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• Christ's Sacrifice Once for All (1-18)

- 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.

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- [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.

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- **Christ's Sacrifice Once for All (1-18)**
 - **10** And by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.
 - **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.
 - **14** For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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- [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.”
- [18](#) Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

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- the law has but a shadow of the good things to come instead of the true form of these realities, **(1)**
 - A shadow is cast only when there is a form or reality from which the shadow could be cast.
 - The subject at hand is the superior sacrifice
- good things to come
 - The real sacrifice of Jesus which was one time for all time
 - blessings which are to be conferred on man by the gospel

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- it can never, by the same sacrifices that are continually offered every year, make perfect those who draw near (1b-3)
 - The logic in verses 2-3 strongly supports the argument
 - If those sacrifices could have made perfect, there would have been no continuing need for them
 - Instead the shadow sacrifices provided an annual reminder of sin
 - They could not remove the separation of man from God.

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- It is impossible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins (4)
 - On the day of atonement, the blood of bulls and goats alone was offered.
 - Hebrews 9:22 --- Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.
 - The animal had no choice; their blood fulfilled a requirement of the law, but was only a reminder of sin rather than a solution for sin.

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- Verses 5-7
 - [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.’”
 - Quoted from Psalm 40:6-8
 - Similar to Isaiah 1:11; Amos 5:21-24
 - The sacrifices of the Law were not giving God what He wants
 - They did not restore the relationship broken by sin beginning with Adam.

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- as it is written of me in the scroll of the book (7)
 - “The scroll” may refer to the 1st 5 books of the OT
 - Jews used “the scroll” to refer to the Torah.
 - John 5:46
 - For if you believed Moses, you would believe me; for he wrote of me.
 - Acts 26:22-23
 - [22](#) To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass:
 - [23](#) that the Christ must suffer and that, by being the first to rise from the dead, he would proclaim light both to our people and to the Gentiles.”

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- “You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings” (these are offered according to the law) (8)
 - God did not desire them
 - God took no pleasure in them
 - Yet they were required by the law
 - Purpose:
 - (v 3) --- a reminder of sins every year
 - (v 1, 14) --- shadow of the better sacrifice of Christ
 - Inadequacy (v 4) --- could not take away sins

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- Verses 5-7

- Isaiah 50:4-6

- [4](#) The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him who is weary. Morning by morning he awakens; he awakens my ear to hear as those who are taught.
 - [5](#) The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I turned not backward.
 - [6](#) I gave my back to those who strike, and my cheeks to those who pull out the beard; I hid not my face from disgrace and spitting.

“Opened ears” are ready to hear the Father’s will.

“Wakened ears” permitted Jesus to learn what God wanted.

“Opened ears” enabled Jesus to say, ‘Speak Lord, your servant hears’.

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- 1 Samuel 15:22-23
 - [22](#) And Samuel said, “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.
 - [23](#) For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king.”

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- “Behold, I have come to do your will.” (9)
 - A great difference
 - Animals who knew nothing about God’s will
 - Jesus who gave his life to completely satisfy the will of God
- does away with the first in order to establish the second (9)
 - God neither desired nor took pleasure in the 1st
 - Establishment of the 2nd completely removes all elements of the Hebrew system

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- does away with the first in order to establish the second (9)
 - God neither desired nor took pleasure in the 1st
 - Establishment of the 2nd completely removes all elements of the Hebrew system
 - Hebrews 7 --- removal of Levitical priests and establishment of the priesthood of Christ
 - Hebrews 8 --- removal of the Mosaic covenant and establishment of the new covenant of Christ
 - Hebrews 9 --- removal of the Hebrew tabernacle and establishment of the new heavenly sanctuary of Christ
 - Hebrews 10 --- removal of the sacrificial system of the law and establishment of the sacrifice of Christ

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- by that will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. (10)
 - Christ doing the will of God
 - Obeying God in the manner specified by God
 - Through the offering of His body (in place of the Jewish sacrifices of the Law)
 - 10:5 --- but a body have you prepared for me;
 - 10:7 --- I have come to do your will, O God
 - Once for all
 - The sacrifice was thoroughly effective and did not need to be repeated.

