

# Hebrews 10:1-18

## “Problems and Solutions”

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#### Introduction

- Ø well alright, good morning – let’s start with cute today
  - this is a picture of my niece, London
- Ø I only have one sister, one sibling
  - She only has one child – so this is my niece
  - I live some distance from my sister and so for quite a while this was all I knew of my niece
- Ø I love this picture
  - I love this picture because London is in it
  - And she is holding a sign about me
- Ø So I am in this picture as well – and I love her and I love me
  - I love the picture so much that when I was in Israel and my phone was stolen right in front of me – what made me the most sad is my phone was the only place I had this picture and so when I came back I called my sister and said – please tell me you saved that picture of London holding up the “Happy Birthday Uncle Jason sign”
- Ø You do, you’ll send me another copy – awesome
  - I love this picture
  - But then the day came, I got to meet London
  - And as I walked in the door, there she was with those cheeks and she went right too me, she loves her uncle Jason, who wouldn’t

**And in that moment, I had so much more than a picture**

**Ø I had the person, the real thing  
And you all would admit that it was fine when all I  
had was the picture to be upset I had it stolen from  
me**

**Ø But if when I was there with her, if I pulled her  
picture up on my phone and began to talk to it, oh I  
love you picture of London**

- That would have been more than a little odd –  
because again, I had more than a picture, I had  
the person

**Well I bring this up because it is a great picture of  
exactly what some of the Hebrew believers were  
doing**

**Ø They had grown up with the sacrifices and offerings**

- The grain offerings
- The bulls and the goats and the lambs
- But you Bible students understand that those  
offerings were just a picture, just a  
foreshadowing of who??
- Of Jesus – that's right

**Ø And they had met Jesus so to speak**

- They had given their lives to Jesus
- He had saved them with His blood

**But as Pastor Rob has been so faithfully teaching us,  
because of trials, discouragement, disillusionment**

**Ø some of the Hebrew believer wanted to go back into  
the old Jewish system**

- to live under the law
- to live under the old covenant
- to go back to the sacrificial system of the temple

**And the author of the book of Hebrews, is getting  
these discouraged believers to see, it is pointless to  
go back**

**Ø because Jesus is so much better**

- He is better than angels
- Better than Moses and Aaron
- Ø Better than the temple
  - And better than any of the sacrifices taking place there in

**Now we have heard that, we have been taught that**

- Ø But the question remains – why
  - What’s the problem with the old Jewish system?
  - What wrong with the sacrifices
  - And what do we do about that? – what is the solution?

Ø Well, if you are taking notes this morning, I want you to consider three things

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**The Solution – Hebrews 10:5-13**

**The Results – Hebrews 10:14-18**

Ø Let’s consider those one at a time this morning

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**The Problem – Hebrews 10:1-4**

**What was wrong with the old sacrificial system?**

- Ø why was it inferior to Christ?
- Ø I mean the old covenant was ordained by God
  - The sacrifices and offerings were in place for hundreds of years
  - So what if people felt more comfortable with relating to God through the sacrifices

**In our day and age most see nothing wrong with having your own way to God**

Ø A little Christianity, a little Buddhism, a little new age

- Hey, what's wrong with finding your own way to God, modern man would ask – answering questions people are asking today
- Ø So what's the big deal that they wanted to go back to sacrifices?

**Well understand, what the author is telling us is the results of the old system was the people were not truly cleansed and their conscience was not truly cleared**

- Ø In fact the sacrifices really only reminded them on an annual basis of their sins

**You understand that the offerings and sacrifices of Judaism happen year after year**

- Ø Every time you sinned, you needed to atone for that sin with a sacrifice

- And that was not just true of families individually but it was true of the Nation corporately

- Ø And every year the High Priest would go into the temple with the blood of the lamb

- And the people, Jewish history- would wait outside - Would the sacrifice be accepted??? – was the High Priest properly cleansed, was the offering acceptable to God???

- Ø And they would let out a collective sign of relief, when after ministering in the Holy of Holies, the High Priest would re emerge from the temple and cry out - “forgiven”, “Forgiven”, “Forgiven”

- And the people would cheer – awesome, we are forgiven
- But the moment was tense, and this happened year after year

**So the annual day of Atonement did not accomplish “remission of sin” but only “reminder of sin.”**

Ø The annual reminder that the previous year's sacrifices had not done the job.

