!