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Comparing the Sacrifices of the Law to the Sacrifice of Christ

Jewish Priests	Christ
(11) Stands daily	(12) Sat down at the right hand of God
(11) Offering same sacrifices repeatedly	(12) For all time a single sacrifice for sins
(11) Which could never take away sins	(14) For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.

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- (9) “Behold, I have come to do your will.”
 - 1 Samuel 15:22
 - [22](#) And Samuel said, “Has the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to listen than the fat of rams.
 - Jesus did both.

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- The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us
 - Jeremiah 31:31-34
 - [31](#) “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah,
 - [32](#) not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt, my covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, declares the Lord.
 - [33](#) For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God, and they shall be my people.

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- The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us
 - Jeremiah 31:31-34 (continued)
 - [34](#) And no longer shall each one teach his neighbor and each his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, declares the Lord. For I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more.”
 - Inspired
 - “declares the Lord”
 - Written in the Scriptures, not an internal feeling
 - The New Covenant with a single sacrifice for sins through Christ is what Jeremiah foretold.

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- The Holy Spirit also bears witness to us
 - Instead of external holiness by conformity to rites and ceremonies
 - Internal holiness of heart and life
 - I will be their God ...
 - Removal of the separation that began with Adam
 - God ***meant*** to make a new covenant with His people

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- Then he adds (17-18)
 - “I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.”
 - Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.
 - When God no longer remembers sins and lawless deeds
 - because they have been forgiven through the obedience and sacrifice of Christ
 - There is no need for any further offering for sin.
- Christ’s sacrifice was “once for all”, and He is our great high priest.

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- **The Full Assurance of Faith (19-31)**

- [19](#) Therefore, brothers, since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus,
- [20](#) by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain, that is, through his flesh,
- [21](#) and since we have a great priest over the house of God,
- [22](#) let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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- **The Full Assurance of Faith (19-31) (cont)**
 - [23](#) Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful.
 - [24](#) And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
 - [25](#) not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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- **The Full Assurance of Faith (19-31) (cont)**
 - **26** For if we go on sinning deliberately after receiving the knowledge of the truth, there no longer remains a sacrifice for sins,
 - **27** but a fearful expectation of judgment, and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries.
 - **28** Anyone who has set aside the law of Moses dies without mercy on the evidence of two or three witnesses.
 - **29** How much worse punishment, do you think, will be deserved by the one who has trampled underfoot the Son of God, and has profaned the blood of the covenant by which he was sanctified, and has outraged the Spirit of grace?

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- **The Full Assurance of Faith (19-31) (cont)**
 - **30** For we know him who said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay.” And again, “The Lord will judge his people.”
 - **31** It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

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- **Confidence (19-22)**

- Therefore --- because of the extensive examination of two systems leading up to this point:

- Founder --- Jesus is superior to Moses
 - Priest --- Jesus is superior to the Hebrew high priest
 - Sacrifice --- Jesus' sacrifice is superior to the sacrifices of the Hebrews priests

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- **Confidence (19-22)**

- Since we have confidence (boldness)

- 1st of two reasons for consequences which follow
 - Before Christ died and entered into heaven, there was no such access to the throne of grace which all need.
 - No further need for an earthly priest to represent us before God

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- **By the new and living way (19-22)**
 - New --- A way that had not been opened before
 - Curtain separated man from God
 - Jesus open the way into the holy place for us
 - The sacrifice of his flesh (body) was the act that opened the way for us
 - Living
 - Life-giving way
 - Ever living
 - Heb. 7:25 – He ever lives to make intercession for us
 - His blood is every fresh and effective
 - He blood does not dry up like the blood of animals

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- **By the new and living way (19-22)**
 - Living (continued)
 - 1 John 1:7-9
 - [7](#) But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.
 - [8](#) If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
 - [9](#) If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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- **Since we have a great priest over the house of God**
 - 2nd of two reasons given for consequences which follow
 - Hebrews 3:6
 - but Christ is faithful over God's house as a son. And we are his house if indeed we hold fast our confidence and our boasting in our hope.
 - The spiritual house of God – the Church

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- **Draw near**

- Recall that priests were once the only ones who could go beyond the curtains into the holy places
- draw near
- Now, Jesus has opened the way and Christians can draw near.
- With a true heart --- to worship, give thanks, sings songs of praise, offer gifts of love

