



The Christmas Body

Third in "Three Perspectives on Christmas"

Hebrews 10:1-18

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Introduction: Beyond the gifts and traditional sentiments of the Christmas season, there is an amazing purpose for Christmas.

Hebrews 10:1-4 The Problem of Humans: Sin sticks to us continually!

- A. (10:1) The Mosaic Law was inadequate in its shadowy-design to take away Israel's sin.
- B. (10:2) If sin didn't stick to them, they would have stopped making sacrifices.
- C. (10:3) Ironically, the sacrifices themselves reminded them that their sins were not taken away!
- D. (10:4) Animal blood will never ever *take away* the sin of human beings.

Hebrews 10:10-18 The Solution of God: I will take away your sins forever! (7 times)

- A. (10:10) God's will is that we be made holy and our sins be taken away once for all.

- B. (10:11-14) God has provided the one sacrifice for all time to pay for our sins.

- C. (10:15-18) God has made a New Covenant with us (Jeremiah 31:31-34) that provides the final, definitive, ultimate sacrifice for our sins: there is no longer any sacrifice needed!

Hebrews 10:5-9 So, how did God solve our sin problem as humans? Through the Christmas Body of Jesus Christ!

- A. (10:5-7) As God the Son left heaven at His incarnation (when He *added* true humanity to His deity), He was fulfilling God the Father's will: replacing the sacrificing of the bodies of animals with the sacrificing of the body of His Son, the God-man Jesus Christ!
- B. (10:8-9) At the incarnation of Jesus Christ, He came into the world to take away *the first* (the Old Covenant's sacrificial system) in order to establish *the second* (the New Covenant's full and complete payment for our sins).

Response: Do you want to continue to let your sin stick to you and face God's just, eternal judgment?

Or

Do you want to transfer your trust to God's Christmas-Solution: the substitutionary and sacrificial body of Jesus Christ?