- True, the nation's sins were covered, but they were not cleansed, not take away and they would be back here again soon

**Next year you would have to do it all again**

Ø And author of Hebrews was saying, if the blood of bulls and goats could take away sin, if that was an option

- there wouldn't be a need to keep coming back and performing offerings over and over again

Ø The problem with their sacrifices was they did not take away sin, they just got them through to another year

**And every year it was a constant reminder that you are still a sinner**

Ø and again, this played out on a national stage and in the every day life of a Jewish believer

**Can you image, you would sin and it would cost you another lamb, another bull**

Ø Kind of hard to hide your sin from your wife, when the flocks are thinning out

- Where did all the lambs go?
- Ah, its been a tough month for my thought life
- What??? – hard to hide
- And more than that

Ø And as you watch this animal die – oh – this is horrible – I am such a loser, this innocent thing has to die for my sin

- It would have been a constant reminder that you are a failure

**There has got to be a better way**

Ø and there is, but before we get to that...

**I just think we need to remind ourselves, I know none of us, not many of us are thinking about sacrificing animals for our sin**

**Ø If that is something you are doing – the church phone # 760-726-4224 – ask for Steve Henschel  
Hopefully none of us are thinking about that but what we do in our modern society is we come up with a whole new law and whole new sacrifices**

- Ø Well, I'm saved by grace, I'm not in bondage to the law – but you know Lord, to please you - I don't smoke, drink or chew or go with girls that do
  - I don't watch TV or Movies or listen to that devil music****

**Now don't misunderstand me – I am not saying it might not be good to have some or all of those things out of your life, you need to talk that over with God**

- Ø But what I am saying, is we make up a new law by which we are judging ourselves worthy or not
  - And we fall – we promise, God, I will never do that again, tomorrow, two hours in the Bible, that's my penance, that's my sacrifices**
  - I will come to Pastor Jason's Wednesday Night Bible study – suffering on a weeknight for my sin****

**We have our own offerings**

- Ø Things that we do for the Lord
  - And while those things may be wonderful and beneficial in and of themselves**
  - When we begin to see them as that which makes us acceptable to God – well they will eventually become the same thing the blood of bulls and goats became**
  - A constant reminder of what failures we are****
- Ø Because you won't keep them – and it will constantly remind you that you are a loser – that's the problem**

**The law, the sacrifices – either old or our new ones can not take away sin, they just remind us of how sinful we are – that is the problem**

**Ø Now, what is the solution?**

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**Of course the Godhead was not unaware of the inadequacies of the sacrificial system**

**Ø and what we have in verses 5-9 is the divine conversation that took place when Jesus elected to come into the world**

- **God the Son begins to speak - the blood of bulls and goats are just a picture, they just remind people of sin, they don't take them away**

**Ø you don't want them anymore, God**

- **so You have given me a body and I will do Your will**
- **I will be the sacrifice for sin**
- **The sacrifice that doesn't just cover sin, and remind of sin**
- **But the sacrifice that takes sin away!**

**You see that is the point of verse 10 - the sacrifice of Jesus takes care of our sin completely, it is a done deal**

**Ø it is such a contrast to the work of the tabernacle by the priests**

- **they would never stop – 300,000 lambs**
- **there was no place to sit down in the tabernacle, because the work of covering man's sin was never done**

**Ø but Jesus sat down, resting, saying to us as He did from the cross**

- **the work is done, it is finished, your sin is completely dealt with – glory!**

**That is why God does not want us to go back to the old sacrifices or some new one we invent in order to earn forgiveness or favor**

**Ø We need to understand we already have it  
You already have God's favor**

**Ø Your sin has not just been covered, it has been taken away - Its gone**

**It's like there is a blackboard with my sins, God has done away with it, we try to fill it with good things – God says, you don't have to fill the board, the board is gone – Colossians 2:14 – He has wiped out, not wiped off, wiped out the handwriting of requirements that were against us**

**Ø The blackboard it's gone**

**Ø Your sin is gone**

**○ And He just loves you**

**○ Some of you need to hear that today – He is for you!**

**Ø He loves you when you're doing your devotions and seeking the Lord, He even loves you when you choose to miss Wednesday Night to watch the X Factor or Modern Family – you sinners**

**○ God loves you!**

**○ God is for you!**

**Oh Jason you can't teach that**

**Ø You know I was rebuked this week by a member of another church in Paris Texas, this guys said – oh the reason we have grown so much is you are pedaling a soft gospel because of statements just like that – God just loves us**

**○ You can't say God loves them no matter what they do, they need to be committed, they need to do this and that, if they don't – well that is not really Christianity**

**○ If you tell them, God loves them regardless, that will make people sin more**



**Really???? – Really??? – is that your response?**

**I shared with the college group – that my kids are at that stage where they just love their Dad – I know when they are teenagers it might not be that simple**

**Ø But right now – there are times when I get frustrated, and a couple weeks ago I raised my voice to my son – because he was being insane – (pulled two teeth out yesterday and then drew a happy face in blood on his wall) – He has issues**