- **In full assurance of faith**

- Not wavering; no room for doubt

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- **Draw near**
 - Preconditions
 - Hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience
 - Bodies washed with pure water
 - Attitudes
 - Holding fast the confession of our hope without wavering
 - Faith in the promise of God

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- **With our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience**
 - By the blood of Jesus
 - Jewish cleansing or sprinkling with blood was external and could not make the conscience perfect
 - Hebrews 9:9 - According to this arrangement, gifts and sacrifices are offered that cannot perfect the conscience of the worshiper

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- **With our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience**
 - We are made free from a conscience that accuses us of sin through the atonement of Jesus
 - not because we become convinced that we have not committed sin
 - not because we are led to suppose that our sins are less than we had otherwise supposed
 - but because our sins are forgiven
 - Having been freely pardoned, there is neither remorse over previous sin nor apprehension of punishment.

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- **Our bodies washed with pure water**
 - An allusion to the symbolic washing of the Jewish priests before they could draw near to God
 - Only the purest water was acceptable
 - Freshly drawn from a well or fountain
 - Taken from the sea for those who lived near the coast
 - A symbol or shadow of the reality to come
 - Psalm 51
 - [2](#) Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!
 - [7](#) Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

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- **Our bodies washed with pure water**

- Ezekiel 36

- [25](#) I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you.
 - [26](#) And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh.
 - [27](#) And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

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- **Our bodies washed with pure water**

- Titus 3

- [4](#) But when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared,
 - [5](#) he saved us, not because of works done by us in righteousness, but according to his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit,
 - [6](#) whom he poured out on us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior,
 - [7](#) so that being justified by his grace we might become heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

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- **Our bodies washed with pure water**
 - Also an allusion to baptism, but the new covenant is the reality rather than the shadow.
 - Baptism is the response of faith in the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus
 - The purification of the soul rather than a ritual cleansing

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- **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering ...**
 - one of the leading designs of this Epistle - frequently mentioned
 - those whom he wrote were suffering persecution, with great danger that they would apostatize.
 - persecution from Jews, to induce them to return to their former religion
 - The superiority of the New Covenant has been shown
 - Greater Founder of the system
 - Greater High Priest
 - Greater Sacrifice
 - The Old Covenant, a shadow of the New, was vanishing
 - Hold fast the profession of their faith without being shaken by their trials, or by the arguments of their enemies.
 - We have the same inducement to hold fast the profession of our faith – same Covenant, same Savior, same prospect of Heaven

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- **He who promised is faithful**

- Titus 1

- 1 Paul, a servant of God and an apostle of Jesus Christ, for the sake of the faith of God's elect and their knowledge of the truth, which accords with godliness,
 - 2 in hope of eternal life, **which God, who never lies,** promised before the ages began
 - 3 and at the proper time manifested in his word through the preaching with which I have been entrusted by the command of God our Savior;

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- **He who promised is faithful**

- Hebrews 6

- [17](#) So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise **the unchangeable character of his purpose**, he guaranteed it with an oath,
 - [18](#) so that by two unchangeable things, in which **it is impossible for God to lie**, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us.

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- **Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,**
 - Stir up – literally, to *excite*
 - Consider how
 - Hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering (v 23)
 - Don't neglect the assembly; encourage one another (v 25)
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:18 --- Therefore encourage one another with these words.
 - Hebrews 3:13 --- exhort one another every day

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- **Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,**
 - Consider how (continued)
 - Colossians 3:16 --- ... teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs ...
 - 1 Peter 1:22 --- Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart
 - John 13:35 --- By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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- **not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,**
 - not ... but
 - It seems as though neglecting to meet together and encouraging one another are diametrically opposed.
 - It is proper for Christians to encourage one another when they are gathered together for public worship.
 - There may be valid reasons for neglecting to meet together; sleeping late, going to the lake, going fishing, stock car racing, and other “hobbies” are not among them.

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- **not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another,**
 - some may have neglected the duty because they felt no interest in it - “I don’t get anything out of it!”
 - Some may cite physical difficulty – “I can’t sit still that long!”
 - “The worship is not entertaining enough!”
 - Some may even have doubts about the necessity and propriety of this duty
 - “Too many old songs are sung!”
 - “Too many new songs are sung!”

