

Spiritual Growth Questions for September 27, 2020
(take one question each day and grow deeper in Bible study)

Opener: How do we know what God's will is for our lives? What advice would you give someone who asked you that question?

- I. Read **Luke 19:10, John 4:34-35, John 10:10, II Peter 3:9.** Describe what God's will looks like in the life of Jesus.
- II. Read **I Corinthians 9:19-22, Romans 15:19-20.** Reflect and discuss how Paul lived out God's will.
- III. Read and Pray **Matthew 9:37-38 & Isaiah 6:8** for each of our lives. What do these verses say? What did they mean to those who heard them? How could they speak to us? Ask God to show you some ways to live for Him from the heart.
- IV. Read **Hebrews 10:14,17, 18.** Do I truly believe that when I place my faith in Jesus Christ my sins are forgiven? The Hebrew Christians lacked an internal witness of a complete and final forgiveness. Do I believe God accepts me because of His incredible sacrifice?

Hebrews 10:14 For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. 17 Then he says, "I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds." 18 And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.

Scripture: Read the passage above three times with an open heart and ask the Lord Jesus to speak to you.

Observation: Write down what you see in this passage. Make as many observations as you can.

Application: Write down how you will be different because of what you have just read. Look for lessons to be learned, examples to be followed and promises to be enjoyed. How is Jesus revealed?

Prayer: Write out a short prayer.

II. **Read the following scriptures: Psalm 40:6-8, Luke 22:39-42** Choose one of the above passages and apply the S.O.A.P. study method. Which one of these passages could we pray for you this week? Who could you be praying one of these passages for this week?

Prayer: Look back over Hebrews 10:1-18 and ponder what Christ has done for us. Let this guide our praise, worship and thanksgiving!

Better with Jesus: A Study of the Book of Hebrews
Jesus is Sufficient
Hebrews 10:1-18. September 27, 2020
Pastor John Lloyd

The book of Hebrews presents the greatness of Christ like no other New Testament writing. The author knew that by remembering and lifting up Jesus, he would help the readers endure their difficult circumstances. As this book is read, it demands a response. During difficult times, bringing a simple phrase to mind can be helpful. Jesus is sufficient! This phrase sums up what we have learned so far in Hebrews. His sacrifice is sufficient to cleanse me from my sins and shame. He is sufficient to give grace and mercy to those who come to His throne of grace. He is sufficient to be our anchor in the sea of storms. He is sufficient in sickness and emotional distress. He brings His sufficiency to my troubled soul! Jesus is sufficient!

Hebrews 10:1 The old system under the law of Moses was only a shadow, a dim preview of the good things to come, not the good things themselves. The sacrifices under that system were repeated again and again, year after year, but they were never able to provide perfect cleansing for those who came to worship. 2 If they could have provided perfect cleansing, the sacrifices would have stopped, for the worshipers would have been purified once for all time, and their feelings of guilt would have disappeared. 3 But instead, those sacrifices actually reminded them of their sins year after year. 4 For it is not possible for the blood of bulls and goats to take away sins. 5 That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer. 6 You were not pleased with burnt offerings or other offerings for sin. 7 Then I said, 'Look, I have come to do your will, O God—as is written about me in the Scriptures.'" 8 First, Christ said, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings or burnt offerings or other offerings for sin, nor were you pleased with them" (though they are required by the law of Moses). 9 Then he said, "Look, I have come to do your will." He cancels the first covenant in order to put the second into effect. 10 For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time. 11 Under the old covenant, the priest stands and ministers before the altar day after day, offering the same sacrifices again and again, which can never take away sins. 12 But our High Priest offered himself to God as a single sacrifice for sins, good for all time. Then he sat down in the place of honor at God's right hand. 13 There he waits until his enemies are humbled and made a footstool under his feet. 14 For by that one offering he forever made perfect those who are being made holy. 15 And the Holy Spirit also testifies that this is so. For he says, 16 "This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds." 17 Then he says, "I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds." 18 And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices.

Big Idea: Confidence in the cleansing power of Jesus Christ and His sacrifice leads to commitment to live for Him. **Jesus is sufficient!**

Key Question: How does Jesus bring this strong confidence to us?

Review: This section culminates the first nine chapters on the superiority of Jesus. Superior to angels; ch.1, For a short time made lower than angels to identify with human beings and suffers on our behalf, 2:10-18, Superior than Moses, ch.3, superior to Joshua, ch.4, superior to high priests, 5:1-11, 7:1-28, superior offering 8:3-13, superior covenant ch 9.

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The old testament sacrifices cry out and find fulfillment in the sacrifice of Jesus. Al Mohler

Temporary solutions are not complete solutions! Jesus is sufficient!

B. The New Way: Constant reminder of our _____.

Hebrews 10:17 Then he says, "I will never again remember their sins and lawless deeds." 18 And when sins have been forgiven, there is no need to offer any more sacrifices. Ephesians 1:6 "accepted in the beloved"

Reflective questions: Do I truly believe that when I place my faith in Jesus Christ my sins are forgiven? The Hebrew Christians lacked an internal witness of a complete and final forgiveness. Do I believe God accepts me because of His incredible sacrifice? (Consider Heb. 10:14,18).

Confidence in Jesus produces commitment. Jesus is sufficient!

II. Jesus is sufficient to bring believers to His intended _____.

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Hebrews 10:10 For God's will was for us to be made holy by the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ, once for all time.

A. Old way: Sacrifices without _____ commitment

Hebrews 10:5 That is why, when Christ came into the world, he said to God, "You did not want animal sacrifices or sin offerings. But you have given me a body to offer. 6 You were not pleased with burnt offerings or other offerings for sin. (For further study: Philippians 3:3, I Sam 15:22, Psalm 51:17, Hosea 6:6)

We are not sinners because we sin. We sin because we are sinners. Wiersbe

B. New Place: Heart commitment to do God's _____.

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This is why there's a table for the Lord's Supper and not an altar for sacrificing animals at the front of our church auditoriums. Christ accomplished everything necessary for the forgiveness of our sins. Because Jesus' offering for sin was sufficient to forgive our sins once for all time, his offering was sufficient to end all other offerings. Mohler

Psalm 40:8 I desire to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." John 4:34 "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. (John 17:4, Matthew 6:10)

Hebrews 10:16 "This is the new covenant I will make with my people on that day, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds."

1.The effectiveness and finality of the sacrifice of Jesus. 2. Decisive forgiveness of sins. 3. Jesus imputes His righteousness to all who repent and put their trust in Him.

Are you committed to a relationship with God through the work of Jesus by depending on His sacrificial death alone for forgiveness of sins? Is there any sin in your life that is causing you to doubt your salvation?

Confidence in Jesus produces commitment to live for Him!