**But it wasn't right, so I went to him and told him what Dad did was wrong, how he was behaving wasn't right – but I was wrong, would you forgive me – and his response: Dad I love you**

**Ø He just loves me – he loves me when I am sneaking him candy and even when I fall and get mad – He just loves me**

**○ What do you think my response is to that – oh – he loves me no matter what – well, lets put that to the test**

**○ No way – I want to grow as a parent – Fix me God - I want to be more like Jesus**

**And when I see that His blood has not just covered my sin, but taken away my sin**

**Ø That He sees me as forgiven**

**○ And loves me, when I am doing well**

**○ And when I am not**

**Ø That doesn't make me want to test the limits**

**○ It makes me want to say – “Fix me God”**

**○ It makes me want to be more like Jesus**

**○ So people can say what they want**

**Ø I am not pedaling a soft gospel**

**○ I am pedaling the real Gospel – Your sin has been taken away**

**Ø No more sacrifices, the work is done –**

**○ Jesus is a better sacrifice**

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Instead of wanting to sin more, we see in verses 14-18 show us the effects of Jesus' finished work

- Ø we are being made holy
  - not just positionally, but practically – verse 14
  - what do I mean

Well I have shared this illustration before, but Clovis West High School where I went in my junior and senior year, won the Central California State golf championship twice

- Ø there were some good players other than me on that team
  - but there was another guy – Anthony Sidel – good guy, nice guy, he was our #7 guy - #7 on a high school golf team travels with the team but unless one of us gets hurt – that is really hard to do in golf, its not football – unless one of us gets hurt or food poisoning, actually happened one time, old Anthony didn't get to play – he would walk along and keep the coach informed about how the rest of us were doing
- Ø Now here is the reality – Anthony Sidel played on a State Championship golf team – he has a trophy just like I do
  - But he never played a hole
  - Positionally he is a state champion
  - But practically – well

And that is like us

- Ø we are righteous
  - we are – our sin has been taken away
  - and that is wonderful – it is based on what He has done, not on what I have done
- Ø Positional righteousness is great
  - But precious ones, listen, God also wants to develop in you practical righteousness
  - Like it says in verse 14 – He wants to perfect forever those who are being sanctified

**Now the questions is how???**

**Ø Well - The Great Preacher Donald Grey Barnhouse tells a story of visiting Battlefields of Belgium after WWI**

**It was a spring day and as Barnhouse was walking along the road examining the war remains of tanks and other debris, he noticed that leaves were falling from the thick trees over head**

**Ø But it was spring, not autumn, and he writes in his book that he was wondering why the leaves were falling, without any wind**

- And then it hit him, its spring, new life is literally pushing away the dead and the old from within**
- It was as a great Scottish preacher once called it, “the explosive power of a new affection”**

**This is what happens when I realize I am forgiven, I am cleansed and my conscience is clear and as I continue to draw near to God – not listen to the lies of the enemy – you can’t worship, can’t read your Bible – No, I am forgiven, and as I realize this...**

**Ø the new life He is producing inside me, just starts to shake off the old**

- I don’t have to strive and make new commitments of what I am going to do**
- Those things will just become a new law that will remind me of how sinful I really am**

**Ø I need to embrace that fact – He loves me, He just does**

- I am forgiven – and draw near to Him**
- He starts writing His Will upon my heart**
- New life, new passion will spring forth and push away the dead and dying parts of your life away**

## **In Closing**

Ø Jesus has dealt with sin, so the only question is, have you dealt with Jesus?

- Have you come to Jesus and said, “Lord save me”
- Now, if you have another belief system other than Jesus, you need to check that

## **What does your belief system do with your sin**

Ø Because you know you got sin, bro

- You know you got sin, sis
- If you’ve got skin, you’ve got sin – don’t fool yourself

Ø So if you have some other belief system you need to ask yourself – what does my belief system, my leader, what does it do with my sin

- Because if it doesn’t deal with and make them go away, you are going to pay for it in eternity, because God is just

## **But God is love – He is**

Ø God paid the penalty for your sins

- Jesus has dealt with sin, have you dealt with Jesus?
- Someone will pay for your sin – is it going to be you or Jesus?

Ø Who is offering to pay for your sins for you – not even your mommy is offering to do that

- You need to embrace Jesus
- He is the better sacrifice

**The Problem** – no old system, no new system you develop can deal with your sin

**The Solution** – Jesus became flesh and died for our sin

**The Results** – Because of that you don’t have to strive or worry, you cling to God, and let Him write His will upon your heart, and new life is going to spring up and push off the dead things of the flesh - so embrace Jesus

Ø Remember the picture of my niece

- Once you have the real thing – the picture of the old system or anything we can put in His place, is pointless
- Embrace Jesus - He is the better sacrifice