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- **All the more as you see the Day drawing near**
 - The writer expects that the Day is an anticipated event which would be familiar to all. Therefore, no explanation is given.
 - The 1st day of the week? - possibly
 - Just admonished “not forsaking the assembling ...”
 - The 2nd coming of Jesus? – difficult to see coming
 - Matthew 24:36-44 – at an hour you do not expect
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-2 – like a thief in the night
 - 2 Peter 3:10 – like a thief

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- **All the more as you see the Day drawing near**
 - The destruction of Jerusalem?
 - some think this most likely
 - Matthew 24:15-16 – Jesus gave things to look for
 - So when you see the abomination of desolation spoken of by the prophet Daniel, standing in the holy place (let the reader understand), then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains.
 - See notes on 10:37 – “coming one”
 - Hebrews 8:13 – vanishing away

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- **All the more as you see the Day drawing near**
 - O.T. “the day of the Lord”
 - usually a day of wrath against all unrighteousness
 - Also refers to the end time.
 - The coming “Day” should stir us to action
 - Encourage one another
 - 2 Peter 3:11-12
 - [11](#) Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness,
 - [12](#) waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

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- **Consequences which follow from the one great offering for sin**
 - the privilege of drawing near to God with full assurance of faith (10:22)
 - the duty of holding fast the profession of faith without wavering (10:23)
 - the duty of exhorting one another to fidelity and to good works (10:24)
 - the duty of assembling for public worship, since they had a High Priest in heaven, and might now draw near to God (10:25)

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- **If we go on sinning deliberately after receiving a knowledge of the truth ...**
 - In context, the sin of not meeting together
 - Forsaking Jesus manifests itself in not attending the Lord's day worship assemblies
 - Deliberate, willful sin
 - Assembling for worship is a sacred duty
 - 2 Peter 3:18 – “But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.”
 - By uniting with those who love the service of God

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- **The consequences of rejecting that one great offering for sin**
 - No more sacrifice for sin (10:26)
 - A fearful expectation of judgment (10:27)
 - A worse punishment for trampling underfoot the son of God (10:29)
 - The fear of falling into the hands of the living God (10:31)

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- **1st Consequence** - No more sacrifice for sin (10:26)
 - Hebrews 6:4-6
 - 4 For it is impossible, in the case of those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, and have shared in the Holy Spirit,
 - 5 and have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the age to come,
 - 6 and then have fallen away, to restore them again to repentance, since they are crucifying once again the Son of God to their own harm and holding him up to contempt.

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- **1st Consequence** - No more sacrifice for sin (10:26)
 - Hebrews 10:14
 - For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified.
 - Hebrews 10:18
 - Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.
 - If Jesus is rejected, His single offering is rejected, and there is no other offering to come.

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- **2nd Consequence** - A fearful expectation of judgment (10:27)
 - The expectation is certain, without doubt.
 - Nothing else to expect if you voluntarily, deliberately reject the only great offering for sin.
 - Thought given to this expectation might prevent the loss, but is thought ever given by one who has made up their mind to depart from Christ?

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- **2nd Consequence** – and a fury of fire that will consume the adversaries (10:27)
 - Colossians 1:20
 - and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.
 - Peace with God is rejected, and the one who rejects Christ becomes an adversary again.

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- **2nd Consequence –1 Thessalonians 1:5-10**
 - **5** This is evidence of the righteous judgment of God, that you may be considered worthy of the kingdom of God, for which you are also suffering— **6** since indeed God considers it just to repay with affliction those who afflict you, **7** and to grant relief to you who are afflicted as well as to us, **when the Lord Jesus is revealed from heaven with his mighty angels 8 in flaming fire, inflicting vengeance on those who do not know God and on those who do not obey the gospel of our Lord Jesus.**
 - **9** They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, **10** when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

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- **3rd Consequence** - A worse punishment for trampling underfoot the son of God (10:28-29)
 - Apostasy from the law of Moses brought death.
 - What more severe punishment is deserved by apostasy from Christ?
 - Profaned – treated as an unholy thing.
 - However much one who observes this may be grieved, does it not seem absurd for anyone to treat the blood which once made them holy as now an unholy thing?

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- **4th Consequence** - The fear of falling into the hands of the living God (10:30-31)
 - A man who inflicts punishment will die, and the punishment will come to an end; but God will never cease to exist, and the punishment which he is capable of inflicting today he will be capable of inflicting forever and ever. To fall into his hands, therefore, "for the purpose of punishment" - which is the idea here - is fearful.

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- **4th Consequence** - The fear of falling into the hands of the living God (10:30-31)
 - It is fearful because:
 - 1) God has all power, and can inflict just punishment;
 - (2) God is strictly just, and will inflict the punishment which ought to be inflicted;
 - (3) God lives forever, and can carry on his purpose of punishment to eternal ages;
 - (4) because the actual inflictions of punishment which have occurred (law of Moses) show what is to be dreaded.

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- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**
 - **32** But recall the former days when, after you were enlightened, you endured a hard struggle with sufferings,
 - **33** sometimes being publicly exposed to reproach and affliction, and sometimes being partners with those so treated.
 - **34** For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one.
 - **35** Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

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- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39) (cont)**
 - **36** For you have need of endurance, so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.
 - **37** For, “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;
 - **38** but my righteous one shall live by faith, and if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.”
 - **39** But we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.

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- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**
 - There had been hard struggles earlier
 - Early in their Christian life
 - Which they had endured.
 - An encouragement to similar patience now
 - Publicly exposed to reproach and affliction
 - Jewish opposition to the early church, treated as traitors
 - Saul (Paul) had letters to bind Christians and put them in prison
 - After his conversion, he was persecuted by Jews

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- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**
 - They stood beside others who were persecuted
 - Sympathetic toward those who were imprisoned
 - Assuming Paul is the author, he would have been the beneficiary of their sympathy
 - Had their property confiscated
 - Endured joyfully
 - Focused on a better, eternal possessions
 - Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven

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- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**

- 1 Peter 1:6-9

- [6](#) In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials,
- [7](#) so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.
- [8](#) Though you have not seen him, you love him. Though you do not now see him, you believe in him and rejoice with joy that is inexpressible and filled with glory,
- [9](#) obtaining the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

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- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**
 - Matthew 6:19-21
 - [19](#) “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal,
 - [20](#) but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.
 - [21](#) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Hebrews Chapter 10

- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**
 - do not throw away your confidence
 - Hebrews 10:19
 - since we have confidence to enter the holy places by the blood of Jesus
 - 1 John 4:17
 - By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world.

Hebrews Chapter 10

- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**
 - Great reward
 - Matthew 5:11-12
 - [11](#) “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.
 - [12](#) Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Hebrews Chapter 10

- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**
 - you have need of endurance
 - Other translations use patience, perseverance, steadfastness
 - Hebrews 12:1
 - let us run with endurance the race that is set before us
 - James 1:2-3
 - [2](#) Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds,
 - [3](#) for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.

Hebrews Chapter 10

- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**
 - so that when you have done the will of God you may receive what is promised.
 - The will of God is that we endure rather than lose hope and quit the race
 - Finish the course
 - 1 Timothy 4:7-8
 - [7](#) I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
 - [8](#) Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

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- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**
 - “Yet a little while, and the coming one will come and will not delay;
 - “coming one” could refer to Christ
 - Also could refer to the Roman army coming to destroy Jerusalem
 - This understanding would give credence to the understand of “Day” in 10:25.

Hebrews Chapter 10

- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**
 - but my righteous one shall live by faith
 - Habakkuk 2:3-4
 - 3 For still the vision awaits its appointed time; it hastens to the end—it will not lie. If it seems slow, wait for it; it will surely come; it will not delay.
 - 4“ Behold, his soul is puffed up; it is not upright within him, but the righteous shall live by his faith.
 - The vision of Habakkuk is the coming of the Babylonians to take Judah captive.

Hebrews Chapter 10

- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**
 - if he shrinks back, my soul has no pleasure in him.
 - Shrink back --- hold back, withhold, draw back, withdraw
 - Acts 20:20, 27
 - » [20](#) I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable
 - » [27](#) I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole counsel of God.
 - Galatians 2:12
 - » [12](#) For before certain men came from James, he was eating with the Gentiles; but when they came he drew back and separated himself, fearing the circumcision party.

Hebrews Chapter 10

- **The Reason and Reward of Patient Endurance (32-39)**
 - we are not of those who shrink back and are destroyed, but of those who have faith and preserve their souls.
 - Words of encouragement
 - Endure – receive great reward
 - Shrink back – destruction, loss of soul